



St. Charles Catholic School
Wednesday Newsletter

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“Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.” -- Will Rogers

Dear Parent(s),

Thanksgiving can be a wonderful time for children. It is a holiday which can be full of memories and rich traditions. Involve your children as much as you can in the festivities.

There are a number of ways to keep the kids busy and involved, freeing you up to get the cooking done. Here are some suggestions which I read in a magazine years ago:

Find meaningful tasks for the children to do in the feast preparation, Dependent upon age, they can help with a variety of tasks, such as, mashing potatoes, salad prep, preparing veggie and fruit trays, stuffing the turkey, basting the turkey, etc.

Consider having them be the official household greeter while you attend to last minute kitchen details. This can be made into a very special “job” keeping them out from under your feet. They may even want to make a decorative “vest” out of a brown paper bag to wear as a door greeter.

Kids can also serve as “waiter”, serving drinks or appetizers. Many would be thrilled to be dressed up for the role.

For others, perhaps they could become the half time entertainment if watching the football game that day. Many youngsters would love providing the entertainment by performing songs, dances, etc.

And don't forget to expect your children to help with the cleaning. All school aged children can and should be expected to help with this endeavor. It teaches great life skills and isn't that why we have no conferences or school on Wednesday afternoon the 25th.....so your kids can help clean?

My point is that you consciously allow your kids to be part of making the happy memories. That's what holidays are all about!

Thanksgiving is a day of expressing our gratitude by giving thanks. Remember to express your gratitude for our loving God and his ever presence.

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Michael Halstead
Principal

On a side note: I call your attention to a review / clarification of the “Dismissal at the End of the School Day” procedure included in this weeks brown envelope.

OFFICE NOTES/PARENT REMINDERS

DISMISSAL AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please find enclosed in this week's brown envelope clarification/reminder of the dismissal / car pick-up procedure at St. Charles School.

We've gotten a bit lax on the procedure and need to tighten it up for the safety of all students. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Mr. Halstead

COLD WEATHER DAYS APPROACHING

The weather this past week has been wonderful in Wisconsin.

No rain, no sleet, no wind storms and no snow..... yet.

We are asking everyone to keep in mind that the Wisconsin climate is about to change.

We need everyone to remember to dress appropriately for the weather on any given day. Please remember to send the kids to school with a coat, hat and maybe some mittens.

(LABEL ALL THEIR CLOTHES)

If we should need to have indoor recess, to be energy efficient, the classroom temperatures will be set around 68 degrees.

OFFICE REQUEST

Electric / Correctable Typewriter

It seems these things may be extinct, but believe it or not, we still have a few forms that require us to use a typewriter.

If you should happen to have one you would like to donate to the school office, please contact us at 262-367-2040.

Thanks.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

The calendar is on the back page of the newsletter.

HEALTH ROOM NEWS

St. Charles School continues to diligently follow 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 ≥ 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 after the fever breaks, 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.

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

As the 2009 Christmas concert is fast approaching, I would like to ask for help in organizing and creating fun costumes for this years' production! This year's program is called Once Upon a Starry Night and describes the story of Christ's birth through the eye witness of the heavenly stars! The main characters of the story include a variety of stars with fun characteristics: Comet Powell, Lieutenant Star, Big Glow, Little Glow and 4 little stars. There are also three camel characters that require costuming as well.

If you have any ideas or would like to take on this fun responsibility, please let me know as soon as possible! I am so excited for the fun possibilities these costumes may bring!

Please shoot me an email if you possess interest: tiffanypencak@yahoo.com.

Thank you again and have a blessed day!
Miss Tiffany Pencak

COMMITTEE NEWS/Fundraising

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 12th 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:

We really need your help...

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

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

SCRIP

This week orders are due in the office by FRIDAY November 20, or online by 5:00 PM on Sunday November 22. Pickup will be FRIDAY 12/4 after school.

See the enclosed flyer that explains how the ShopWithScrip website works. It is very user friendly - use it for all your Christmas shopping.

Also, note that iTunes now is offered in a \$ 25 denomination, in addition to the already available \$15. St. Charles earns 5% on each iTunes purchase.

We are looking for someone to sell SCRIP before and after the 5 PM mass on Saturdays. We need someone 1 -2 times per month and it will count toward your school volunteer hours. If you are interested, please contact Mary Rohr at 262-246-8348.

Market Day

Christmas is fast approaching, make sure you remember to order all your food needs for the holidays.

Orders Due to School Office by 3:00 <Tuesday, 12/1/09>,
or online at www.marketday.com by 11:00p.m. <Friday, 12/4/09>
Pick Up in Parish Hall on <Tuesday, 12/8/09, from 3:30 – 4:30.

Moonlight Wine Tasting

Thanks to everyone who attended our first wine tasting fundraiser. The event was quite a success and everyone had a great time.

Stock up on Wine for the Holidays
and 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.

Packer Chili Cook – Off

Way to go Packers!!!

Sitting back, watching the game on a big screen TV, visiting with friends and sharing our own famous chili recipes made this a very exciting event.

We had 11 chili entries and our judges were Mr. Halstead, Fr. Ken and Beth Thompson.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers for the wine tasting event and the chili cook-off. With all your time and effort both of these events were successful.

We truly appreciate everything you do.

We'd like to see you back next year!

CRUSADER NEWS

St. CHARLES ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

2009 Tournament Countdown!
Jeff Eaves' Memorial
Season-opening Tournament
November 21-29th 2009
Benefiting Lou Gehrig's Disease
Please come out and cheer on our teams!!!

STUDENT SECTION

LOOKING AHEAD

- November 18** Report Cards
- November 24 & 25** Parent / Teacher Conferences
- December 5** First Reconciliation
- December 8** Holy Day – All School Mass (Immaculate Conception)
- December 10** Christmas Concert 6:30pm Recreation Center
- December 12** Breakfast with Santa (8:30a.m.)
- December 21** Steiner Blood Drive 2:00pm – 6:00pm Borrromeo Room
- December 22** School Spirit Party

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