



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School Newsletter

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

Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge

During the month of September, we **'press on' With Holy Words**. This continues to remind us of the Cardinal Virtue of Justice and related virtues of sincerity and trustworthiness. Sincerity is truthfulness in words and actions; honesty and enthusiasm towards others. Trustworthiness is acting in a way that inspires confidence and trust; being reliable in word and deed. Using our words to build up and support another in sincerity and with trustworthiness is what Jesus would do. We continue to **Press On with His Words!**

Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. John 17:17

The grass withers, the flower wilts, but the word of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8

Dear Parents and Students - I hope you are well! Fall officially begins next Tuesday and with it a reminder to send a light jacket or sweatshirt with your children as we will now alternate between warm and cool weather daily. Have a great week! Thanks for loving your kids! Sincerely - Rob S.

- a. All Students are now eligible for FREE hot lunches through December 31st. Read more about the details below.
- b. Jewelry, green hair, dress down day attire! I have pasted into this newsletter some Parent Handbook items for review. I know being home for a long time was a natural time to try new hairstyles, but review the rules and if you are outside the guidelines, please work to be in compliance in the next few weeks. If in doubt, just ask us. Thanks.
- c. Students and Cell Phones at school: We allow cell phones at school for safety purposes (walking home, after practice parent pickup, etc.). However, cell phones should be in silent mode and turned off during the school day and kept in student lockers or backpacks. Please review the telephone/cell phone guidelines below.
- d. You don't love me! Most parents might hear a version of this from their children at some point in their lives. Please read below the still relevant poem from 1973 by author and columnist Erma Bombeck entitled 'A Mother's Love.'

New Guidelines! Free Hot Lunches for All Students Began Friday, Sept. 11! Available through December 31

On August 31, 2020, an announcement came from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which offered free hot lunches, as an extension of Federal COVID-19-related policies, for all students in the U.S. The original mandate was a bit unclear as to whether private schools were included in this program. Great news! We just received clarification from the State today. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now including private schools in their extension of free meals to **ALL students** through December 31, 2020, or until the funding has been exhausted.

What does this mean for you?

1. Free lunches for all students began September 11th, & will run through December 31, 2020, or until federal funding runs out.
2. The offering is retroactive to September 1st only. Any meals purchased from the first day of school (August 11th), through August 31, 2020, are not eligible for reimbursement.
3. Any money charged to student lunch accounts from September 1st through September 10th will be reimbursed as a credit to those student accounts.
4. The USDA free lunch program covers the cost of a hot lunch, which comes with one milk. The program does not cover the cost of extra entrees, additional milks, or the cost of a student purchasing a 'milk only' for cold lunch.
5. Students who wish to purchase an extra entree will still receive a \$1.50 charge to their lunch accounts.
6. Students who wish to purchase a 'milk only' will still receive a \$0.45 charge to their lunch account.
7. Parents, please keep money in your children's lunch account if they want to purchase extra entree or 'milk only.'
8. Please realize that a few student accounts may still have a negative balance after issuing credits for lunches after September 1st. We will still send home balance slips to those who owe for lunches purchased from August 11th - August 31st, or for extra entrees purchased.
9. The new program offering does not change the procedure for ordering lunch. In the morning, students will let their teacher know if they want hot lunch for the day or if they packed their lunch. In the cafeteria, students will walk through the line to receive their lunches and wait for Mrs. Heimann to record under each child's account.
10. Finally, if you were intending to apply for free/reduced lunch before this program opened to all, especially if you thought you might qualify by income for free/reduced lunch, you should still fill out the application if you haven't already. Once this program ends, your child will go back to their current lunch status (free, reduced, full-pay).

If you have any questions, you can contact the cafeteria via email- cafeteria@stcharlesschoolfw.org or you may call the school cafeteria at 969-4028 on school days 8:00-12:30 or the school office at 484-3392. Thank you.

Open Position: Paraprofessional (Life Skills Program) - This is a unique position requiring a special person. As an assistant to the teacher in our Life Skills classroom, the candidate will be working with students with more severe needs than our other students who have identified learning needs. We have a great group of students in our program, who blossom with a little more 1:1 attention. This may also be a full-time position and/or a shared, permanent part-time position.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY -SCP1005 All students grades PK-8 will follow the St. Charles Borromeo School dress code.

DRESS CODE

St. Charles School enforces a dress code for students in order that all students come appropriately attired for school. Students are expected to dress in a manner that indicates they are engaged in serious educational business. The St. Charles dress code is written to focus on uniformity and enforceability.

Modesty, chastity, humility, unity, obedience, self-discipline, respect for just authority, respect for the inner gifts of our neighbor - not outward appearance, etc. all of these virtues, though not completely developed in a student by a dress code, are aided by a dress code. Dress code also contributes to the building of an overall positive school atmosphere. **All students - Clothes must be modest in fit and style.**

Should changes or clarifications to the St. Charles Uniform and Dress Code be needed, parents and students will be informed. All students are obligated to follow this dress code from the first day through the last day of the school year unless otherwise stipulated by the principal. Dress code for all St. Charles students is as follows:

***** GIRLS *****

Hair - Please, clean hair and wear appropriate hairstyles. Dyed, streaked, or tinted hair is not permitted - no extreme styles.

Jewelry - Rings, watches, and loose jewelry should not be worn while participating in gym class.

Student jewelry should be modest in style. Only one set of small studded earrings or small hoops are permitted. These are not permitted: Large or dangling styles of any type of jewelry, including earrings. Necklaces (limit 1) are to be modest and of a religious nature (holy medal, cross, scapular, etc.). Rings (limit 2 total) are to be modest in appearance. Bracelets (limit 2) should not be worn at school unless they are of a religious nature (WWJD, Jesus bracelet, etc.) Watches, as always, are fine. It is the prerogative of the teacher/principal to ask students to remove jewelry considered inappropriate.

***** BOYS *****

Hair - Hair should be clean and combed, and hairstyles must be appropriate. Dyed, streaked, or tinted hair is not permitted - no extreme styles. Hair should be above the collar. No lines may be cut into the hair. Boys must be clean-shaven. These should be visible: the face, half the ear, bangs at least an inch above the eyebrow.

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OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS - Occasionally for holy days, holidays, spirit week, etc., students will be allowed not to wear their uniform.

Instructions for what may be substituted for the uniform will be given by the teacher/principal. The school uniform may be worn on any of these days. If dressing out of uniform the following guidelines will prevail:

Dress Up - Clothing worn on these days is worn for a special occasion. Boys: Dress shirt (ties may be worn), dress pants, dress shoes. Girls: Dress, skirt, blouse or dress pants. Guidelines for girls' dresses as follows:

1. Dress length should be no more than four inches from the floor when kneeling.
2. Heel height of shoes no more than two inches high. Set shoe on flat surface & measure the back of the heel.
3. No spaghetti strap, tank top, or sleeveless dresses allowed without the use of a sweater, shrug, or wrap to cover up the top. No bare shoulders or bare backs should be showing.
4. Camisoles should be worn under dresses with a lower front. Cleavage should not be showing.
5. Do not highlight or color your hair in any way. This includes our graduation ceremony.

Dress Down - Clothing worn on these days is of a more casual nature. It must be neat and not torn. When wearing shorts, please wear shorts with pockets such as a jean short. Shorts must be no shorter than four inches above the knee. These items are not acceptable: Ripped/torn clothing, warm-up/jogging suits, gym trunks, athletic shorts, cut off shorts, sweatpants, wind suit pants, swishy pants, clogs, sandals, or shirts with inappropriate pictures or messages, and shirts which do not cover the stomach and waist. Tank tops or sleeveless tops are not permitted.

TELEPHONE/ CELL PHONE - Students may use the telephone in the school office after-school hours. During the day, the office telephone may be used when a student has a note of permission from a teacher. Parents are advised to contact their child during the school day by calling the school office. All rooms and offices have telephones in case of emergency.

Electronic Communication Devices, Cell Phones, and other Electronic Media Devices:

Non-school issued electronic devices disrupt the educational process and are, therefore, not to be used during school hours.

These devices must be turned off and kept in lockers or book bags during the school day. Examples of these devices include, but are not limited to: cell phones, smart watches, PDAs, pagers, cameras, digital recorders, iPods, mp3 players, radios, headphones, earbuds, personal stereo systems, electronic game players, CD players, DVD players, camcorders, and laser pointers. Electronic devices, which are either seen or heard, will be confiscated with the following consequences administered.

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| 1 st Offense: | After-School Detention. Parent must pick up the device. |
| 2 nd Offense: | Saturday School. Parent must pick up the device. |
| 3 rd Offense: | In-School Suspension. Parent may pick up device after two weeks. |
| 4 th Offense: | Discipline may include Out-of-School Suspension or Expulsion. Device held indefinitely. |

Receive a text or email from Fr. Tom! Sign up today and receive holiday Mass times, important Holy Day reminders, and more! St. Charles Borromeo Parish is moving into the 21st Century and, for your convenience, we want to push out important information to you by text or email. With our new EVANGELUS program, parishioners can sign up by visiting eva.us/stcfw. You can select your choice of notifications: text, email, even link to Twitter or Facebook. So take a minute and sign up. Fr. Tom may be trying to text you right now!

Someday I'll Tell My Children - A Mother's Love Erma Bombeck 1973

Someday, when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I'll tell them . . .
I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, with whom, and what time you would get home.
I loved you enough to insist you buy a bike with your own money, which we could afford, and you couldn't.
I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover your hand-picked friend was a creep.
I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your bedroom, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes.
I loved you enough to say, "Yes, you can go to Disney World on Mother's Day."
I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, disgust, and tears in my eyes.
I loved you enough not to make excuses for your lack of respect or your bad manners.
I loved you enough to admit that I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.
I loved you enough to ignore "what every other mother" did or said.
I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall, hurt, and fail.
I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your own actions, at six, 10, or 16.
I loved you enough to figure you would lie about the party being chaperoned, but forgave you for it . . . after discovering I was right.
I loved you enough to shove you off my lap, let go of your hand, be mute to your pleas and insensitive to your demands . . . so that you had to stand alone.
I loved you enough to accept you for what you are, and not what I wanted you to be.
But most of all, I loved you enough to say no when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

FOOD COLLECTION TO HONOR ST. VINCENT DePAUL

On Sunday, **September 27**, we honor St. Vincent De Paul, the patron saint of charitable organizations. In order to help fill the shelves at food banks of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, we are holding a school-wide food collection September 21-25. Each student is asked to bring in **at least one item** from the list for his/her grade. Representatives from the Associated Churches food banks will be here on Friday morning, September 25 to collect the food and distribute to the various church food pantries in town, one of which is at St. Patrick's, the parish with which St. Charles 'twins'. We appreciate your participation in carrying on the good works of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please do not bring in items in glass jars.

PreK: pasta/rice/beans	Kindergarten: jelly (16 oz. plastic bottles)
Grade 1: peanut butter	Grade 5: canned soup
Grade 2: canned fruit	Grade 6: canned meat (chicken, tuna, beef)
Grade 3: canned soup	Grade 7: canned fruit
Grade 4: canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef)	Grade 8: pasta/rice/beans

Friends of the Poor Walk/Run - Join Bishop Rhoades, Father Tom, Father Thomas, and many others on Sunday, September 27 at Parkview Field for a 3-mile walk to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Check-in begins 1:00 pm and walk begins 2:00 pm. You can register to walk with the Bishop at <https://fopwalk.org/event/2493>. T-shirts and prizes are available for those who pre-register. Ask friends and family to sponsor you. This is a great service project for families or Confirmation students. Walk or donate to raise awareness of those living in poverty right here in Northeast Indiana. For sponsorship opportunities and other event questions, contact Lara Schreck. 456-3561 x120 or lara@svdpsfw.org



The poster features a yellow duck icon at the top. Below it, the text reads "The Lucky Duck Children's Consignment Sale". The dates "October 2-4, 2020" are prominently displayed in a large, teal font, flanked by decorative brackets. Below the dates, it says "at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum" and "SELL, SHOP, SAVE at Lucky Duck!". At the bottom, there are three award logos: "Nationally And Locally Recognized!", "best consignment sale 2018 - INDIANA", and "2019 National Top 10 consignment sale".

Cafeteria Help Needed - Our Cafeteria Needs You! In order to serve lunch to each child, we need 4 people per DAY to volunteer in the St Charles Cafeteria. Serving lunch is easy, social, fun and doesn't take much time at all -- Plus a free nutritionally-balanced lunch for yourself. The volunteering shift is only from 10:30 AM to Noon. You can volunteer as much or as little as you would like, and every little bit helps. The schedule is flexible, and you can choose if you volunteer weekly, monthly, or occasionally via Sign Up Genius. We are also in need of substitute volunteers that can fill in on short notice via text message. If you're interested, PLEASE contact Stephanie Keefer at stephanie.m.keefe@gmail.com. Thank you!

NEWS NOTES from your School Nurse

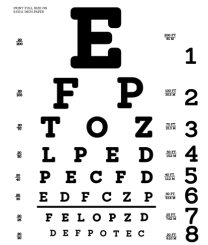
Parents, we need you!! Student Health Screenings are Tuesday & Wednesday, September 29th & September 30th.

This is a big, fun, fast event that cannot work in a timely manner without many volunteers and Registered Nurses. Also, your children enjoy seeing you volunteering on this day.

Tuesday, September 29th— additional 1 RN and 3 volunteers

Wednesday, September 30th—additional 2 volunteers

Please consider helping by calling or emailing Mrs. Tippmann 484-3392 or marissatippmann@stcharlesschoolfw.org



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY - COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne *Coats for Kids* program is ready to distribute new coats to school age children in grades preschool through 8th grade who need a winter coat. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the distribution of coats for the 2020 year has been changed. Coats will no longer be distributed at the Rudisill site. Instead the Christ Child Society has partnered with the Fraternal Order of Police to deliver the coats to the school. St. Charles will order coats and distribute the coats, hats and gloves needed by the families. There is a limit of 3 coats per family. There will be no exchanges of coats. The last day for orders will be Friday, October 16. Please contact Mrs. Bojrab in the school office if you would like to order winter coats.

Calendar Update

September 18	Interim Reports go home
September 21-25	Food Collection
September 27	Friends of the Poor Walk/Run
September 29	Student Health Screenings
September 30	Student Health Screenings
October 4	Feast of St. Francis
October 7	Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - Living Rosary, TBD
October 9	1st Quarter grading period ends
October 12	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 6:45 - 7:45 pm
October 14	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
October 15	Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
October 16	Report Cards go home
October 19	School Pictures' make-up day



ST. CHARLES YOUTH MINISTRY YDISCIPL

WEEKLY YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS ARE STARTING SOON!

DO YOU HAVE A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL TEEN READY TO DIVE DEEPER IN THEIR FAITH & FRATERNITY WITH THEIR FRIENDS?

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR LEADERS & PARENTS TO ACCOMPANY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT STACEY HUNECK

YOUTHMINISTRY@SCBFW.ORG

OFFICE (260)484-7307

SCRIP NEWS - *We're Back*, hopefully! We've been in the office again since Monday. We did have a bit of a COVID scare; but by taking the necessary precautions and lots of prayers, we seem to have come through it okay. Thank you for your patience, prayers and understanding. We will do all we can to keep you safe. Please continue to wear your masks, wash your hands and stay safe.

A Word of Thanks – A very special thank you to our *Knights of Columbus*, particularly, *Doug Baisinger, Dennis Redding and Bob Current* for the safety shields they installed on our sales tables in the Gathering Space. We truly appreciate your efforts to keep us safe as we work through this pandemic.

Success is in the Numbers – The St. Charles SCRIP program started nearly 20 years ago thanks to a small group of parents from our school. At that time, it was mostly groceries and gas; and the parish received all the profit. SCRIP programs spread and grew in other parishes, throughout the city and across the country. Our program really took off when Msgr. Suelzer made the decision to share the profit with the families who participated. School families could earn tuition credit with their SCRIP profit; parishioners who didn't have students could make a tax deductible donation to the church with their credit by choosing from a list of various parish needs.

As the program became more popular, a talented and dedicated SCRIP team reached out to local merchants and found new ways to make the program more accessible to our parishioners. The program thrived! At its height, a little over 20% of the parish supported our program resulting in \$4 million in gift card sales, which netted nearly \$100,000 in profit for the parish. This helped the parish reach a lot of goals. Additionally, parishioners earned nearly \$100,000 in tuition credit and donations.

Unfortunately, our numbers have decreased a little each year. Parish participation dropped to about 13% last year, with sales at about \$2.4 million, netting approximately \$40,000 in profit for the parish. While this is still a very nice profit, we know the potential is there to reach those higher numbers again - IF we can just increase our participation.

We know that the pandemic has had a profound effect on many families across the nation with the loss of lives as well as their economic well-being. However, parishes also felt the economic pinch when the churches were forced to closed. They are open again but they are operating at a minimal capacity while maintaining their full operating budget. Participation in the SCRIP program could really help our parish. Besides helping the parish, SCRIP can be a great budgeting tool *and* put money back into our pockets as we earn rebates on all our purchases. SCRIP is a wonderful program where everybody wins!

Thanks to all our faithful supporters. Let's work together to build those numbers back up. The parish and each of you will feel the *success* of the increased *numbers*.

September 2020 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

21 Hot Dog Tater Tots Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	22 Scoops w/Taco Meat Cheese, Lettuce Black Beans Corn Grapes - Milk	23 Chicken Nuggets Fries Broccoli Pears Milk	24 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Salad w/Ranch Garlic Cheese Bread Applesauce Milk	25 Bosco Stick w/Marinara Veggies w/dip Go-Gurt Apricots - Milk
28 Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Fries Choc Chip Cookie Pineapple - Milk	29 French Toast w/Syrup Sausage Hash Browns Dragon Juice Oranges - Milk	30 Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Broccoli Watermelon - Milk	October 1 Ham & Turkey Sub Salad w/Ranch & Grape Tomatoes Sun Chips Banana - Milk	October 2 Bread Sticks w/Cheese Carrots & Dip Go-Gurt Grapes - Milk

Lunch Prices 2020-2021

Milk Only \$0.45

Extra Entrée \$1.50

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTING FORM

Parents can put money into the student's account through your MyPaymentPlus (formerly MyMealsPlus) online account at www.mypaymentplus.com or by calling 1-877-237-0946 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 meal account. It is recommended to have a minimum of \$14.00 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 \$6.00 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.

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Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Lunch ID	Payment
Payments are used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.90), Extra Entrée (\$1.50), and Milk (\$0.45)				
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ART AFTER SCHOOL

Imagine that art studio is offering art and craft workshops for kids and teens once a week for 6 weeks. Each week will feature a different project for students to explore the basics. Projects vary each session and may include topics such as: painting, ceramics, macrame jewelry making, tie-dye, mosaics, resin molds, and more.

High School/ teens: Mondays 5:30-7:30pm

Classes begin Sept 28th and run through Nov 2nd

Class cost \$125

Middle and elementary: Thurs 3:45-5:15pm

Classes begin Oct 1st and run through Nov 5th

Class cost \$100

Contact: Cecilia Dunifon (260) 444-6637 or Lori Perez (260) 341-0307

To sign up or for more information.

 Imagine That Art Studio and Workshop

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Please sign up by Sept 22th to reserve your class