



# 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 December, we 'press on' To Seek God. The virtue of humility reminds us to be ourselves and to do our best. Instead of worrying over failures or mistakes, we need to learn from them. We strive, with God's help, to be a little better today than we were yesterday. When we do something wonderful, humility reminds us to be thankful instead of boastful. As we approach Christmas and the great feast of the Incarnation, God becoming human, we see the great humility exemplified in Jesus and we continue to **press on To Seek God!**

*"But as it is written: 'What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him,' this God has revealed to us through the Spirit." 1 Corinthians 2:9-10a*

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. -Is 9:5-6*

## Join Us for Christmas Mass! Peace & Joy to your Families! Mass times are:

Christmas Eve Masses on Thursday, December 24: 4:00 pm (live streamed) 6:30 pm 12:00 midnight  
Christmas Masses on Friday, December 25: 9:00 am 11:00 am (live streamed)

### LOOKING AHEAD - ST. CHARLES SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022

First Day of School Grades PreK-8:	Wednesday, August 11
Labor Day (No School):	September 6
Catholic School Mission Day	September TBD
8th Grade Mass of Confirmation w/Bishop Rhoades	November TBD
Thanksgiving Vacation:	Wed, Nov. 24-Fri., Nov. 26
Christmas Vacation:	December 20 - January 3 (Return Tues. Jan. 4th)
Spring Break:	April 1-8
Good Friday (No School)	April 15
Easter Sunday	April 17
Grade 8 Graduation (tentative):	Tuesday, May 24
School Ends Grades K-8 (tentative):	Friday, May 27

### Upcoming Schedule Changes

**Monday, January 4th, Out of Uniform Day for all Students & Staff!** By decree of Sr. Genevieve! Neat, clean, & modest always.

**Monday, January 18th** No School **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed**  
**Monday, February 15th** No School **Presidents' Day Observed**

Dear Parents and Students,

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** On behalf of our Pastor, Fr. Tom, Frs. James & Thomas, Sr. Genevieve and Mr. Hoersten, I would like to thank you for sending your children to St. Charles. I would also like to thank our Faculty, Staff, and front office team, for all that they have done to keep the school open. We plan on returning in person for the New Year on Monday, January 4th. If we need to adjust at any time and move to remote instruction, we will do so. However, I think we are going to be alright! Although the next month may be dicey, there is hope. Herd immunity is growing slowly, but steadily; the vaccines have arrived; and after, the winter solstice for the Northern Hemisphere occurs on **Monday, December 21, 2020 at 5:02 a.m. EST.**, we will gain roughly two minutes of daylight every day. Brighter days are ahead! Be hopeful. Stay close to God, and continue to get up each day and live life with courage, kindness, and love for one another. We will see you next year! Sincerely - Rob S.

**SPELLING BEE** - Congratulations to sixth grader, Brooke Barton, our St. Charles Borromeo Spelling Bee Champion! Twenty-four students from grades fifth through eighth rigorously competed last Friday, and continued on Monday, in the school spelling bee. Brooke held off a tough challenge from runner-up seventh grader, Rafael Cucueco, and third place, seventh grader Lauren Galbraith. Her winning word was epaulet or epaulette. [This word is originally from a Greek word, passing through Latin to French. It is an ornamental fringed, usually gold-colored, shoulder pad on a uniform, such as the full-dress uniform formerly worn by military officers.] Brooke will represent our school in the Allen County Spelling Bee on Wednesday evening, February 3, 2021 starting at 6:00pm at Purdue Fort Wayne in the Auer Performance Hall.

**Christmas Concert** - Congratulations to our band and orchestra groups who "performed" their Christmas Concert last week. This was recorded and put together in a video for St. Charles students and parents of the members to view. The kids worked out this year to get ready for the concert and performed well. If your child is in band or orchestra and you did not receive the link to the concert Wednesday, December 16, email [kevinhoersten@stcharlesschoolfw.org](mailto:kevinhoersten@stcharlesschoolfw.org) and we will send you the link.

## Calendar Update

December 18	2nd Quarter Ends
December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec. 19 - Jan. 3	No School
December 25	Christmas
December 27	Feast of the Holy Family
January 1	Feast of Mary, Mother of God
January 3	Feast of Epiphany
January 4	School resumes
January 5	Instrument Fitting for Beginning Band, by appointment, 4:30-6:00 pm
January 5	HASA Board meeting
January 8	Report Cards go home
January 10	Feast of the Baptism of our Lord
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr Day - NO SCHOOL

**Students of the Week** - Congratulations to: Ben Sliger, Amy Hernandez, Jayla Staten, Lian Sang, Johncarlo Maldonado, Tycho Peat, Johannes Schindler, Georgia Hogan, Josie Sweigert, Ali Pesa, Emma Cagnet, James Jones, Grace Blotkamp, Holden Firks, Caitlin O'Rourke, Tyler Smith, Kate Williams, Izaak Hartman, Elena Tippmann, Hannah Thurber, Khan Lian, Annie Overman, Emerson Coleman, Karter Williams, Allison Galbraith, Dylan Miguel, Kavi Hartzog.

**BEGINNING BAND** - Any grade 4 student, as well as older students, with an interest in music, is invited to join the beginning band. Information was sent to all fourth grader parents this week. There will be an instrument fitting on Tuesday, January 5, beginning at 4:30 pm. The Band Room is located on the lower level of the Hession Center. Please enter the school at door #3 (near the gym) and the posted signs will direct you to the South Stairs and the Band Room. If you are unable to do stairs, please see the custodian for directions to the elevator. All students interested in joining the band must have an appointment for a fitting on this day. Students have the opportunity to rent instruments at this January meeting so that they have them for the first day of band class which is Wednesday, January 13. Contact the school office, 260-484-3392, or Ms. Bassett, [angelabassett@stcharlesschoolfw.org](mailto:angelabassett@stcharlesschoolfw.org)

**THANK YOU** For a socially distanced THANK YOU to all of the teachers, aides, staff, maintenance, childcare and cafeteria workers in our school; over a hundred treat bags were given as a small token of our appreciation. It could not have been accomplished without the generous volunteers who donated their time, money and yummy treats. Thank you to Alyssa Keys, Angela Bauer, Candace Lehrman, Christina Wulpi, Danielle Meyer, Emily Parker, Emily Walden, Heather Bokhart, Heather Cagnet, Jen Eisaman, Jennifer Reilly, Judy Smith, Julia Eisaman, Kari Samons, Katie Schindler, Kate Sweigert, Katie Firks, Katie Steigmeyer, Kelly Krouse, Kim Hoffman, Lindsay Worrel, Peggy Keefer, Shannon Rorick, Shelley Tippmann, Stacey Isenbarger, Stephanie Bourounis, Susan Parker, and Tina Claycomb. Also a big thank you to the maintenance staff and office staff for their logistics assistance. Couldn't have done it without you! Stephanie Keefer

## **POSTPONED! BORROMEO BASH 2021 Rescheduled for Friday, June 4, 2021**

In consultation with Father Tom and Principal Sordelet, the Borromeo Bash Committee has decided to postpone Borromeo Bash to Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We believe this will give us the best opportunity to host a fun-filled evening of fellowship for the St. Charles School and Parish Community. We appreciate your understanding and support, and we look forward to celebrating the successes of a challenging school year at Borromeo Bash 2021 on Friday, June 4 at Ceruti's.

We will continue to accept donations and sponsorships for Borromeo Bash 2021. We realize that many people will still prefer to make their donation during the 2020 Tax/Budget year. Please note that several charitable donation rules were expanded for 2020 only through the CARES Act. Those rule changes may help individuals and corporations in philanthropic support. Further guidance is available at IRS.gov or from your tax professional.

The school and parish community appreciate any support that you might be able to lend during these uncertain times as we continue to prepare for the 2021 event. If there are any concerns or questions regarding Borromeo Bash 2021, please email the committee at [borromeobash@gmail.com](mailto:borromeobash@gmail.com). **Save the Date!** Sincerely - *The Borromeo Bash Committee*

**SCRIP NEWS** The **SCRIP** team would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the St. Charles school family a very *Merry Christmas!* It's our most sincere hope that each of you enjoy a well deserved break. *2020* will be a different Christmas but the reason for the celebration is the same. *Christ was born* in a time of chaos, darkness and political/social unrest - sound familiar. History does have a way of repeating itself. Just like when He came the first time to be the light in darkness, He is there for us now. Be still and look for the light.

Thank you to everyone who purchased **SCRIP** this past month. Our Christmas sales were wonderful and we could not have done it without our dedicated team of volunteers and the support of the parish and school staff.

If you purchased **SCRIP** gift cards for the first time or just as Christmas gifts, we hope you found the process easy; remember, **SCRIP** is available all year. Each purchase helps the parish and the pandemic has had a negative financial impact on the parish, just as it has on so many businesses and families. An easy way to help out is to use **SCRIP** gift cards for groceries, gas, and many other day-to-day purchases. The rebates realized from **SCRIP** gift cards are typically greater than those on credit cards. Sometimes we think, *it's just a few cents why bother?* But, pennies make dimes and dimes make dollars.

Don't forget that you can pay your *Kohl's* bill with gift cards purchased from **SCRIP**. What is better than appreciating a rebate when paying your bill!

**SCRIP** sales will continue this weekend and we will be in the SCRIP office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 8:30 am – noon for any last minute needs. However, sales will be limited to the inventory we have on hand. After Wednesday, we will be closed until Monday, January 4. We'd love to see a scrip order from each family that day for everyone's grocery needs. *Make SCRIP your New Year's resolution.*

Again, we hope you enjoy a well-deserved break. Stay safe, be kind to one another and look for the light.

**VOLUNTEERS:**

- Jan. 4 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Christina Wulpi
- Jan. 8 - Kathy Johns, Val Lankenau, Maryann Quinn
- Jan. 8 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Kelly Tippmann
- Jan. 9 - Mary Jones, Jill Onion, Tom Ryan
- Jan. 10 - Arianne Davis, Nancy Hartig, Lisa York

**January 2021 Cafeteria Lunch Menu**

<b>4</b> Hot Dog Green Beans Fries Pineapple Milk	<b>5</b> Corn Chips w/Taco Meat Lettuce, Cheese Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk	<b>6</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Dinner Roll Steamed Carrots Peaches Milk	<b>7</b> Ham & Turkey Sub Doritos Veggies & Dip Pears Milk	<b>8</b> Bosco Sticks w/Marinara Broccoli Go-Gurt Mixed Fruit Milk
<b>11</b> Orange Chicken w/sauce Fried Rice Spring Roll Sugar Snap Peas Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie Milk	<b>12</b> Pork Patty Broccoli Tater Tots Apricots Milk	<b>13</b> Soft Chicken Taco w/Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans Corn Grapes Milk	<b>14</b> Cheeseburger Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Sweet Potato Fries Applesauce Milk	<b>15</b> Bread Sticks w/Cheese Sauce Veggies & Dip Go-Gurt Mixed Fruit Milk
<b>18</b> No School	<b>19</b> Chicken Patty Baked Beans Fries Fruit Salad Milk	<b>20</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sun Chips Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>21</b> Chicken Caesar Salad Broccoli Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Pears Milk	<b>22</b> Cheese Pizza Veggies & Dip Pretzels Go-Gurt Peaches Milk
<b>25</b> Pasta w/Meat Sauce Salad w/Ranch Dressing Garlic Cheese Toast Applesauce Milk	<b>26</b> Corn Dog Raspberry Spinach Salad Tater Tots Pineapple Milk	<b>27</b> Corn Chips w/Taco Meat Cheese, Lettuce Refried Beans Corn Grapes Milk	<b>28</b> Ham & Turkey Sub Doritos Celery w/Peanut Butter Banana Milk	<b>29</b> Cheese Omelette w/Salsa Hash Browns Pancake w/Syrup Dragon Juice Mandarin Oranges 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](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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