



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 this month of August, we **'press on' In His Image**. This Cardinal Virtue of Justice is usually represented by a scale. This helps us weigh what is due God and other people and act accordingly. Life will present us with different choices. The virtue of justice enables us to choose the fair and kind decision for everyone involved. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC, 1807) indicates that "justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good." When we **Press On In His Image** we are exemplifying our school vision and mission!

"God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good." Genesis 1:31a

DATE CHANGE #1: PLEASE PLAN FOR THIS DAY OFF SCHOOL - NO SCHOOL, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

COVID-19 has pushed the Diocesan-wide Catholic School Mission Day to Friday, September 4th for all teachers. As teachers will be in meetings all day, there will be no school on this day. I apologize for the late notice. Mon., Sept. 7 is Labor Day! Enjoy time with family

DATE CHANGE #2: EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, SEPT. 11TH WE WILL DISMISS AT 1:00 P.M. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

Apologies again for these late schedule changes. Our teachers are attending another professional development inservice on this day.

Dear Parents - I hope you are well. We've just completed our 9th day of school and everyone is working to mask, distance, and sanitize to ensure that we can continue with our in-person instruction, hopefully all school year. Main goals for our first 2-4 weeks continue to be as follows:

1. Bring as many students, teachers, and staff as possible safely into the building for in-person learning
2. Establish Distance Learning (DL) protocols, communications, etc. for those with health risks and/or those in/out of quarantine
3. Establish school-wide procedures, both traditional and COVID-related, to ensure proper organization and safety for all
4. Support our Teachers who have been presented with increased responsibilities, DL challenges, less personal breaks, etc.
5. Support our Staff, who have been asked to take on more responsibilities to ensure overall student safety, teacher support, etc.
6. Welcome, encourage and support our students and make school as normal and interactive as possible for their mental, physical, and spiritual well being. We want school to be a safe place for our young people, so that they can resume being kids.
7. Communicate consistently with parents, students, faculty, and staff as we work through this pandemic week-by-week.

Overall, we are making positive progress, and I am impressed with everyone's ability to adapt and solve for new challenges as they daily arrive. I especially appreciate the support and understanding everyone has shown in implementing this plan of getting back to school.

All Roads Lead to COVID and Quarantine! Not entirely true, but sometimes it sure feels that way! Our charts and rubrics do run about 90% quarantine and 10% other when assessing any signs of illness, so please bear with us as we work through this with you. As we prepared for this school year, we knew that we would most probably have some employees or students quarantining on the first day of school. And yes, we had both. Intermittent quarantining 10-14 days will be a constant over the next several months, if not the entire school year. This may be a challenge at times, but together we can definitely handle this. *"I Can Do Things You Cannot, You Can Do Things I Cannot; Together We Can Do Great Things."* – Mother Teresa

In closing, please know that prayer is a vital part of our every school day. We pray together to begin every school day, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and recognize birthdays. At the end of the day, we also pray together at around 2:52 p.m. and I usually rotate 5-8 prayers to allow the students to slowly, but surely, memorize the words and spirit of these prayers. In this rotation we often pray the Serenity Prayer, the Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel, the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, a Prayer for all those in Military Service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, & Coast Guard) along with all Law Enforcement Personnel, Firefighters, & Emergency Personnel, a Prayer for our Pope, Bishop, Priests, & Religious, and every Friday, a slightly altered version of the Irish Blessing. Your children also pray for you throughout the day, as they offer many prayers for family. You have good children! Have a nice weekend. Sincerely -Rob S.

Please Take the Borromeo Bash Survey Greetings! As we start the 2020-2021 school year we know that all of us have many questions about how the year will play out for many of our normal activities. The Borromeo Bash chairs and committee members have had those same thoughts and questions. Since the event has been such a great success over the last two years we thought it would be best to send a quick email survey to all of last year's attendees and supporters to get their feelings and input for our next event. We want to gauge the interest and feelings about the school and parish community hosting the event as planned this coming winter. We encourage you all to take a few minutes and fill out the survey and leave any extra comments or suggestions for the committee. Your feedback is greatly appreciated as we want to support the community in a safe and responsible manner this coming year. Click here to take the survey: [BORROMEO BASH SURVEY](#) Thank You! - Matt & Kari Smith And Chris & Roby Kaufman, BB Co-Chairs

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.:
 - PreK TA - 3-4 hours per day. Every day. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday afternoons
 - 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.

Calendar Update

August 25	Beginning Orchestra Parent Meeting and Instrument Fitting 6:30 pm in Hession Center Room C/D
August 26	Fine Arts Booster Meeting, Room B
August 27	Cub Scout meeting, 6:30 pm, at Shoaff Park
August 28-29-30	Knights of Columbus sponsor <i>Men's Tool and Toys</i> garage sale
September 3	School IS IN SESSION
September 4	No School - Teachers attend diocesan meeting
September 7	No School - Labor Day Holiday
September 11	Interim Period ends Early Dismissal at 1:00 pm for Staff Development
September 14	School Picture Day
September 18	Interim Reports go home

PowerSchool Note

St. Charles uses PowerSchool for grade management. Parents and students in grades 4-8 have access to view their PowerSchool grades online. PowerSchool account creation/ login papers were sent home with students in grades 4-8 this week. Please ask your student for this paper. Parent account creation information is in the center of the page and student username and password is located on the bottom of the page. We encourage all parents to create (if they have not already done so) their own PS parent account in order to monitor their student's (or students') grades.

If you have already created a PowerSchool account, but need help accessing the account, please email Pam Bojrab: pambojrab@stcharlesschoolfw.org.

Friends of the Poor Walk/Run- Sunday, September 27, 2020- Parkview Field

What: 3-mile Walk Benefitting the St. Vincent de Paul Society

When: Sunday, September 27, 2020 1pm check-in, 2pm start

Where: Parkview Field 1301 Ewing Street, Fort Wayne

Online Registration: <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2493>. T-Shirts and prizes available for those who pre-register!

No Entry Fee. Walk to raise awareness of those living in poverty in Northeast Indiana. Ask friends and family to sponsor you!

CUB SCOUTS It is not too late to join Cub Scouts!! Our first meeting will be at Shoaff Park on Thursday, August 27, under the pavilion next to the splash pad at 6:30 PM. Parents and any boys first through fifth grade are welcome to come check it out. Masks are required. We would love to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Jen Prado 260-416-7411 or Jennaprado@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus

The St. Charles Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a **"Men's Tools and Toys"** garage sale from the Parish Office Garage next to the football field. The sale is Friday, August 28, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Saturday, August 29, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and Sunday, August 30, noon - 4:00 pm. They are in need of donations of new or used shop or lawn tools and sports/recreation equipment. Donations can be dropped off at the St. Charles Parish Office Garage on Saturday, August 22, and Sunday, August 23, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

SCRIP NEWS

Hopefully all of you are settling into this new and different school year. We missed having the opportunity to meet you at "Back-to-School" night but know that the virtual meeting was the right choice for this school year. Look for a special packet from **SCRIP** to come home with your students in the next week. It will contain information that everyone will find helpful – whether or not you are currently familiar with the program.

Schedule Note – With no school on Friday, September 4, **SCRIP** sales will take place on **Thursday, September 3**. This schedule change happens whenever Thursday is the last school day of the week. School orders will also be collected and filled on September 3. Thanks to everyone who sent an order in on Monday – we hope more of you will take advantage of this easy method of purchasing **SCRIP**.

If you are interested in learning more about this fund-raiser that can put money back into your pocket, feel free to contact us in the SCRIP office – 969-4027.

IMPORTANT 2020-2021 Library News

Welcome back! I'm writing to inform you of library happenings as this school year is looking a little different for us.

The students will not be having library class as normal, but will have time each week to come and trade books. This year, students are permitted to check out THREE books at a time. After students return a book(s), it will need to sit for up to 7 days. This is why we are allowing three books to be checked out at a time. We are asking that the students manage their books in a way that they are not returning all three at a time, because they will not be able to check out new books until the 7 days are up and we can check them in. This will be a balancing act for all, and we appreciate your patience with this change. Also, if books are not returned, students may not check out new ones. Please help your child find a safe place to keep books at home. (Out of reach of pets, little brothers or sisters, weather, food, etc.) If a student loses or damages a book, s/he must pay a proportionate fine or pay the cost of replacing the book. Please encourage your child to take care of books and to return borrowed materials to the library promptly.



For those new to St. Charles, students in **grades 2-8** participate in the **Accelerated Reader (AR) program as part of their reading grade**. Students will visit the library each week to check out books to read for AR. The AR program is simple to follow. **(1.)** The student reads a book from the Accelerated Reader book list. **(2.)** The student takes a computerized test on the book (at school only), answering multiple choice questions based on comprehension of the book's characters, plot, and summary. The students are NOT allowed to use the book to help them while taking a test. **(3.)** After finishing the test, the student receives a point score based on the number of questions answered correctly. For example, if the book was worth 5 points, and the student scored a 100% on the test, s/he accumulated 5 points for the quarter by reading that book. **(4.)** Students continue this process until they have fulfilled OR surpassed the required point goal for that particular quarter. The computer keeps track of every student's points (quarterly & cumulatively), and the teachers then include the points for students' reading grades.

Parents can follow along with student's AR progress at home through our AR HOME CONNECT program. A very important letter entitled "Home Connect" was given to the students to give to parents. Please be on the lookout for this letter and ask your teacher if you have not yet received it. Follow the set of instructions in the letter to create your parent account and begin monitoring your student right away! A list of all AR books is available for parents to view by going to the following web address: www.arbookfind.com. There are countless books with AR tests from which students may choose. Type in the title or author and you will be able to see if a book your student may want to read is actually an AR book. You will also be able to see the reading level and point value of the book. If you are not sure if a book is appropriate for your child to be reading, I recommend visiting www.commonsemmedia.org.

The AR points listed in this chart represent the number of points required to be earned each grading period by the students. This is included in the students' reading or literature quarter grades on report cards. Grades 1 & 2 only test with teacher's discretion.

For this first quarter, students are asked to earn only half the required points.

Theresa Knox ~ School Librarian ~ 260-969-4041 Theresaknox@stcharlesschoolfw.org

Accelerated Reader Requirements For The Year

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>READING LEVEL</u>	<u>Quarter 1 AR POINTS</u>	<u>Quarter 2 AR POINTS</u>	<u>1st Semester TOTAL</u>
8	6,7,8+ Check with teacher if below level 6	9	18	27
7	5,6,7+ Check with teacher if below level 5	7	15	22
6	4,5,6+ Check with teacher if below level 4	6	12	18
5	4,5+ Check with teacher if below level 4	4	9	13
4	3,4+ Check with teacher if below level 3	3	6	9
3	2,3+ Check with teacher if below level 2	2	3	5
2	1,2+	1	2	3
1 & K	1+ Advanced Reader/Enrichment			

August 2020 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

24 Hot Dog Tater Tots Raspberry Spinach Salad Pineapple Scooby Snacks Milk	25 Scoops w/Taco Meat, Cheese, Lettuce, & Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk	26 Chicken Nuggets Fries Green Beans Watermelon Milk	27 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Salad w/Ranch Garlic Cheese Toast Pears Milk	28 Cheese Pizza Carrots & Dip Pretzels Go-Gurt Banana Milk
31 Pork Patty Baked Beans Tater Tots Peaches Milk	Sept. 1 French Toast Sticks Sausage Hash Browns Dragon Juice Oranges Milk	Sept. 2 Ham & Turkey Sub Sun Chips Salad w/Ranch Grapes Milk	Sept. 3 Bosco Sticks w/marinara Broccoli Go-Gurt Applesauce Milk	Sept. 4 NO SCHOOL

Lunch Prices 2020-2021

Lunch/Milk \$2.90

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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