



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School News

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Our Mission: To Teach, Love, Live and Learn as Jesus Did

Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope that you are well. I just wanted to share a few words about the upcoming elections, especially the Presidential election. I am in no way telling you how to vote, but I do have some concerns (and encouragements) about how long, crazy, and divisive this election season seems to be. The candidates' mud-slinging, falsehoods, half-truths, insults, and various other ridiculous and offensive comments and posturing has created a very divided people. And unfortunately, the lack of civility and reasoned speech about very serious issues has trickled down to us, the parents.

We adults are talking more in front of our kids about politics, and we have forgotten that they soak up our political positions and sometimes spit out our ideology word-for-word to their friends and classmates, or at least what they think is word-for-word.

Let me digress for a moment. In college I once road-tripped to Pulaski, Tennessee to film a Ku Klux Klan rally celebrating some supposedly great founder in clan history. My roommate asked me to go with him for a paper he was writing. He would conduct interviews and I would film. We rented a video camera and hit the road. We arrived to a town surrounded by Tennessee National Guardsman, State and local Police, and the TBI (Tennessee Bureau of Investigation). Somehow we got into the press area and videotaped alongside NBC, CBS, etc. as their anchors conducted interviews. Eventually our credentials were questioned and we were booted outside the ring of guardsman. I still have the VHS tape. One of the most revealing parts of the day, regarding the mentality of the Klansmen and Skinheads interviewed was the presence and mindsets of their families. Wives and children were right beside their men, and they too were espousing the usual convoluted history of white supremacy, bigotry, and hatred. Little kids dressed in white supremacist garb, holding "White Power" signs, and even giving interviews full of misguided hatred.

Back to my concern. Students parrot parents. And whereas I rarely remember my parents talking about politics when I was in school, today our kids are bombarded by television and internet coverage and commentary, and we, as parents, also talk more in front of our children. The result is that our kids have political opinions and, like those at that KKK rally years ago, sometimes how they process and spit out information is misguided and offensive.

Recently we had a few students discussing the need to build a wall to keep out the Mexicans who are members of ISIS. Very young people. Passionate, caring, not intending anything offensive. Good classmates who learn alongside other good classmates who are of Latino descent – some of Mexican descent. A gentle teaching moment. This is just one example of the dangers of this election cycle. What we do not want to have happen in the frenzy of the tweets, debates, and commercials is to lose our way as considerate parents and children. As Catholics. As neighbors, friends, and classmates. As Americans.

In closing, thank you for reading this. Together, we will get through this election with truth, class, consideration, and dignity - and we will help our children to do so also. Have a blessed weekend, and thank you for your children. – Rob S.

PARENT/TEACHER STUDENT CONFERENCES

We are quickly approaching our parent-teacher conferences October 27-28, and the meeting times will be coming out soon. This year, as in the past, we will schedule times for grade K-6 parent(s) to visit with your child's homeroom teacher. As last year, the 7th and 8th grade teachers will not be scheduling an exact meeting time. Instead, the teachers will be available in their homerooms for parents to visit as needed. In this way, instead of seeing the homeroom teacher only, a parent may choose to conference with a teacher(s) who teaches a specific subject area to address academic or behavior concerns pertaining to the student.

I always ask that parents understand that conferences can be a positive experience and concerns, helpful strategies, and encouragement can be exchanged; however, time is limited because of the large number of parents with whom teachers will meet. If there is a topic that you feel will need more time than ten minutes or so, please contact the teacher before or after these conference days, so that you will have appropriate time for lengthier discussion.

Attached to last week's newsletter was a form requesting the time you prefer for teacher conferences. Conferences will be held Thursday, October 27, 3:50-8:00 pm and Friday, October 28, 9:30-12:30pm. **This form was to be returned to school with your youngest child by today, WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE.** If you didn't return this, please do so on Monday. We are scheduling conferences on Monday! We will mail your appointment time(s) to you after all families have been scheduled.

October Virtue - Hope (The Second Theological Virtue)

From **Hope**, usually represented by an anchor, fixes the soul tightly in its desire for God above everything else. Once a captain navigates his way to his destination, the anchor keeps the ship firmly in the desired place. We are captains of our own lives. Whatever storms we endure on our way to our final destination in heaven, our hope - anchor will keep us strongly inside the Church with Christ.



Hebrews 6:19-20 "We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

Week	Scripture Reflection	Saint Focus - Jude, the Apostle	Challenge and/or Goal
Oct. 10	"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us...and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6	St. Jude is always willing to listen, no matter how hopeless our situation may seem. St. Jude is the Patron Saint of Hope and impossible causes and one of Jesus' original twelve Apostles. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, he made profound differences in people's lives. We are called to be like St. Jude and to make a difference in the lives' of others!	Hope is the belief that God will always love and take care of us. He will give us help when we need it. What do you hope for?
Oct. 17	"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13	Act of Hope O my God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen	What do you hope for during this school year? What do you hope will happen in the coming year?
Oct. 24	"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory as a father's only son, full of grace and truth." John 1:14	O Holy St Jude! Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor for all who invoke you, special patron in time of need; to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg you, to whom God has given such great power, to come to my assistance; help me now in my urgent need and grant my earnest petition. I will never forget thy graces and favors you obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to you. Amen St. Jude, pray for us and all who honor thee and invoke thy aid.	Hope is the virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven & eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength. -How do you hope the grace of the Holy Spirit will help you today?

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Tuesday, October 11th and Wednesday October 12th will be our Health Screening dates this year. Please make sure your children are in school and wearing their glasses this year. Help them find their glasses now. The eye doctors are only here once. Vision screening grades 1, 3, 5, 8 and all new students. Hearing screening grades 1,4, 7 and all new students.

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers that have signed up. We are looking forward to your participation. Please make sure these dates are on your calendars. Thank you very kindly,

News notes from your School Nurse

Vision and Hearing Health Screening volunteers should have received a reminder note sent home this week. The following folks have signed up to help on either or both days and we are counting on your kind participation: Cheryl Morello RN. Cindy Miltner, Nicole Kelker RN, Stephanie Fabini RN, Carolyn Minick RN, Kate Sweigart, Angela LeShore, Kristy Lamers, Lisa Madinski, Lora Gargarita, Joanie Brown RN, Cathy Yaggy NP, Sarah Brust RN, Amy Cochran RN, Jen Prado RN, Deb McCarter RN, Nancy Federspiel, Cathy Gillig NP, Carolyn Minick RN, Amanda Neiger, Beth Schneider, Amy Denham LPN, Gina Villaneuva, Jessica Porter, Cynthia Villaneuva and Tracy Kuras. ***Please contact me **immediately** if your schedule has changed.

Thank you very kindly,

CALENDAR

October 10	3-9 visits Safety Village
10	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:45-7:45 pm in Parish Hall
11	3-11 visits Safety Village
11	Health Screenings
11	Fine Arts Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Rm. A
12	3-10 visits Safety Village
12	Health Screenings
12	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 3:30-4:30 pm in Room 6
14	Grade 1 visits Hanson Aggregates and the Gem & Mineral Show
14	Report Cards go home
17	School Board Inservice at BDHS 6:00 pm
18	BDHS visits Gr. 5-8 Classrooms
19	Grade 8 pilgrimage to Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame
19	K-51 and K-54 visit Kurtz Pumpkin farm
20	K-52 and K-53 visit Kurtz Pumpkin farm
20	Grade 8 Cross Walk
21	Organ Concert in Church 7:30 pm
22	Fall Trivia opens at 6:00 pm, games begin at 7:00 pm
24	Picture make-up or re-take day
26	Book Fair Opens
27	Book Fair Open
27	Gr. 3, 4, 7, 8 attend All-Schools Mass at the Coliseum
27	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm
27	1st Trimester Ends
28	NO SCHOOL
28	Book Fair Open
28	Parent-Teacher Conferences 9:30 am-1:00 pm
30	Confirmation Practice 6:00 pm

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Ronnie Russell, Gabby Colone, Keegan Edwards, Anna Steigmeyer, Thomas McGillicuddy, Zack Tippmann, Logan Miltner, Carter Parker, Caitlin O'Rourke, Emma Hartman, Christian Litzenberg, Delaney Downey, Erik Runyan, Joe Bulanda, Melanie Tippmann, William Hogan, Franny Tippmann, Sophia Sordelet, Mya Taylor.

FLOWER VEGETABLE BLUE RIBBON SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to this year's blue ribbon winners at the Flower Vegetable Show: First Place: AJ Linn, Finn Moilanen and Saxton Starkey. Second Place: Molly Filler, AJ Linn, Austin Linn, Finn Moilanen. Third Place: Will Hasselschwert, Leif Moilanen. Honorable Mention: Austin Linn.

STUDENT NEEDS RIDE HOME FROM SCHOOL

An 8th grade student needs a ride home from school. The student lives in Shutter's Cove off Till Road by Pine Valley. Please contact Noe Rivera at 317-918-7643 if you are able to help.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION CONTEST

The Fine Arts Boosters' Box Tops for Education first contest this school year has two remaining turn-in dates: October 13 and October 20. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded to the classrooms with the top turn-ins at the end of the contest. Please clip Box Tops and send them into the classroom in plastic Ziplock bags in quantities of 50, with 50 marked clearly on the bag. If you do not have 50 Box Tops make sure the quantity is clearly marked, and they will be combined with other turn-ins from the same classroom. All bonus Box Tops should be turned in separately. In addition, please check the expiration dates on your Box Tops. We cannot include those that have expired. Thank you for helping to make our Box Tops collections so successful. St. Charles earned over \$4,500.00 from Box Tops for Education last year.



BOOK FAIR

All are invited and encouraged to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair at the end of October! Your students will get the chance to visit the fair and buy books during school hours on Wednesday and Thursday, but the fair will also be running during Thursday's and Friday's parent-teacher conferences. Come find books and resources for any age! Profit from the fair goes to buying new books for our school library.

Fair hours are:

Wed.	Oct. 26	8:15 am - 3:00 pm
Thurs.	Oct. 27	8:15 am - 8:00 pm
Fri.	Oct. 28	9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Can't make it to the Book Fair? NO PROBLEM! You may purchase a LARGE selection of books ONLINE by going to the St. Charles School website (stcfw.org) and clicking on the Book Fair link. ONLINE shopping runs from **October 19th through November 1st**. **The link will not be accessible until October 19th**. Profit from our ONLINE FAIR also goes to our school! :)

Diary of Wimpy Kid #11 "Double Down" Pre-Sale

The newest *Diary of Wimpy Kid #11 "Double Down"* is available for pre-sale! This book will not be sold at the fair, but by pre-ordering it using the sheet attached to this newsletter, the book will be sent directly to the school in early November at the discounted price of just \$8.99!

- All pre-sale forms and \$: due to the **Ms. Svarczkopf** by **Thursday, October 27th**!
- **Extra forms will be available in the library throughout October.**
- Please fill out the form and attach it to your payment. Deliver this order to the library per Ms. Svarczkopf.
- If you are paying by check, **please make the check payable to St. Charles School.**

Book Fair Pumpkin Character Competition

As the book fair always falls close to Halloween, we thought it'd be fun to have a little competition.

Dress up/design a pumpkin to look like your favorite book character!

Guidelines:

- The pumpkin can be real or fake, any shape or size, made and decorated with any items you see fit.
You don't have a real or fake pumpkin? Just use paper or resources you already have!
- The character you are designing must come from a book and be appropriate. Only 1 pumpkin per student will be accepted.
 - **All pumpkins are due to the library NO LATER than Monday, October 17th.**
 - Each student will vote for their favorite pumpkin when they visit the library with their class that week.
- **The votes will be tallied, and the top 3 winners will get to choose anything they would like from the book fair for FREE!**
 - All pumpkins will be displayed around the school during parent-teacher conferences.
Remember, this is just for fun, so if you so choose to compete, have fun and be creative!

BISHOP DWENGER OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Dwenger High School invites prospective students and their family to join us for our annual **Open House, Tuesday, October 25, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 pm**. This special evening provides an opportunity to explore all facets of our school: our outstanding academic curriculum, campus ministry, athletic programs, and a wide variety of co-curricular activities. Students and parents are able to meet with faculty, staff, coaches and moderators, in addition to touring our school with a current Bishop Dwenger student. Come see what it means to be a "*Citizen of Two Worlds*."

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FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

The Fine Arts Committee supports and raises funds for all of the School Fine Arts programs: Choir, Band, Chimes, Strings, general music, art classes, musicals, plays, and visiting artists. All students are involved in fine arts so all parents are invited to the Fine Arts Committee. There are two fundraisers, boxtop collection (twice a year) and the annual Craft Bazaar in November. We are looking for parents to be involved in the committee and with the fundraisers. If you are willing to be involved in the committee, please contact Mr. Hoersten at schooloffice@stcharlesschoolfw.org or (260) 484-3392.

2016 CRAFT BAZAAR

The St. Charles Annual Craft Bazaar is Saturday, November 5, 2016. The Craft Bazaar committee is looking for a few individuals to help with shopping, help to run the kitchen, organize the student and parent volunteers on the day of the show, and organize the setup and teardown on the Friday and Saturday of the show. Times and dates are listed below. If you are able to help in any area, contact Michelle Henry at stcharlescraffair@gmail.com.

Volunteer for set up on Friday after school- 4:30 11/04/16

Volunteer for helping vendors set-up - 6-8pm 11/04/16

Volunteer for shopping for the food items for lunch serving - items needed to be delivered after school on 11/04/16

Volunteer for vendor set up - 6-8 am 11/05/16

Volunteer to organize volunteers (students and adults) on 11/05/16

Volunteer to serve breakfast (and cut pie) 6-9 am on 11/05/16

Volunteer to help in kitchen 9-11 on 11/05/16

Volunteer to serve lunch 10-12 on 11/05/16

Volunteer to serve lunch 12-2 on 11/05/16

Volunteer for clean up 3-5 pm on 11/05/16

October 2016 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

10 Chicken Patty Baked Beans Fries Peaches Milk	11 French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup Hashbrowns Sausage Oranges Milk	12 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Dinner Roll Broccoli Pineapple Milk	13 Penne Pasta w/ Meat sauce Salad w/Ranch Garlic Cheese Toast Applesauce Milk	14 1 st Gr. Field Trip Ham & Cheese Sub Carrots & Dip Sun Chips Mixed Fruit Milk
17 Hot Dog Fries Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	18 Egg Omelet w/Salsa Pancake Hashbrowns Oranges Milk	19 8 th Gr. Notre Dame Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Green Beans Gold Fish Peaches Milk	20 Taco Salad w/Meat Cheese/Black Beans Corn Doritos Grapes Milk	21 Bosco Stick w/ Marinara Sauce Carrots & Dip Go-Gurt Milk
24 Pork Patty Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit Milk	25 Cheese Pizza Spinach Salad Pretzels Applesauce Milk	26 Soft Taco w/Lettuce Cheese & Refried Beans Corn Grapes Milk	27 Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Milk	28 Fish Sticks Mac & Cheese Green Beans Peaches Milk
31 Corn Dog Tater Tots Salad w/Ranch Pears Milk				

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTING FORM

Parents can put money into the student's account through your MealpayPlus online account at www.mealpayplus.com or by calling 866-662-3382 for a small fee. Or, you may send a check with the Lunch Accounting Form below to the school cafeteria. For example, if you have 3 children, send a check for \$90 payable to St. Charles Cafeteria and designate \$30 to each child's account. Each child who will eat hot lunch needs to have money in their meal account. It is recommended to have a minimum of \$12.50 in this account which will pay for five meals. If the student may want additional portions of the main entree, then it is recommended to have a minimum of \$6.25 in the general account as well. If you have questions regarding this, you may call the school cafeteria at 969-4028 on school days 8:00-12:30 or the school office at 484-3392.

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Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Lunch ID	Payment
General-Payments to the General account may be used for Meals, Extra entrée (\$1.25), and milk (45¢)				
Meal-Payments to the Meal account may only be used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.50)				
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			Total Payment Enclosed	

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LIGHT OF LEARNING AWARD - DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

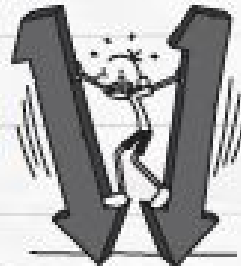
Please return this form in a sealed envelope to the school office by **October 14.**

SCHOOL LEVEL CRITERIA:

1. Has taught at a diocesan school for two years, is licensed, and full time.
2. Catholic Model - Does the teacher act in a Christlike manner? Does the teacher follow the example of Christ and live according to what the Church teaches?
3. Student motivation - Does the teacher motivate students?
4. Involvement in extracurricular activities within the school - Is the teacher involved in extracurricular events within the school?
5. Knowledge of subject matter - Is the teacher knowledgeable of the subjects he/she teaches? Does he/she keep up on the latest information available in the area of study?
6. Ability to relate to students - Does the teacher relate well to students? Do the students respect the teacher? Does the teacher manage the classroom well?

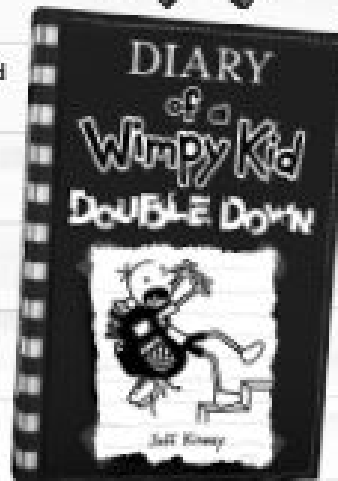
Please consider the following teacher: _____
as a nominee for the Light of Learning Award at St. Charles School for the following reasons:

WIMPY KID GOES ALL IN



Reserve your copy of
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid:
Double Down* today!

- Jeff Kinney's newest book is scheduled to go on sale November 1, 2016.
- Our Scholastic Book Fair is offering a specially priced paperback edition of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down*.
- To order your copy, complete a Pre-sale Form.
- Depending on your shipping zone most schools should receive the book within 5-7 days from the release date.
- There's NO cost for shipping, and remember, each purchase benefits our school.



Specially priced paperback edition
at the low price of

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price of \$13.95 elsewhere

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Pre-Sale Form

Quantity	Price	Subtotal	Tax (if applicable)
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down (item #186723)			
			Total

Payment must accompany order. Please make check payable to your school, enclose cash, or use a credit card at participating schools. Please return to your Book Fair chairperson in a sealed envelope.

- I am enclosing \$_____ in cash. I am enclosing a check for \$_____
(Make check payable to your child's school.)

Student's Name _____

Teacher/Grade _____

Room # _____



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