



*St. Charles Catholic School  
Wednesday Newsletter*

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*"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them."  
-- Thoreau*

Dear Parent(s),

Recently a family friend was showing me her calendar detailing all of her children's activities for the month. The visual effect was quite overwhelming. This particular family has several children and they all seem to be involved in so many things. Our children have so many opportunities available to them! I truly am amazed at how parents keep those schedules flowing.

Perhaps there may be a downside to scheduling our children with numerous structured activities. There surely is some value in a certain amount of downtime. More important, there is tremendous value in family time. In my family we have always placed a high value on the family eating dinner together. As the kids got older it was difficult at times, given all of the extra-curricular activities, but for the most part we managed to do just that, eat together as a family.

Now that my children are away from home and on their own I often reflect upon the great conversations we had at the dinner table about school and their lives in general. Yes, we talked about all the teachers, everything that was going on in the classroom, and got as much of the details about their friends as we could. Those were good times and I firmly believe it strengthened our family unit tremendously. Nothing fancy....just sharing a meal and staying in touch.

My advice to you is that you not fall into the trap of believing your children have to have everything or be involved in every conceivable activity. Make a special effort to create a balance in their lives. What they want most is time with you. They need the time to talk about their lives, their dreams, their difficulties. They need constant affirmation that they are important, unique and special. Unconditional love without any strings attached!

Involve your children in a variety of activities for sure, but be ever mindful of the need for balance in your lives. If you don't....it will run you ragged!

God Bless.

Michael Halstead  
Principal

## OFFICE NOTES/PARENT REMINDERS

### FAMILY DIRECTORY

#### Corrections / Updates

E-mail update for the Roman family: Ramiro and Lucia  
[lcroman@gmail.com](mailto:lcroman@gmail.com) (all lowercase lettering).

### SCHOOL MAKE-UP PICTURES

All school picture orders must be turned into the school office no later than Friday, October 30, 2009. Remember to include payment with your order form. If we do not receive your order by Friday, there will be a late fee charged after this date.

If you have any questions, please call the school office.

### BROWN ENVELOPE INFORMATION

Wednesday Envelope information needs to be submitted by Noon the Monday prior to the Wednesday Brown Envelope delivery.

Mr. Halstead will need to approve everything that is requested.

If your request is not received by this time, it will be delayed and distributed in the next brown envelope (approximately two weeks later). You will not be able to come in the morning of envelope stuffing and make your own copies and have the information placed in the envelopes.

We would appreciate it if you would send all your information via the school e-mail address:

[stcharleshartland@hotmail.com](mailto:stcharleshartland@hotmail.com).

### SCHOOL HAS BEGUN

Our school day begins promptly everyday at 8:25a.m.

We are asking parents to please remember the school day has begun. The announcements are being said, teachers are trying to get students to mass, specials or beginning their teaching for the day. We are asking you not to linger in the hallways once school has begun. This helps all the children focus on the school day ahead.

Thanks for your help and understanding.

### HOMEWORK REQUESTS

When students are not going to be in school due to illness or other reasons and you would like to pick up their homework please contact the child's teacher by e-mail and / or school office by e-mail or a phone call. Let us know when you will be able to pick up the homework and it will be available in the school office or sent home with a sibling.

We are asking you to pick up the homework in the school office so we do not disrupt the teachers while they are teaching the other students or you may be interrupting students while taking a test.

We appreciate all your consideration for the other students.

### HOT LUNCH

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Everyday before lunch starts the tables and chairs are all sanitized thoroughly. After the first seating is finished, the tables that were used are again sanitized. The checkout table and keypad are sanitized several times during lunch. After the second seating all tables are sanitized using a spray especially

designed to prevent H1N1. Then all surfaces like keypads, hot lunch line tables, fruit and veggie bar, ice packs, light switches and handles on the cooler are sanitized. We start lunch and end lunch with full sanitation. Also, all students, volunteers and staff entering the cafeteria have to use the new hand sanitizers recently installed on the wall. It would be very hard for H1N1 to survive in the cafeteria!

The hot lunch menu for November is available on-line.

## HEALTH ROOM NEWS

### H1N1 Update

Clearly, the incidence of the flu in Waukesha County is on the rise. St. Charles School continues to diligently following flu avoidance procedures. School staff monitors daily attendance and are persistent in contacting parents in attempt to ascertain symptoms. Our goal in this regard is to ensure that children are not returned to school if they are still contagious.

Your cooperation is needed with the following:

- If your child develops a Fever of  $\geq 100$  with a sore throat and/or cough stay home! These are the cardinal signs of the flu. Please have your child stay home until afebrile, which is, 24 hours with no fever and no fever medications. Children will not be allowed to return to school until this condition is met.
- When calling your child in sick please give the following information: Date of onset, symptoms (including if a fever is present and to what degree). Expect your child to be home 3-5 school days for flu symptoms.

## WAUKESHA COUNTY VACCINATIONS

Waukesha County will hold free, public vaccination clinics to provide intranasal H1N1 flu vaccine targeted to healthy people between who are between 2 and 24 years of age, caregivers of infants under 6 months of age, and health care workers and emergency responders between the ages of 18 and 49. **At this time, the only vaccine available is the live, intranasal vaccine that can only be administered to healthy individuals between the ages of 2 and 49.**

The vaccination will be given on a first come, first serve basis until the vaccine supply runs out at the Waukesha County Expo Center Forum Building on the following dates and times:

- **Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.**
- **Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

I am excited to announce the format for the 2009 Christmas Concert: *Once Upon a Starry Night.*

The program, set for Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p.m. portrays the conversation between the stars of the universe. They are discussing the story of Christ's birth as they remember it. The program is filled with exciting upbeat new songs, as well as the wonderful Christmas classics.

Auditions for speaking and / or solo singing roles in the program will be held on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30a.m. in the Youth Room next to the Music room. Auditions are open to all 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Sample scripts have been given out to all interested students for rehearsing. All auditioning students will be able to write two characters of their choice they would like auditioning for. This does not guarantee they will receive one of these two parts, but we will do our best in this matter.

Roles available for audition:

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|----------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1. Little Glow       | 2. Big Glow         | 3. Shooting Star                         | 4. Lieutenant Star |
| 5. Comet Powell      | 6. Star 1, 2, 3 & 4 | 7. Wiseman 1, 2, 3 (has a singing solo), |                    |
| 8. Shepard 1, 2, & 3 |                     | 9. Baabara (singing solo included)       | 10. Mary           |
| 11. Joseph           | 12. Angel           | 13. Camel (non-speaking part)            |                    |

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week begins January 31, 2010. The St. Charles School Committee is looking for parents to join the Catholic Schools Week Planning Committee. Please help us create and implement a fun and faith filled week for our School. Please contact Mary Beth Yeager at [mbyeager@wi.rr.com](mailto:mbyeager@wi.rr.com) or (262) 246-1769 for more information.

Thank You!

## COMMITTEE NEWS/Fundraising

### SCRIP

This week orders are due in the office by FRIDAY October 30, or online by 5:00 PM on Sunday November 1.

Pickup will be THURSDAY 11/5 after school. Please note the Thursday pick up date due to no school on Friday 11/6.

As always, you can also go online to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) to place your order and use enrollment code 8F6L51D1476L

### Market Day

Orders Due to School Office by 3:00 <Tuesday, 11/3/09>, or online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) by 11:00p.m. <Friday, 11/6/09>  
**Pick Up** in Parish Hall on <Tuesday, 11/10/09, from 3:30 – 4:30.

## Stock up on Wine for the Holidays Help St. Charles School!

Bin One Eleven, Hartland, is offering six fabulous wines for sale - with 10% of the sale price going to St. Charles School! Orders placed and paid for at Bin One Eleven between now and November 21 qualifies when you mention the St. Charles Moonlight Tasting event.

The wines included in this program are:

Citra Pinot Grigio Italy 2007, Polka Dot Riesling. 2007 Pflaz, Germany,  
McWilliams Hanwood Estate Shiraz South Eastern Australia 2005, Canto de  
Flora Chardonnay Chile, Martin Codax "Ergo" Tempranillo 2006 Rioja, Spain,  
Red Rock Merlot California 2006.

See our website for more information about the Moonlight Tasting Event at  
[www.stcharlesschoolhartland.com](http://www.stcharlesschoolhartland.com). Don't forget to tell your relatives and friends!

## Moonlight Wine Tasting

This event will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Marianno's here in Hartland, from  
6:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at this fun event.

We are still taking reservations.

## Lifestyle: by Market Day

Thank you to everyone that participated in the "Lifestyle" by Market Day fundraiser. Total amount sold was \$1687.00 with \$843.50 profit to St. Charles School. Highest individual sales went to Anthony Boesl, \$151.00. First place belongs to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They will be choosing a party of their choice.

Both Mrs. Frommell (1<sup>st</sup>. place class) and Miss Ritzman (2<sup>nd</sup> place class)  
will pick 3 items each from the open house kit.

Great job everyone!!!

## Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11:30

Christmas is just around the corner and Breakfast with Santa is a great way to start the holiday season. You can help to make this year's Breakfast with Santa a huge success (and a profitable fundraiser for our school) in many ways:

**First** - Save the date! A winning combination of attendance and volunteerism will go a long way to making the event successful! This year's event will be "open seating" with advance ticket sales (tickets will be sold at the door for a slight up-charge). Make sure to invite your neighbors and friends and plan on attending as a family too. See the full volunteer sheet to sign up.

**Second** - Donate a Raffle item. We hope to bring back the raffle of a few items for all ages. If you don't have anything to donate, consider a cash donation so that a larger item can be purchased. Contact Jennifer Taylor for drop off information. [ttaylor1012@wi.rr.com](mailto:ttaylor1012@wi.rr.com)

**Third** -help us wrap the some silverware and prepare cello gift bags. These are easy and "at home" jobs that need to be done in advance of our breakfast. Contact Margaret Wieland if you can help. [margaret@eng-mfg-serv.com](mailto:margaret@eng-mfg-serv.com)

## **CRUSADER NEWS**

### **SETON VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

WANTED: St. Charles FANS with Enthusiasm & Spirit! And, your prayers!!!

WHEN: 8th grade boys play Monday, November 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and continue November 5-8 as long as they continue to win

8th grade girls play in Division 2 Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. and continue November 5, 7, and 8 as long as they continue to win

WHERE: Elizabeth Seton Volleyball Tournament, Center Court, 815 Northview Rd., Waukesha (across from the airport)

MORE INFO: Visit [www.theseton.org](http://www.theseton.org) for details

Thank you,  
Vicki Dubnicka (262) 538-3821

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

This past weekend the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl's team had a very exciting match against St. Patrick.

They secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the WACC Conference.

Way to go girls!!!

### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE GIRL'S "BLACK" TEAM**

It was a great weekend of volleyball for the St. Charles 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls "Black" team! They defeated St. Roberts, Holy Apostles "Blue" Team, and St. James Mukwonago to face Holy Apostles "White" team in the championship match. With a 21-25 loss the first game the girls rallied back in the second and third games to win 26-24 and 15-11 and bring home the First Place Trophy.

Congratulations girls!!!

## **STUDENT SECTION**

### **CATHOLIC MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

The high school is inviting all 8<sup>th</sup> graders to attend placement testing on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00a.m. -11:30a.m. The placement test is used by our Counseling Center to assist us in placing student in the appropriate course study. The results of the placement test will be used as the basis for our merit based scholarship. We request that you pre-register by completing and returning the Application to Admission and \$25 by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications are available at [catholicmemorial.net](http://catholicmemorial.net), go to the Admissions then forms. If you have any questions please contact the Office of Admissions, 262-542-7101.

Julie Lindahl – ext. 242 or [jlindahl@catholicmemorial.net](mailto:jlindahl@catholicmemorial.net)

Mary Hutchens – ext. 204 or [mhutchens@cathoicmemorial.net](mailto:mhutchens@cathoicmemorial.net)

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser**

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

\$35.00 each – Make checks payable to St. Charles School.

Great idea for the holidays and birthdays.  
If you have any questions, please contact Monica Dannenfelser or Dawn McLeod.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- November 1** All Saints Day  
Youth Ministry Pizza Orders Due by Noon
- November 3 – 6** Basketball Fundamentals Camp
- November 5** Quarter 1 Ends
- November 6** **NO SCHOOL**  
CPR / AED Training 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.
- November 14** Moonlight Tasting
- November 18** Report Cards
- November 24 & 25** Parent / Teacher Conferences

### Wednesday Brown Envelope Dates

November 11 & 18  
December 2 & 9 & 16  
January 13 & 27  
February 10 & 24  
March 10 & 24 & 31(if necessary)  
April 14 & 28  
May 12 & 19 & 26  
June 2 & 9