



# 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 February we **'press on' To Love**. The theological virtue of charity guides us to love God above all things for his own sake and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. The practice of all virtues is inspired by charity. This virtue is a gift from God and motivates our good actions and raises them to the service of God. Let our prayers, sacrifices and almsgiving reflect this love as we begin this sacred season of Lent and **Press On To Love**.

*"The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." 1 John 3:16*  
*"Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8*

## Upcoming Schedule Changes

Thursday, April 1st	No School	eLearning Day - Holy Thursday
Friday, April 2nd	No School	Good Friday
Mon., April 5th - Fri. April 9th	No School	Spring Break

## Dear Parents - Three quick items!

1. Blessed Lent! I would encourage you, if you have not made a Lenten resolution, to 'press on' To Love. Increase our Love of Christ by focusing on simple acts of love towards family, neighbors, co-workers, and those who need a spiritual lift due to illness, loneliness, financial hardship, grief, hunger, abuse, neglect, and other struggles. Small acts carried out with Great Love!
2. I apologize for all the closings this past week. We may have been able to squeeze a day in, but once so many large school corporations close, & accidents/slide offs are reported, the liability outweighs the urge to stay open. Multiple eLearning days are not ideal, but with more weeks of winter yet, we want to stay on track & conclude the year on time without adding days.
3. A great deal is shared below regarding Indiana State House Bill 1005 below regarding raising income levels and scholarship award levels for more families who currently cannot receive a Choice Scholarship (Voucher). Please read and reach out to your State Senators who may vote this into law next week. This will help many of our students and their families. Thanks  
-Rob S.

## House Bill (HB) 1005: Expanding Educational Choice! Contact Your Local Legislatures & Make Your Voices Heard!

Ask your elected officials to please support HB 1005. This bill seeks to expand educational options for all Hoosiers. It further empowers parents to find the best educational opportunity that fits the needs of their student by expanding the existing school choice program (voucher program) in three ways:

- The bill extends income eligibility to the middle class by stair-stepping the income eligibility threshold from 150% of the federal Free and Reduced Lunch program to 225% in the coming year, and then 300% by July 2022. For example, at these new levels a police officer married to a school teacher with both earning average wages in Indiana could have their child participate in the program. It's the middle and upper middle class families who typically receive no assistance who are struggling to afford choice, especially if they have multiple children.
- Increases and streamlines the scholarship amount that a voucher student receives in a school year. Rather than scholarship tiers of 50%, 70%, and 90% of state tuition, the bill sets the scholarship amount at 90% for all voucher-receiving children. This streamlining will be of great assistance to families with high school students where costs and tuitions are typically higher.
- Adds foster care as a pathway into the voucher program. Currently, foster children automatically meet the financial eligibility criteria needed to obtain a voucher, but they must also meet one of eight pathways. This creates unnecessary confusion for foster families as they try to navigate schooling options for their foster child. Adding a pathway for children in foster care is one more way that Indiana can support our foster families.

HB 1005 also creates an Education Savings Account (ESA) program for special needs children, children in foster care, and children of military families. ESAs allow parents to control & customize their student's educational experience by receiving their student's tuition support funding through a government-authorized savings account. These funds can be used for pre-approved educational expenses only, such as therapies, private tutoring, tuition and fees at approved private schools. Students with special needs often need services and therapies over and above what they can receive during a normal school day. An ESA could provide that additional assistance.

## TUESDAY EVENING UPDATE ON HB 1005 PROGRESS FROM OUR INDIANA NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

After spirited debate, **HB 1005** passed out of the House by a vote of 61-38. If you'd like to see how your legislator voted click [HERE](#). Many thanks to all of you who reached out to your elected representatives in the House. We DID make a difference!

Now the bill moves to the Senate where it will be heard first in the Senate Education Committee. If it makes it out of Senate Ed, it then goes to the Senate Appropriations Committee. IF it makes it out of that committee, it will go to the full Senate for second reading amendments, and then to the full Senate floor for a vote. Lots of steps and nothing is guaranteed! HB 1005 will face tougher opposition in the Senate, so your engagement will be even more important!

We encourage you to send a note to your legislator to thank them for their support on the bill if they voted yes. Use this Indiana Non-Public Education Association link to thank your State House Representative and to find your State Senator, and let her/him know you strongly support passage of HB 1005. [Once you use this INPEA link, look for the 'Find Your Officials' tab](#) on the right hand

side, enter your zip, and email your State Senator asking her to support HB 1005 to help all families of private school students. You can also sign up for 'Legislative Alerts' and stay up to date with current legislation that benefits our Catholic Schools. Thank you. -Rob S.

**School Job Openings:** We are looking to fill open positions for the rest of the school year. Interested candidates can email, attn: Rob Sordelet at [schooladministration@stcharlesschoolfw.org](mailto: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** 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 2 TA - 5.8 hours per day. Every day. Monday - Friday.
- **Paraprofessional (Life Skills Program)** - 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.
  - Life Skills Paraprofessional - 5.8 hours per day. Monday - Wednesday. \$12 per hour
- **St. Charles Maintenance Department** - The St. Charles Maintenance Department is looking to fill two positions. A full-time position during the day and a part-time position, with possibility for full-time, in the evenings. **For more information contact Steve Springer, Maintenance Supervisor, 260-969-4029.**

### **RE-ENROLLMENT for next year 2021-2022 for all students currently in grades K-7**

Look for an email from "registration@stcharlesschoolfw.org" sent Friday (Feb. 5) to the email we currently have on file for you in PowerSchool. Please look at your inbox or search spam for it. Read through that email and use the link included in it to re-enroll your student. Complete by **Wednesday, February 24, 2021**. Some simple reminders when it comes to completing online registration:

- a. Make an account if you don't already have one. One account per family. This account will work with all diocesan schools' enrollment process. You will already have an account if you completed enrollment at Bishop Dwenger.
- b. Work your way through the online form. Have your contact phone numbers and addresses handy! You will list any emergency contacts here. We do ask for 2-3 emergency contacts in the case we can not reach you.
- c. On the Emergency Contact Page, we recommend you begin by clicking on the "remove contact" button and start clean. When information was pulled from what was in PowerSchool, it populated incorrectly. This will eliminate some confusion for you when it comes to filling in the fields.
- d. Carefully, read the agreement at the end before giving your electronic signature.
- e. Be sure to click on the "Submit" button when done.
- f. You will receive an email from PowerSchool verifying that the enrollment was submitted. Your application will not be considered complete until your FACTS payment plan for the upcoming school year has been selected. FACTS information will be coming soon.
- g. If you have an additional St. Charles student re-enrolling, you will be given the opportunity at the end of the first re-enrollment form to add your additional student's snapcode. (Sent in a separate email to you.)

This online process should take 15-20 minutes to complete. Your information will be saved if you need to quit and come back later. \ Please contact Pam Bojrab, 260-484-3392 or [registration@stcharlesschoolfw.org](mailto:registration@stcharlesschoolfw.org), with any questions about online registration.

### **Calendar Update**

February 21	1st Sunday of Lent
February 26	Grades 7-8 attend Stations of the Cross, 2:15 pm
February 28	2nd Sunday of Lent Tim Francis' presentation on Eucharistic Miracles, in church, 6:30 - 9:00 pm ( <i>see info below</i> )
March 1	Zoomobile virtual visit with Grade 2 students
March 5	Third Quarter ends Grades 5-6 attend Stations of the Cross, 2:15 pm
March 7	3rd Sunday of Lent
March 9	Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 6-7-8 IREAD-3 assessment (parts 1-2) for grade 3 students
March 10	IREAD-3 assessment (part 3) for grade 3 students Fine Arts Booster meeting, 7:00 pm
March 11	Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 2-3-4-5
March 12	Report Cards go home Grades 3-4 attend Stations of the Cross, 2:15 pm

**Students of the Week** - Congratulations to: Lincoln Wilson, Angelina Meyers, Iliana Salazar, Caiden Scheckel, Lisette Swager, Nicholas Woods, Stella Shovek, Evan Sliker, Joey Henry, Cyann Lilly, Alise Taylor, Juliana Bird, Ellen Thompson, Georgia Tippmann, Zach Tippmann, Richard Claycomb, Alex Gaytan, Jackson Konwinski, Suzie Jones, Amira Negahban, Luke Stratton, Noah Jones, Sophie Sanchez, Levigne Claycomb, Lucy Lesh, Zachary Jimenez, Henry Bauer

### **Eucharistic Miracles Presentation**

Nationally-known speaker, Tim Francis, shares testimony of his and others coming to a deeper faith in Jesus through witness of modern miracles. The presentation is February 28, 6:30pm-9:00pm at St. Charles and March 1, 6:30pm-9:00pm at Our Lady of Good

Hope. The same presentation is being given both nights. [Here is a Youtube link Tim Francis- 'Do You Believe in Miracles?'](#) for preview.

### Box Tops for Education

The Fine Arts Boosters' Box Tops for Education spring contest is ending next week. **The last turn-in date is on Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup>.** Please clip Box Tops and send them into the classroom in plastic ziplock bags in quantities of 50. 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. Be sure to continue scanning your receipts into the app and recording the classroom number, these will be included in the classroom totals. The classroom with the most box tops turned in will be awarded an ice cream party. Runner up will earn a dress down day. Good luck! Thank you for helping to make our Box Top collections so successful. These proceeds support the enrichment assemblies for all the students!



### NELLS Softball Registration Now Open!

North East Little League Softball (NELLS) registration is now open for girls ages 4-14. Please join us for a fantastic season of softball. There are grants available if cost is a concern. You can register through the website- [www.nells.org](http://www.nells.org) or contact Alison Schortgen at [playeragent@nellsb.org](mailto:playeragent@nellsb.org) or 260-229-2572 with questions. Registration is open through February 28, 2021.

### Class Composites Available to Order for Grades PreK - 7

In previous years, the classroom composite pictures were ordered as part of student picture packages. This year, the picture company did not include these classroom composite pictures as an option in the student picture packages parents purchased. However, you can still get a classroom composite picture. Orders can be placed online until March 10, 2021. Here is the link to order your child's classroom composite picture: <https://inter-state.com/order>. Use order code 56505VQ. The composite is \$5.00 and payment is made online at time of order.

Class Composite order forms for students in grade 8 were sent home last week.

### Yearbook

Next week's parent newsletter will have information about ordering the 2020-2021 school yearbook. Look for an informational flyer next Friday!

### SCRIP NEWS



This past Wednesday was **Ash Wednesday** and this weekend marks the first Sunday of Lent. Last week's bulletin listed the guidelines for fasting and abstaining during Lent. There are many restaurants that run Friday fish specials at this time or you might choose a meatless pizza or pasta meal to help with those meatless Fridays. Using **SCRIP** gift cards for those dinner options is a great way to make Friday dinners easy while you support the church.

**Dollars and \$ense of SCRIP** – Having been part of the SCRIP program for more than 20 years, it's easy to forget that not everybody knows or understands what **SCRIP** is and how it works.

Briefly, the participating merchants allow us to purchase gift cards from them at a reduced rate. You purchase and use the same gift cards for full face value. The difference between purchase and redeeming value becomes a profit for the parish. We carry gift cards for everything from gas and groceries to home improvements, restaurants, department stores and more; and the rebates range from 1.25% to 33.3%! With regular usage, the average parishioner generates approximately 5% profit from their **SCRIP** purchases. If you spend \$200 in a week on gas, groceries, a restaurant meal, paying your Kohl's bill or making a run to the home improvements store and use **SCRIP** for those purchases, you generate **\$10/week!** As a way to thank you for supporting the parish in this way, you actually share that profit. The profit is split 50/50 – 50% for the parish and 50% for you. Your **SCRIP** credit can be used toward tuition at any school, your cafeteria account, before and after school care, donated back to the various church ministries and many other options.

Without a doubt, **SCRIP** is a win/win endeavor for all who participate.

### VOLUNTEERS:

**Feb. 22 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Sue Forte**  
**Feb. 26 - Cheryl Morello, Kristina O'Neal, Kara Straessle**  
**Feb. 26 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Jen Eisaman**  
**Feb. 27 - Diane Keefer, Amy Lin, Audrey Stauffer**  
**Feb. 28 - Cathy Yaggy, Jennifer Hogan, Roberta Keerfer**

**Mar. 1 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Laura Ijames**  
**Mar. 5 - Angela Bauer, Sue Christle, Peggy Keefer**

Mar. 5 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Sara Fischer  
 Mar. 6 - Natalie Jackson, Bernadette Smith, Cindy Stults  
 Mar. 7 - Sue Christie, Brenda Harter, Laurie Amstutz

**February 2021 Cafeteria Lunch Menu *revised***

<b>22</b> <i>Menu changed</i> Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel w/cheese Broccoli Pears Milk	<b>23</b> <i>Menu adjusted</i> Chicken Patty Tater Tots Baked Beans Peaches Milk	<b>24</b> <i>Menu changed</i> Cheese Omelette w/salsa Hash Browns Pancake w/Syrup Dragon Juice Mandarin Oranges Milk	<b>25</b> <i>Menu changed</i> Corn Dog Steamed Carrots Fries Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>26</b> <b>Lenten Friday</b> Cheese Pizza Pretzels Veggies & Dip Go-Gurt Apricots Milk
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**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](http://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.

Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Lunch ID	Payment
Payments are used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.90), Extra Entree (\$1.50), and Milk (\$0.45)				
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			<b>Total Payment Enclosed</b>	

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