



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

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"See that no one returns evil for evil, rather, always seek what is good [both] for each other and for all." 1 Thess 5:15

During this month of September, the virtue we focus on is **KINDNESS**. **Kindness** is the honey that dulls the sting of unkindness when we receive it from another. A **kind word** can conquer anger, calm the spirit, and even start a friendship.

Christians should **be kind**. But **kindness** is not exclusively Christian. Rather it is as broad and old as humanity. The Greek playwright Sophocles alluded to the naturalness of kindness when he said, "**Kindness gives birth to kindness.**" The Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius understood the personal as well as the social benefits of kindness. "Ask thyself daily," he wrote, "to how many ill-minded persons thou hast shown a kind disposition." Goethe viewed kindness as the "golden chain by which society is bound together." The fact that the word *kindness* is derived from the Old English *gecynde*, meaning *natural*, is a good indication that **kindness is a very natural virtue**. Shakespeare's immortal and oft-quoted phrase, "the milk of human kindness" (*Macbeth*, act 1, scene 5), also attests to the naturalness of kindness, especially with regard to its manner of nourishment.

<http://www.cuf.org/2000/07/the-virtue-of-kindness/>

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope this newsletter finds you well, or at the least, hopeful in spirit. We recently received our **ISTEP+ results** for our 2017 testing. Our results were above average in comparison to the State of Indiana, but not where we want to be. Since students began taking the new test three years ago, our math and English scores have been lower than our target of 92%+ passing in all subject areas. Our junior high math scores in particular have been much lower than our targeted scores. Over the course of the year, we will be adjusting our daily schedules to include more math time, and adjusting our curriculum to better align with State standards and testing expectations, while pushing our student learning targets ahead by a semester. I am confident we will see gains moving forward.

LIGHT OF LEARNING NOMINATION - Nominate a Great Teacher! Attached to this week's newsletter is a form that may be used to nominate a current St. Charles Borromeo School teacher to receive the annual Light of Learning Award. There are many outstanding teachers on our faculty; please take the time to tell us how one teacher has made a difference in the life of your child. Tell us how you or your child have experienced this teacher following the example of Christ or exemplifying our school mission. The form attached to this newsletter notes a variety of characteristics to look for in the teacher, even if you cannot respond to all of these, the teacher can still be nominated. Please return the form to the school office in a sealed envelope by Tues., October 10th. Thanks! -Rob S.

PARENT/TEACHER STUDENT CONFERENCES - Fill out the form with time of conference request & return to school :)

We are quickly approaching our parent-teacher conferences October 26-27, 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 this week's newsletter is a form requesting the time you prefer for teacher conferences. Conferences will be held Thursday, October 26, 3:50-8:00 pm and Friday, October 27, 9:30-12:30pm. Please be sure to **return this form to school with your youngest child by Friday, September 29, WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE**. We will mail your appointment time(s) to you after all families have been scheduled.

NEWS NOTES FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE - We are looking for volunteers for our health screenings Oct. 3rd & 4th!

Our annual Health Screenings will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd and Wednesday, October 4th. We erroneously printed the wrong date in the online sign-up sheet. We are in need of available volunteers from 8 a.m.-12 noon on one or both days. We need a few RN's for screenings, and then many volunteers to help our students wait patiently for their turn.

Kindly, call the office, 484-3392 to sign up for a fun day helping our students.

Grades 1,3,5,8 will have their vision checked. Grades 1, 4,7 will have their hearing checked. All new students will have both screenings completed. Every year many students forget to wear their glasses. Please help your child find them now. Let's make sure they are wearing their glasses and contacts daily and especially for the vision screenings on both days for proper screening. Thank you.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL DIRECTORY

We are finalizing the 2017-2018 St. Charles School Directory. The directory includes each student's name, telephone number, address, and parent names. **If you do not want your information included in the directory, please call Linda in the school office before Sept. 28th.** Directories will be sent home with the youngest child in each family.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CALENDAR UPDATE

Sept.	25	Grade 4 visits Forks of the Wabash
	27	6-20 visits Get Fresh! Farms
	27	Yankee Candle Pick-up in Gym 2:00-4:00 pm
	28	HASA Board Meeting
	29	Food Collection for Associated Churches' Food Banks
Oct.	2	3-9 visits Safety Village
	3	Health Screenings
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	4	3-10 visits Safety Village
	5	3-11 visits Safety Village
	6	Living Rosary 2:00 pm in church
	7	Confirmation Retreat

Yankee Candle Order Pick-Up

Yankee candle orders will be available for pick-up Wednesday, September 27 from 2:00-2:50 and 3:20-4:15 pm in the Hession Center Gym. Enter Door #3. Orders will be packed in boxes with the seller's name. Volunteers will help you find your boxes. Please do not pick up orders between 2:50-3:20 as we will be dismissing students and trying to get cars out of the parking lot. We do ask that an adult comes in to pick them up as some boxes will be large and heavy.

INDIANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE RESCISSION OF DACA EXECUTIVE ORDER

The Catholic Bishops of Indiana support all DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) youth and call upon Congress to act responsibly to provide protection and legal status for these young persons who are contributing to the strength and prosperity of our nation. The decision to end DACA only brings uncertainty and anxiety to families who only want to provide for themselves, their families and contribute to the common good. We join the Bishops of the United States and call upon Congress to "immediately resume work toward a legislative solution". We also call upon all people of good will to urge Congress to provide a path of citizenship for these young persons. It is a matter not only of mercy, but of justice.

While not a permanent solution DACA did provide safety and a sense of protection to allow persons to live a normal life. These young people are members of the military, students, employees and leaders within our parishes and communities, using their God-given talents and gifts to contribute to the good residing in the United States.

In Indiana approximately 10,000 Hoosiers and their families will live in anxiety, not knowing what to expect following the President's order. We call upon President Trump not to turn our nation's back on these young people and to instead work with Congress on comprehensive immigration reform that is just and respects the God-given dignity of these vulnerable youths and all immigrants especially those residing in the United States.

We stand in solidarity with DACA youth and their families who have been left unprotected from deportation and fear for their futures in the United States, their home. We say to DACA youth - regardless of your immigration status, you are children of God and welcome in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church supports you and will advocate for you.

Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson *Most Rev. Donald J. Hying* *Most Rev. Timothy J. Doherty* *Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades*
Archbishop of Indianapolis Diocese of Gary Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

2017 CRAFT FAIR The St. Charles Annual Craft Fair, sponsored by the Fine Arts Boosters, is Saturday, November 4, 2017. The Craft Fair committee is looking for a few individuals to help with running the kitchen, organizing/coordinating the student and parent volunteers on the day of the show, and organizing 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 Danielle Meyer at stcharlescraftfair@gmail.com. Don't worry about not having helped before. We will give you guidance and directions. This is not difficult and all of our students benefit! Proceeds go towards the arts programs (general music, general art, bands, choir, hand chimes ensemble, orchestra, and assemblies).

- Volunteer for set up on Friday after school- 4:30 on 11/03/17
- Volunteer for helping vendors set-up - 6-8pm on 11/03/17
- Volunteer for vendor set up - 6-8 am on 11/04/17
- Volunteer to organize volunteers (students and adults) for 11/04/17
- Volunteer to serve breakfast (and cut pie) 6-9 am on 11/04/17
- Volunteer to help in kitchen 9-11 on 11/04/17
- Volunteer to serve lunch 10-12 on 11/04/17
- Volunteer to serve lunch 12-2 on 11/04/17
- Volunteer for clean up 3-5 pm on 11/04/17

Food Collection to Honor St. Vincent de Paul

On Friday, **September 29**, we will 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 during our Friday Mass on the 29th. Each student is asked to bring in **at least one item** from the list for his/her grade. Items may be brought in early and kept in the classroom. Each child will then bring the item forward during the collection time before Mass on the 29th. We appreciate your participation in carrying on the good works of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please do not bring in items in glass jars.

Kindergarten: jelly (16 oz. plastic bottles)

Grade 1: canned fruit

Grade 2: canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef)

Grade 3: canned soup

Grade 4: peanut butter

Grade 5: canned soup

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

Grade 7: canned fruit

Grade 8: peanut butter

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's students of the week: Jimmy Sullivan, Cohen O'Rourke, Asher Bullerman, Jake Hughes, Hillary Tippmann, Allyce Strack, Destiny Sedillos, Isaiah Ryan, Mitchell Voglewede, Will Hasselschwert, Brogan Verfaillie, Sydney Thompson, Atticus Wilder, Olivia Ryan, Evelyn Mena, Maddie Gerard, Jaden Wirtner, Ella Campbell, Ella Redman, Jake Hoffman, Paige Huston, Guy Cutino, Leah Zimmerman, Amy Frazier, Olivia Fabini, Maggie Steigmeyer, Natalee Ade.

CITY-WIDE FLOWER SHOW BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

Congratulations to the Blue Ribbon winners from St. Charles: Matthew Bulanda, Sophia Crates, Noah Gallagher, A.J. Linn (3 Blue Ribbons), Molly Rider, and Maya Rivera.

HONOR STUDENT

Each year, Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (or NUMATS) offers top students a chance to take the *PSAT 8/9* in grade six or the *SAT/ACT* in grades seven or eight. Students earning the highest scores receive an invitation to an award ceremony that is held on the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. A student from Saint Charles Borromeo School recently scored in the upper **two to three percent** of all 12,000 NUMATS test-takers and received this honor. Congratulations to seventh grader, **JOSEPH GRAY**, for his hard work and impressive score. -Mrs. Martha Berghoff *Enrichment Coordinator*

LIBRARY NEWS

Please visit these FREE and WONDERFUL links for your student to read books online!

myON! <https://www.myon.com>

school name: Texas Strong

username: myon

password: myon



MyOn Reader is an on-line digital library from Capstone books. Our students have access to over 1,700 books online anytime, anywhere! These books are in full color and the students may choose to have them read to them or read them alone. The students have taken an interest inventory and a brief quiz to determine which books are just right for them. Each student has their own personal library available 24/7!

Epic! <https://www.getepic.com>

Epic! is the Leading Digital Library for Kids 12 & Under. Instantly access 25,000 of the best books, learning videos, quizzes and more. *Click on the EDUCATORS or PARENTS TAB and create a free account. You will then be prompted through the site.

Many of the books from these sites are on Accelerated Reader. *Don't forget to check <http://www.arbookfind.com> to see if the story you are interested in reading is on AR, first!*

The Book Fair is coming!

Many wonderful books are on their way! Our school Book Fair will be held **October 25th-27th**. Stay tuned for more details and the links to shop our **ONLINE FAIR** in next week's newsletter!

SCRIP NEWS

Merchant News – Just a reminder, *Meijer* is still at 6%, however, we are currently out of \$250 gift cards. *Jet's* is no longer a participating merchant. *Dr. Todd Briscoe Dentistry* has become a participating merchant. If you are a patient of Dr. Briscoe, be sure to fill out the necessary paperwork, available at Dr. Briscoe's office, so you are eligible for the 10% rebate.

Fall is officially here! – What do you think of when you think of Fall? How about fall clean-up, be sure to have gift cards to your favorite home improvement store so that you can really clean up with your clean-up! How about caramel apples, nobody does them better than *DeBrands*. Be sure to pick up gift cards before you head to DeBrands for one of their delectable fall treats. Whatever your favorite fall traditions are, be sure to think of how SCRIP can make it more profitable for you.

Volunteers: We are currently working on the new schedules that begin in October. If you have a St. Charles student, your schedule will come home with them. If you do not have a student at St. Charles, your schedule will be mailed.

Sept. 29 – Ruth Marburger, Jenny Perkins, Sue Rohling, Judy Smith

Sept. 30 – Amy Lin, Brian McLaughlin, Audrey Stauffer

Oct. 1 – Kasey Eckland, Mary Firks, Terri Wallace

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Attention 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders

Take your crew on an interplanetary exploration to discover the glory of God throughout the universe, and beyond! And where will it all lead them? Back to a manger in Bethlehem, and the Savior of the World, of course! Filled with ultra-hip songs and rock-solid gospel truth, get ready to boldly go where no kids' choir has gone before! If this interests you, please consider being in our Christmas musical!

Permission slips are available during music class or one can be requested at the office. Permission slips are due Sept. 29th. Tryouts are Oct. 3, and the first rehearsal is Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 3:00 until 4:45. Rehearsals are weekly on Tuesdays. The performance of our Christmas musical, *In A Galilee Far, Far Away*, is Thursday, December 14, 7:00 pm. The back-up date is Friday, December 15.

Mr. Hoy, Mrs. Weidner, & Mrs. J. Till



ENRICHMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

Volunteers are still needed for our enrichment program. Weekly openings include the following;

Monday	11:45-12:30	Grade 2 Math Group
Tuesday	11:50-12:30	Grade 3 Math Group
Tuesday	11:50-12:30	Grade 3 Book Group
Tuesday	2:00-2:45	Grade 4 Math Group
Friday	11:45-12:30	Grade 5 Math Group

Parents, grandparents, college students, and friends are invited to consider this opportunity to assist in providing a challenge for high achieving students. Training and materials will be provided upon completion of volunteer paperwork and required background check. This involves about an hour a week at school from mid-October until mid-May, plus some planning time. You are needed! Please call Mrs. Berghoff at 969-4044 for more information. Thank you!

ST. CHARLES SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL:

September 23, Away, 7th v St. Jude 9:00am @ St. Elizabeth, 8th v St. Jude @ St. Elizabeth 11:00am, 8th v St. Elizabeth 12:00pm

September 24, Away, 7th v St. John 1:00pm @ St. Joe, Decatur, 7th v St. Elizabeth 2:00pm @ St. Joe, Decatur

September 25, Home, 5th v St. Jude 5:30pm, 6th v St. Jude 6:30pm

September 27, Home, 7th v Maplecreek 6:00pm, 8th v Maplecreek 7:00pm

September 28, Home, 5th v St. Elizabeth 5:00pm, 6th v St. Elizabeth 6:00pm

September 30, Away, 8th v St. Joe, Decatur 9:00am



CROSS COUNTRY:

September 23 New Haven Invitational gr. 6-7-8 @ Plex 9:00 am

September 30 Carroll Middle School Invitational gr. 6-7-8 @ Carroll Middle School 1:00 pm



FOOTBALL:

September 23, Home, 5th v St. Vincent 8:00am

September 24, Away, JV v Oceola Grace at Mishawaka Marian High School *time TBD*

September 24, Away, Varsity v St. Anthony's at Mishawaka Marian High School *time TBD*

September 26, Away, JV v Edgewood @ Warsaw 5:30pm

September 28, Away, 6th v The Knights at St. Elizabeth 5:30pm

September 30, Away, 5th v The Knights at St. Elizabeth 9:00am



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION CONTEST

Beginning Monday, September 25th, the Fine Arts Boosters will be collecting Box Tops for Education for our first contest this school year. The turn-in dates will be on Thursdays and will be September 28th, October 5th, October 12th, and October 19th. 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. Expired Box Tops cannot be included! Thanks you for helping to make our Box Top collections so successful. St. Charles earned over \$3200 from Box Tops for Education last year. The Fine Arts Boosters uses these earned funds to support our school music and art programs as well as to sponsor various programs during the course of the year such as Stevens' Puppets, Fort Wayne Philharmonic Ensembles, Hank Fincken portrayal and more! Contact Amy Copeland at 483-8168 with any questions.



**2017-2018 MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOW CHOIR
"JOYFUL NOISE"**

(A Diocesan Show Choir) Grades 5-8

*Open to 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

*Please contact Mrs. Amy Bowman, director, via e-mail at abowman@seascsfw.org if you are interested in joining! We will be rehearsing music & choreography on Fridays after school at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School starting in a few weeks.

We will be performing at the Christmas concert, high school invitationals, FAME festival, and the Spring concert.

Tell your friends in the other Catholic schools to join! I can't wait for a fun year in show choir!

Bishop Dwenger News

Bishop Dwenger High School is proud to announce the following **2017 Hall of Fame** Inductees:

Tracy Tyndall Pabst '93, *Alumna of the Year*

Burt Brunner '73, *Alumnus of the Year*

Lisa Miller McBride '88, *Athletics*

Alexandra Hall '03, *Arts & Letters*

Sam Talarico, Sr. '48 (CCHS), *Citizens of Two Worlds*

If you would like to attend the Awards Dinner and Ceremony on **Saturday, September 30**, in Bishop Dwenger's Main Gym, please call (260) 496-4775 or register online at www.bishopdwenger.com/2017-Hall-of-Fame.

Peter and the Starcatcher

Get out your pirate swords, sprinkle the pixie dust and look to the Bishop Dwenger High School "stars" as they present *Peter and the Starcatcher* on the Bishop Dwenger Stage October 12, 14 and 15. *Peter and the Starcatcher* is Disney's exciting new play about how Peter Pan became the boy who never grew up. In this unique, fast paced fairytale full of pirates, mermaids, and trunks of treasure, we learn what one gains and sacrifices to truly grow up.

Please visit our BD Music and Drama Facebook Page for ticket pricing, special offers, performance theme nights and "behind the scenes" fun. Dress up like a pirate or pixie for our Saturday night show and enter our raffle to win a PIZZA and POOL PARTY for 10 at the FW Holiday Inn! **#BDStarcatcher** Contact Lynette Bakle at lbakle@bishopdwenger.com to purchase reserved tickets today!

September 2017 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

<p>25</p> <p>Corn Dog Baked Beans Fries Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Chef Salad Soft Pretzel Carrots Peaches Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Fish Sticks Mac & Cheese Green Beans Pears Milk</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Nachos w/Salsa Lettuce & Cheese Corn Grapes Milk</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pancake w/Syrup Sausage Hashbrowns Oranges Milk</p>
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Lunch Prices 2017-2018

Lunch/Milk \$2.60

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 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 \$13.00 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 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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