



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 as well as one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Piety. This helps us to give to each person, starting with God, what is their due. Lifting our hearts and minds to God is prayer. Talking to God is prayer. Speaking kindly to and about other people is treating them with respect and as God would like us to do. This isn't always easy because not everyone thinks like we do. If we truly try to teach, love, live, and learn as Jesus did, we will **Press On with His Words!**

But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does. James 1:25

Dear Parents and Students,

Holy Words. That is the focus for this week. Big or small, loud or quiet. Spoken or prayed. Any words that would bring comfort, encouragement, a smile, healing, etc. to God and others. This week let's all work to speak holy words to/for at least two people. We have over 800 people in school plus another 1500 parents out there. Just twice would result in 4,600 holy words shared in one week.

Below I have shared two recent Supreme Court decisions in support of Catholic education. Most of us realize this, but don't think about it too often, but there is an ongoing war in our country among those who oppose religious-based schools and those who want to maintain academic and religious freedoms for our Catholic Schools and other religious-based private schools across the country. Please read the updates and continue your support of Catholic schools through prayer, community activism, and financial support as you can.

Last, parents, you are doing a great job! Thank you for your children. We are blessed to have them in our lives. Sincerely - Rob S.

School Picture Day - Monday, September 14th

This is our annual school picture day. On school picture day, students do not need to wear their uniforms. Students should dress nicely and modestly. **NO jeans or denim shorts/capris, no sleeveless dresses or tops, no sandals or open shoes;** see the handbook for more information about appropriate attire. Gym classes and outdoor recess will still be held as scheduled, so parents/students should keep that in mind when choosing clothing. Students will remove their face masks once seated in front of the camera. We hope to see many bright, shining faces and beautiful smiles on this day!! Parents need to pre-order and pay for picture packages. It is preferred to do this online at inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/39768HF. Forms were sent home with students this week as well if parents prefer to pay by check. ALL students, grades PK -8 need to pre-order picture packages. If students are ill or unable to be in school on Monday, there is a retake picture day scheduled for Monday, October 19.

The Annual St. Charles Borromeo School MAGAZINE SALE is extended through Friday, September 18th. Order Today!!

We have decided to extend the Magazine Sale until Friday, September 18th. We are still waiting for the flyers to hand out to our students in grades K-8 to better share information with family and friends. New and renewal magazine subscriptions may be placed by parents, friends, and families. Remember, these are ONLINE only orders.

For new magazine orders or renewals: Go to the American Publishers Hearst website at <http://www.apmags.com>.

- Click on "Shop Now"
- Type in the St. Charles School code: WA4972
- Click on "Check Code" and follow the online directions.

Students will receive credit for sales and receive incentive prizes if the student seller's name is typed in the appropriate space online. Ordering information is also available on our school website under the tab "Support Us". We thank you for supporting this program!

School Job Openings: I am still looking to fill open positions for the upcoming school year. Interested candidates can email, attn: Rob Sordelet at schooladministration@stcharlesschoolfw.org or call the school phone at (260) 438-3492 and I will be glad to respond. Also, I am at school most every day, and would be glad to speak with you in person. Here are some positions:

- **Teaching Assistants - Great Need.** Along with our dedicated Faculty, our Teaching Assistants are treasured here in the school. The hourly rate for Teaching Assistants is \$10 per hour + a \$300 tuition discount per child enrolled in Catholic School.:
 - Grade 3 TA - 5.8 hours per day. 3 Days a week - Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
 - Grade 5 TA - 5.8 hours per day. Every day. Monday - Friday.
- **Math Teacher - Grade 7.** This is a full-time position with a delightful junior high team for support. Licensed teachers are preferred, but I will also consider candidates looking to transition into teaching as a new career. We have plan B in place, but ideally, as we expanded to two teachers for math in junior high last year, I would ultimately like to continue with the expanded math minutes as we move forward. If you are hiding a math genius wanna-be teacher in your basement, please let me know.
- **Computer Teacher - All grades.** This is a full-time position with the enjoyment of seeing all of the students and working through a curriculum that is of great interest - technology - to young people today. Licensed or certified candidates are preferred, but I will also consider candidates looking to transition into teaching as a new career.
- **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.

Landmark Supreme Court Decision Strikes a Blow Against Blaine Amendments

In a year not marked by an overabundance of good news, advocates of private education had reason to celebrate this summer with a historic decision by the United States Supreme Court in *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*. The nation's highest court overturned a decision by the Montana Supreme Court that had struck down a tax credit scholarship program solely because some of the children receiving scholarships attended religious schools.

In overruling the Montana court, Chief Justice Roberts wrote for the majority, "A State need not subsidize private education. But once a State decides to do so, it cannot disqualify some private schools solely because they are religious."

During oral arguments, Justice Kavanaugh made reference to the [amicus brief](#) signed by CAPE in September 2019. The Institute for Justice, which litigated the case, [called](#) the 5-4 decision "one of the most important education reform cases in the past half-century."

High Court Reaffirms "Ministerial Exception"

In addition to *Espinoza*, the Supreme Court handed down another ruling supporting private - in particular religious - schools. In *Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru*, the Court ruled 7-2 that the "ministerial exception" does not allow the courts to adjudicate the employment-discrimination claims brought against two Catholic schools. Some key excerpts from the decision:

"Although these teachers were not given the title of 'minister' and have less religious training than Perich, we hold that their cases fall within the same rule that dictated our decision in *Hosanna-Tabor*. The religious education and formation of students is the very reason for the existence of most private religious schools, and therefore the selection and supervision of the teachers upon whom the schools rely to do this work lie at the core of their mission. Judicial review of the way in which religious schools discharge those responsibilities would undermine the independence of religious institutions in a way that the First Amendment does not tolerate."

"When a school with a religious mission entrusts a teacher with the responsibility of educating and forming students in the faith, judicial intervention into disputes [between the school and the teacher threatens the school's independence in a way that the First Amendment does not allow.](#)"

In search of a Carpool: My 8th grade son, Cam, is looking for an afterschool drop approx three times a week. We live off Evard on Salge in the El Dorado Hills addition. I would greatly appreciate connecting if this is a possibility. Thank You! Julie McCoy 260-415-4599

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!

NEWS NOTES from your School Nurse

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

This is a big event that cannot work in a timely manner without many volunteers and Registered Nurses.

This is a fun, fast event. 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]

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!

Calendar Update

September 14 School Picture Day
September 15 School Board meeting, 7:00 pm, room C
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

Kindergarten Cub Scouts

Attention Kindergartner boys! St Charles Cub Scouts is excited to announce we will now have a group for kindergarten boys. This will begin September 17 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. Please bring a parent, grandparent, or other responsible adult with you. Please bring your mask and be ready for some fun! We meet weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 PM at alternating locations. If you have any questions please contact Jen Prado at 260-416-7411 or jennaprado@yahoo.com

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 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

Grade 1: peanut butter

Grade 2: canned fruit

Grade 3: canned soup

Grade 4: canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef)

Kindergarten: jelly (16 oz. plastic bottles)

Grade 5: canned soup

Grade 6: canned meat (chicken, tuna, beef)

Grade 7: canned fruit

Grade 8: pasta/rice/beans



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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?
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SCRIP NEWS

The SCRIP office is CLOSED this week. The SCRIP team is quarantining according to the CDC guidelines following probable exposure. If all goes well, we will be back in the office by sometime next week. Please don't send orders in with your students until you have been notified that the **SCRIP** office is open. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Autumn is in the air – With the start of football and cool nights, you know that the seasons are changing. Fall is time for lots of our favorites – donuts, caramel apples, apple cider and anything pumpkin. It's also time to get your home winterized and ready for the holidays. We hope you will think about using **SCRIP** cards for all your autumn projects and treats. **Coliseum Donuts, DeBrand, Dunkin Donuts, Tim Horton's, Home Depot, Lowe's and Menard's** are all available for your sweet tooth and home projects. Be sure to pick up an order form and see all the participating merchants.

SCRIP Tip – Did you know you can pay your **Kohl's** bill at the store using **SCRIP** gift cards? Whether you shop at the store or on-line, it's easy to charge your purchases and purchase **Kohl's** gift cards from **SCRIP** to pay your bill. It's a great way to earn rebates on all your purchases.

Getting back to "normal" – Do we even remember what normal is? The pandemic has certainly changed many things; the **SCRIP** program is no exception. We are thankful to everyone who continues to purchase and use **SCRIP**, but the number of parishioners that are using it has definitely dropped. Remember that **SCRIP** helps the parish every time you purchase groceries, fill your gas tank, order a pizza, pick-up donuts, do a home improvement project, or buy clothes for yourself or family members, and use **SCRIP** gift cards for these purchases. It is a simple way to support the parish, *which has also felt a financial pinch from COVID*, and put money back in your pocket as well. Contact the **SCRIP** office at **969-4027** if you have questions.

September 2020 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

14 Chicken Patty Raspberry Spinach Salad Tater Tots Scooby Snack Pineapple Milk	15 Cheese Omelette w/Salsa Hash Browns Pancake w/Syrup Dragon Juice Banana & Milk	16 Soft Taco w/Lettuce, Cheese Refried Beans Corn Watermelon Milk	17 Cheeseburger w/Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Sweet Potato Fries Applesauce Milk	18 Cheese Pizza Veggies w/dip Pretzels Go-Gurt Peaches Milk
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

Lunch/Milk \$2.90

Milk Only \$0.45

Extra Entrée \$1.50

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO 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
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