



# St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School News

December 9, 2016

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**Our Mission: To Teach, Love, Live and Learn as Jesus Did**  
**Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge**

**Delay & Early Release Days - Please mark your calendars!** To allow teachers collaboration time in constructing the Diocesan ACE Curriculum, we will be delaying the start of school by one hour. Childcare will be open at 6:30 a.m. until the start of school at 8:50 a.m. on these days if you have a need. Thank you.

<b>Tuesday, December 20th -</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>Students dismiss at 1:30 p.m.</b>
Wednesday, January 4th -	One Hour Delay	Students report to school by 8:50 a.m.
Monday, February 6th -	One Hour Delay	Students report to school by 8:50 a.m.

## Dear Parents and Students,

I hope that your Advent season has been full of peace and hope! Prayer, fasting, reconciliation, kindness, and hope! Four items:

1. The Christmas Concert last Thursday was great! Thank you to Mrs. Till (choir and hand chimes), Ms. Bassett (band and orchestra), and Mrs. Ensley (viola and cellos), and all who support our hard working and talented students! Well done students! Your evening performances were melodic and uplifting!
2. Congratulations to our students in Grade 2 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday! We are very proud of you! Thanks to Mr. Hoy, Ms. Heiny, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Schleinkofer, Ms. Johns, and all of our priests and parents for helping to prepare them.
3. Breakfast with Santa this Sunday, 8:00-12:30 in the cafe! Sponsor: Athletic Association! Come enjoy pancakes & sausage!
4. **This one is the big item! Possible larger amounts of snow over the weekend. It may be quite bad. To be prudent, we are gearing up for a possible eLearning Day on Monday. Teachers will send materials home with students today (Friday) in anticipation of a possible Monday snow day. We want students to get a jump on the work this weekend. If we do not have a snow day on Monday, then the work will be covered in class as part of a regular day. Directions follow!**

**Again this school year, we will implement the virtual learning option** as outlined by the state. Teachers are ready to provide lessons via the Internet for our students that will continue the flow of student learning and eliminate the need for extra make up days.

The iPad/Chromebook program in grades 4 through 8, which uses the Canvas learning management system, provides real-time services for those students. Additionally, webpages designed by teachers in grades K through 3 with links to online academic sites in reading, math, English, etc., will provide the same opportunities for our younger students. Please read the further virtual eLearning information.

## Virtual eLearning Day Instructions

In the event that virtual eLearning is used when school must close due to weather or other emergency, teachers will post active assignments to the school web site, at the latest, by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the closing. On virtual learning days, to best support student learning teacher office hours for school closing days will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### eLearning Assignment Links & Contact Information Accessed Through the School Website

Each grade level will have its own eLearning page. These pages can be found by clicking the eLearning tab on the left hand side of the School Website or at the following link: <http://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/eLearning.php>. Once there, you will need to click on your child's grade level to access his assignments and instructions for the day. Individual teacher emails are also provided on the school website.

Administrators will be in the school office for contact by 9:00 a.m. The school phone number is 260-484-3392 and we will also be monitoring the tech support email at - [eLearning@stcharlesschoolfw.org](mailto:eLearning@stcharlesschoolfw.org)

### eLearning Day Home Folders/Packets for Students in Grades K-3

Students in K-3 should have received their home eLearning folder/packet to keep at home to assist with the eLearning days. The folder will provide general materials (graphic organizers, paper, reference charts, etc.) and information for parents (directions, support contact information, etc.) for reference to help assist your children in working through the eLearning lessons.

### Below are details that may answer any further questions.

1. Assigned online lessons should take not more than 5 hours of your child's time.
2. The lessons will be aligned to the curriculum and current material being covered in class.
3. Lessons will not require that anything be printed in order to complete them.
4. If you have a child with special needs, you will receive an email from a resource teacher with instructions specifically for your child.
5. We recognize unforeseen circumstances such as power outages may interrupt learning. We will consider these situations on an individual basis. **Thank you for your cooperation. -Rob Sordelet**

### Boots information from our Parent Handbook:

Girls: "Boots should be of leather or leather-like material. Plain in color – brown, tan, gray, and black only (fashion and hiking boot styles are OK). The following boots are not permitted: cowboy, booties, slipper type boots, boots with heels over two inches. Boots must be worn with **pants only** and should fit under the uniform pants. Nothing should be hanging out of the pants legs (i.e. fur, tassels, balls of yarn). Boots are not to be worn with uniform jumpers or skirts. Of course you can bring snow boots and wear them to enter the building, during recess, and when going home on snowy days. Boots may be worn from November 1<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> annually." Uniform jumpers and skirts are appropriate for girls throughout the year. Please see pages 20 - 23 of the parent handbook for details about tights, leggings, out-of-uniform days, and other uniform/dress code questions! [Parent Handbook/Uniform-Dress Code](http://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/parents.php)  
<http://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/parents.php>

### December Virtue - Prudence (The First Cardinal Virtue)

From *Disciple of Christ Educator Guide*: **Prudence**, usually represented by a scroll with a torch, gives us the ability to understand, with the very wisdom and light of Christ, what is the best thing to do at any time of life. When we read its scroll, we grow in our knowledge and understanding. Its torch enables us to see more deeply into confusing things to know the truth, and to know how to best act. Prudence enables one to reason and to act rightly in any given situation - 'right reason in action'. Prudence means making the best choices. Prudence means making wise and moral choices.

Scripture: Matthew 6:22-23 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"

Week	Scripture Reflection	Saint Focus - St. Boniface, St. Peter Canisius, St. Gregory the Great, St. John Bosco	Challenge and/or Goal
Dec. 12	<i>You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky; why do you not know how to interpret the present time?</i> Luke 12:54-56	St. Gregory the Great was direct and firm. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners.	Seek advice from trustworthy people. Carefully consider all the circumstances and ask "What am I to do now?" Take action after thoughtful deliberation.
Dec. 19	<i>The simpleton believes everything, but the shrewd man measures his steps.</i> Proverbs 14:15	St. Boniface bears out the Christian rule: To follow Christ is to follow the way of the cross. For Boniface, it was not only physical suffering or death, but the painful, thankless, bewildering task of Church reform. Missionary glory is often thought of in terms of bringing new persons to Christ. It seems—but is not—less glorious to heal the household of the faith.	Seek advice silently reflect upon the circumstances and consequences of one's actions.  Pray - Think - Act

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK** Congratulations to: Justin Johnson, Joey Gabet, KC Pieper, Dylan Kovacs, Isabella Scherschel, Addu Ijames, Isabelle Kirk, Kaitlyn Cubellis-Lund, Luka Bacak, Abby Hasselschwert, Sarah Kaufman, Noah Horner, Griffin Engelhardt, Isaac Rorick, Morgan Brown, Michael Johnson, Bradley Tippmann, Mady Smith, Avery Ledo, Will Hasselschwert.

### SANTA PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Athletic Association will be serving pancakes and sausage on Sunday, Dec 11. All the pancakes you can eat and a chance to sit on Santa's lap, Serving from 8:00AM to 12:30PM in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (ages 12 and under), or \$20 for the entire family. All proceeds go to the St Charles Athletic Association.

### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

St. Charles School students from grades 3-4-5 will perform a Christmas musical, *Three Wee Kings*. "This is an adaptation of the well-loved story of the Magi who followed the star to find a King. This musical fantasy brings together the kings, shepherds, angels, donkeys, camels, goats, lambs, lions, and even talking stars. As the story unfolds each group asks themselves who will be THE King. The journey finally ends in the stable in Bethlehem." The performance of this show is **Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 pm** in the Hession Center gym. (If there is inclement weather, the show will be Friday at 7:00 pm) Doors open at 6:30 pm. No admission is charged, but free will donations are accepted to support our Fine Arts Programs. This is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and spirits for Jesus' birth in our lives each and every day! Please plan on spending some time supporting these budding thespians and enjoying an evening out!

## CALENDAR

<b>December</b>	11	Third Sunday of Advent
	11	Athletic Association sponsors Pancake Breakfast with Santa
	14	St. Charles Parish Advent Penance Service 7:00 pm
	15	Christmas musical at 7:00 pm in gym, no admission
	18	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	20	Second quarter ends
	20	<b>School dismisses at 1:30</b>
<b>January</b>	4	<b>School resumes - 1-hour delay, school begins at 8:50 am</b>
	4	Spring musical rehearsals begin, 3:00-4:30 pm
	9	Yearbook group pictures
	9	Parent meeting - Theology of the Body, 6:45-7:45 pm in Parish Hall
	11	Beginning Band parent meeting 6:00 pm in band room
	15	K of C annual Free Throw Competition, 12:00-2:00 in gym (all boys & girls, ages 9-14 eligible)
	17	School Board meeting 7:00 pm
	17	Spring Musical parent meeting 4:45 - 5:00 pm in Parish Hall
	18	Beginning Band student instrument fittings begin at 4:30 pm by appointment
	19	Kindergarten (2017-2018) registration 1:15-2:30 pm in Hession Center
	26	Science Fair projects judged
	27	Science Fair open for visitors 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
	28	ISSMA competition for woodwinds/percussion/strings
	29	Science Fair open for visitors 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
January 29 - February 4		Catholic Schools' Week

**Spring Musical Information! Attention all 6th, 7th and 8th graders!** The spring musical has been chosen! We will be performing Princess Whatsername! Our story begins in the Misty Forest, where a girl is sleeping all alone. She soon awakens and nothing looks familiar to her. She can't remember her name or anything about her life! She embarks on a journey to discover her identity and meets many fairy-tale characters along the way-Hansel and Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Snow White, the Seven Dwarves, Cinderella, Rapunzel, and several more! Some are helpful, some are dangerous and some are just plain strange! Please consider joining our cast! We will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, January 4 and will meet in the Parish Hall until 4:30 that day. We rehearse on Tuesdays and Wednesdays every week from after school until 5:00. A schedule will be given out at the first rehearsal! There will also be a parent meeting on Tuesday, January 17th at 4:45 in the Parish Hall for parents of our cast members. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to join the cast! You do not have to have any acting or singing experience to participate! Hope to see you there! Please direct any questions to Mrs. McGraw.

**Family In Need of Ride** - A family with two children, (first grade and second grade), is currently looking for a morning ride to school. They live in the area surrounded by Cook Rd, Auburn Rd and Coldwater Rd. If you are able to help, please contact 260-710-7918.

**BEGINNING BAND** - Any grade 4 student, as well as older students, with an interest in music, is invited to join the beginning band. There is a parent informational meeting on Wednesday, January 11, in the school band room. The meeting is 6:00-6:30 pm. At this meeting parents will have the opportunity to schedule a specific time slot to have their student "fitted" for a band instrument and to make arrangements to rent a band instrument. There will be instrument fitting on Wednesday, January 18, beginning at 4:30 pm. The Band Room is located on the lower level of the Hession Center. Please enter the school at door #3 (near the gym) and the posted signs will direct to the South Stairs and the Band Room. If you are unable to do stairs, please see the custodian for directions to the elevator. All students interested in joining the band must have an appointment for a fitting on this day. More information will come home with the fourth grade students in early January.

**BDHS Holiday Dance Camp** - The Bishop Dwenger Dance Team will host a Holiday Dance Camp on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Bishop Dwenger High School for girls and boys, grades K-5. Cost is \$30 if mailed by December 12th and \$35 at the door. Lunch consisting of pizza, fruit, festive cookies, and a drink will be provided. Registration form can be found online - <http://www.bishopdwenger.com/Holiday-Dance-Camp>

**8th Grade Students and Parents - Registration info for next year!** The Bishop Dwenger Class of 2021 enrollment packets were mailed this past Monday. These packets were sent as a bulk mailing and should be delivered to the homes during the week of December 5th. It is imperative that students get their registration card with \$100 fee, application, birth certificate, and current grades (print out from PowerSchool or most recent report card) to Bishop Dwenger by the **January 15, 2017** deadline. If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.  
Cindy Johnson - Admissions Coordinator (260) 496-4703 [cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com](mailto:cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com)

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FREE THROW COMPETITION**

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held January 15 from noon until 2:00 at the St. Charles gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Entry and consent forms will be available the day of the competition. For additional information contact: Joe Clauser at 260.348.7361 or [josephclauser@yahoo.com](mailto:josephclauser@yahoo.com).

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members in 15,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated over 70 million volunteer hours and \$170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, culture of life, families and youth.

## **SCRIP NEWS**

**Jingle Bells!** - December is flying by and Christmas is just 2 short weeks away. If this makes you panic, pick up a SCRIP order form and see how purchasing SCRIP gift cards for those on your Christmas list can help make short work of your shopping.

**Prepaid Discover and Visa Cards** - These prepaid gift cards make great gifts; we are so happy that they are available to the SCRIP program. The cards are available in the following denominations: *Discover* - \$50, \$100 and \$250; *Visa* - \$50, \$100 (*\$250 cards are available as a special order item.*) Both cards net a 1.25% rebate. It's not a huge profit but certainly better than nothing. Use them for the places that are not available on SCRIP; however, don't use them in place of gift cards that are available at a higher profit.

**Stocking Stuffers** - We have a nice selection of small denomination gift cards that are perfect for stocking stuffers or for the times when you just want to give a "little something"- *Panera and Starbucks \$5; Kohl's, Macy's, Meijer, Target and Wal-Mart \$10; not to mention, lots of fast food choices and Speedway \$10.* Check out our order form.

Remaining SCRIP Schedule:

*Mon. - Dec. 12 - School & phone orders filled*

*Tue, Wed-Dec. 13 & 14 - SCRIP Office open - 8:30-12:30*

*Thu-Dec. 15 - Phone orders filled*

*Fri - Dec. 16 - Walk in Sales in the Hession Center 8-9 AM - office open*

**FINAL WEEKEND FOR SCRIP SALES!** *Sales will be limited to the inventory on hand.*

*Sat-Dec. 17 - Sales following the 5PM Mass*

*Sun-Dec. 18 - Sales between the 9 AM and 11 AM Mass*

*Mon-Dec 19 - School & phone orders filled*

*\*The SCRIP office will be open Dec. 20, 21, & 22 - 8:30-12:30 for your last minute SCRIP needs.*

**VOLUNTEERS:** THANK YOU! We appreciate the time you share with us during this busy time of year.

Dec. 12 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Kara Straessle

Dec. 16 - Ruth Marburger, Jenny Perkins, Sue Rohling, Judy Smith

Dec. 16 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Ashley Mathews

Dec. 17 - Amy Lin, Brian McLaughlin, Audrey Stauffer

Dec. 18 - Arianne Davis, Nancy Hartig, Lisa York

## **CUPERTINO CLASSIC**

The 3rd annual Cupertino Classic is coming to Bishop Luers High School, 333 E Paulding Rd, Fort Wayne on Tuesday, December 27th at 6:30pm. This friendly basketball competition will take place between priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The event is family friendly and admission is free. More information will be posted on the Cupertino Classic Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CupertinoClassic/>

## **Bishop Dwenger High School's Trivia Night**

You are invited to Tuffy's Trivia Night on Saturday, January 21, at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 per person at the door. Put your team of 10 together or we can place you on a team. You can carry in food; cash bar will be available. Must be 21 or older to attend. Register online at [www.bishopdwenger.com/trivianight](http://www.bishopdwenger.com/trivianight) or call Molly Schreck at 496-4775. *Sponsorship opportunities available!*

# NOW AVAILABLE AT ST. CHARLES SPIRIT SHOP

## Uniform Code approved, Full Zip Micro Fleece Jacket

**\*\*\*Sizes from Youth XS – Adult 4XL embroidered with the St. Charles Cardinal logo!**

**\*\*\*All sizes and colors are currently available!**

**\*\*\*Complete the order form below and send it in with your child to the school office along with your check made payable to St. Charles Spirit Shop**

**\*\*\*Any questions, please contact Trisha Benzing, Spirit Shop Coordinator @ 260/244-7700 or 260/610-5015**

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Item	Color	YXS \$30.00 Size 4-6	YS \$30.00 Size 7-8	YM \$30.00 Size 10-12	YL \$30.00 Size 14-16	YXL \$30.00 Size 18-20	AS \$35.00	AM \$35.00	AL \$35.00	AXL \$35.00	A2X \$35.00	A3X \$35.00	A4X \$35.00
Micro Fleece	Red												
Micro Fleece	Navy												

**Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deliver to:**(student name & grade/room #) \_\_\_\_\_ **OR notify GIFT** \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Charles School Micro Fleece Order Total: Pieces** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**  
St. Charles Spirit Shop

**Any questions, please contact Trisha Benzing,  
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### December 2016 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

12 Corn Dog Green Beans Tater Tots Pears Birthday Cake Milk	13 Nacho Chips w/ Taco Meat & Cheese Lettuce & Salsa Corn Grapes Milk	14 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner roll Steamed Carrots Peaches Milk	15 Cheeseburger Fries Salad w/Ranch Applesauce Milk	16 Fish sticks Fries Baked Beans Broccoli Mixed Fruit Milk
19 Pork Patty Fries Green Beans Pineapple Milk	20 Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Cookie Milk	21  NO SCHOOL	22  NO SCHOOL	23  NO SCHOOL

**Students with a negative balance will not be able to order an extra entree.**

### 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](http://www.mealpayplus.com) or by calling 877-237-0946 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 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 extra of \$6.25 in the 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. Please, also call MealpayPlus at 877-237-0946 if you have any issues or concerns with your MealpayPlus account.

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Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Payment
Payment may be used for Meals (\$2.50), Extra entrée (\$1.25), and milk (45¢)			\$
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		<b>Total Payment Enclosed</b>	\$

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