



*St. Charles Catholic School  
Wednesday Newsletter*

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*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.  
Honor one another above yourselves.  
Romans 12:10*

***True Christmas Meaning***

*Thousands of years ago,  
Revealed by prophets of the past,  
Under the dark and starry night,  
Emmanuel was born at last.*

*Covered in His swaddling clothes,  
Honor was given to the newborn King,  
Representing peace and goodwill to all men,  
It's because of Him that the angels did sing.  
Sent by King Herod to find Him,  
Three wise men were led by a star,  
Myrrh, gold and frankincense were given,  
As gifts from the men from afar.  
Standing in awe at the manger,*

*Magi worshipped and gave praise joyfully,  
Eventually this child would grow older,  
And give His life for you and for me.  
Now as we set apart a special day of the year,  
In remembrance for all who believe,  
Never forget why our Father did send Him,  
God's gift is the greatest we'll ever receive.*

*Linda lee Wolovich, 2003*

***Let us thank God for His many  
blessings and remember He gave  
us His only begotten Son.***

*Have a blessed Christmas and an inspirational New Year.*

Michael Halstead  
Principal

## **OFFICE NOTES/PARENT REMINDERS**

### **WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR**

#### **SPIRIT PARTY**

Our school's annual Spirit Party will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2009. The gathering will begin at 1:00p.m. and end around 2:00p.m. Our students will be making fleece blankets for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

When the service project has been completed, the students will go to recess and then have a classroom Christmas party until the end of the day.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom Mom for details regarding the party.

#### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE CALCULATIONS**

Enclosed with this week's brown envelope is a flyer with Revision / Clarification of the Handbook Policy Academic Honors and Recognition.

These revisions / clarifications will be effective with the second quarter grades, of the 2009-10 school year.

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

#### **HOT LUNCH**

Your family lunch account statement will be sent home with the first brown envelope of each month. The statements will show the previous month's lunch activities.

Reminder – please make checks for hot lunch payable to St. Charles School and note in the memo section of the check that this check is for the hot lunch program.

#### **FAMILY DIRECTORY**

Change of address / phone number

Jungwirth, Erik & Karen  
746 Prestwick Ct.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066 262-567-1783

#### **PICKING UP STUDENTS / SIGN STUDENTS IN or OUT**

Parents please remember, when you will not be picking up your child after school, we need to have a note regarding who will be allowed to pick up your child that particular day. Please send a note to school with your child that day, for their teacher.

We also need you to sign your child in or out, when you leave early, come late or go to an appt. We need to know who is in school at all times.

The sheets are located in front of the school office.

All volunteers must also sign in and out.

Thanks for all your help and understanding in these matters.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

The calendar is the last page. .

### HEALTH ROOM NEWS

#### H1N1 Update

Thanks to everyone for their consideration during our struggle with the flu bug. Keeping the children home when they are not feeling well and updating us on how the children are feeling on a daily basis had made a huge impact on our school's health.

### NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

#### STEINER BLOOD DRIVE

St Charles School is holding a blood drive on Monday 12/21/2009, Borromeo Room, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.. This is the first ever blood drive sponsored by our school and we are holding it to help increase the blood supply that is currently being used by one of our school families.

Patients are counting on receiving this blood to help them survive or heal. Let's all participate and make this blood drive a success for all of us. If you haven't signed up yet, please consider doing so by following the instructions below. You'll be doing more good than you know.

Please click on the link and enter Drive Number **DRV0100996** to schedule an appointment

Link: <https://portal.bcw.edu/sites/mobapt/default.aspx?key=099064174047>

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser for our school library will start on Friday, January 22, 2009. We are in need of volunteers. Enclosed with this week's brown envelope is a sign up sheet. If you can, please complete the form and return it to our librarian, Mrs. McAleer.

Thanks for all your help.

#### D.R.I.V.E.

Beginning the second semester of this school year we will introduce the D.R.I.V.E. Program (Drug Resistance Instruction and Violence Education) for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students. This drug prevention program for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students is designed to provide the information and tools they need to stay drug and violence free.

This is a nine (9) week program, one hour per week. The instructor is Maureen Hahn, a retired Sheriff Deputy, with past experience as a DARE Officer. Mrs. Hahn is currently implementing this program at several of our surrounding Catholic schools.

More information will be sent to parents of current 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students in early January.

## COMMITTEE NEWS/Fundraising

### SCRIP

As I mentioned to the families at the conclusion of the Christmas Concert last week, **I am asking for your commitment to drastically improve upon our SCRIP usage.**

I, like many of you, have avoided the use of SCRIP. To me it has been just too cumbersome, complex, confusing, etc. It was only recently that I sat down to try to understand the process. I still find it a bit overwhelming. However, I also came to the conclusion that if I at least focused on ONE of the many possible retailers allowing SCRIP, I could make a big difference for the school. The retailer I chose to focus on is Sentry where we do our weekly shopping.

What makes this convenient to me is that it is a retailer that we use weekly, spending on average \$150.00 per week on groceries at Sentry. That computes to approximately a \$234.00 annual return to the school. IT'S SO SIMPLE! ALL I NEED TO DO IS PURCHASE MY MONTHLY \$600 (\$150/WK) OF SENTRY SCRIP. I shop there every week.... No additional cost to me... and I help fund the school. Why wouldn't I want to do that??

If each and every family focused on merely one retailer that they use on a regular weekly basis it would benefit the school significantly. If each family merely purchased their weekly groceries with SCRIP the school could easily raise \$20,000. Please make your commitment as I just did. Beginning January get your monthly SCRIP orders in for your favorite grocer. Our goal for SCRIP right now is a total of \$5,000. I hope you agree that we can all do much better than that. My goal is \$20,000, please join me.

Many of you have consistently asked that we reduce the number of fundraisers. Well, here is an opportunity for us to move in that direction. USE SCRIP FOR WEEKLY GROCERIES! Please make this a reality. Each and every family needs to make this happen. I'm counting on you, thanks so much. Please find enclosed your SCRIP Order Form.

Mr. Halstead

### MARKET DAY

Orders Due to School Office by 3:00 <Tuesday, 1/12/10>,  
or online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) by 11:00p.m. <Friday, 1/15/10>  
**Pick Up** in Parish Hall on <Tuesday, 1/19/10, from 3:30 – 4:30.

## CRUSADER NEWS

### St. CHARLES ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers we have had a successful tournament. Congratulations to all our teams that participated and for all the parents who were there during the Thanksgiving weekend.

If you did not get a chance to come to the event maybe next year you can come and watch or help out with the needs of the tournament.

Thanks again to everyone.

## STUDENT SECTION

### HONOR ROLL – 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER GRADES

#### HIGH HONORS

##### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

George Dannenfelser  
Jackie Dubnicka  
Matt Grolemond  
Brittany Hamer  
Sarah Olson  
Bill Sheaffer  
Sami Taylor  
Marisa Ulrich

#### HONORS

Brian Kohr  
David McLeod  
David Rohr  
Teddy Sibilsky

##### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Alana Arens

##### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Ellie Esser  
Maura Keenan  
Laura McCann  
Garrick Olejnik  
Amanda Olson  
Alec Sheaffer  
Riley Voss

Kiah Arens  
Anthony Boesl  
Jessica Heyrman  
Katie McGinn  
Matthew Prah  
Caitlin Supple  
Julianna Zanoni

## CONGRATULATIONS

Fourth grader Karina Smits, who dances with the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance, recently took 1<sup>st</sup> place with her choreography team and 2<sup>nd</sup> place with her ceili team when she competed at the 2009 Mid-America Irish Dance Championships. This year's competition was held in Columbus, Ohio, from Nov. 27-29, bringing over 1,400 top-notch dancers from 59 Irish Dance schools across the Midwest. Her team qualified to attend the National Championships which will be held in Orlando, Florida in 2010.

## LOOKING AHEAD

December 17	Bethlehem Market Place 4K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.
December 18	Bethlehem Market Place 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr.
December 21	Steiner Blood Drive 2:00pm – 6:00pm
December 22	Spirit Party Parish Hall 1:00pm – 3:00pm
December 23	Christmas Break Begins
<b>January 4</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>
January 13	Brown Envelope
January 22	Early Release / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Grades End / Teacher In-Service
	Scholastic Book Fair Begins
January 31	Catholic School's Week Begins