



*St. Charles Catholic School
Wednesday Newsletter*

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*Do not throw away your confidence
in the Lord; it will be richly rewarded.
Hebrews 10:35*

Dear Families,

Last Wednesday you should have received your registration packet for the 2010-2011 school year. Registrations will be accepted in the order received. **To ensure placement all in-house registrations must be returned to school by February 5, 2010.**

There is considerable excitement in the air as we look toward next school. The Parish Council has approved several new initiatives to be included in the budget development for 2010-2011. They include the following:

- 3K Program: A.M. sessions with families having a 2, 3, or 5-day/ wk option.
- 4K Expansion: Both A.M. and All Day options available.
- Inclusion of Kgn. placements in calculation of multiple child discounts.
- Reduction of rates for Non-Parishioner / Non-Catholics to 25% above Parishioner rate vs. double rate of the past.
- No increase in the tuition rate for 4K ½ Day.
- Addition of 50% Art Teacher to expand and solidify an already excellent Art program facilitated by current volunteers.
- Addition of Health Care Aide for 2.5 Hrs/Day.
- Allowance for Parish employee discounts.
- A modest 3% tuition increase for Grades 5K-8.
- Continuation of After School Care.
- Initiation of an Annual School Development Fund (Details to follow in early February)

When taken as a whole, these are significant changes to both service delivery and fiscal structure. As a school community we are blessed to have such a resounding level of support from the Parish leadership.

Clearly, St. Charles School is positioning itself to be one of the premiere schools in the greater Waukesha County area. In a time when many schools are reducing services and budgets, we are expanding. This is time to have faith and trust that we will continue to strive for excellence in the years to come.

*St. Charles School...Rich in Tradition and Excellence,
Moving forward with a Bold Vision!*

Sincerely,

Michael Halstead
Principal

OFFICE NOTES/PARENT REMINDERS

RIGISTRATION FORMS

When completing your school registration form would you please remember to initial all 3 requirements in the Church Support section and to sign and date the form.

Thanks.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GPA CALCULATIONS

As was announced in the December school newsletter, effective the 2nd Quarter of this school year the GPA calculation method will change.

Middle School students qualify for Honor Roll status if they earn a GPA of 3.5 or better. Also, they qualify for High honors if they earn a 4.0 or better.

Past policy equated all like letter grades to be of the same mathematical value:

A+, A, A-	all were given a 4.0 Value
B+, B, B-	all were given a 3.0 Value
C+, C, C-	all were given a 2.0 Value
D+, D, D-	all were given a 1.0 Value

While the School Committee strongly supports an honor roll system, the merits of having a high honor system at the middle school level becomes debatable. Therefore, the school committee concluded that if having a high honor system the calculation of GPA should at least have mathematical integrity. Therefore, the value system as approved in Nov. '09 is as follows:

A+	4.33	B+	3.33	C+	2.33	D+	1.33
A	4.00	B	3.00	C	2.00	D	1.00
A-	3.67	B-	2.67	C-	1.67	D-	.67

The above values are consistent with a Four Point Grading System. Please direct any questions or concerns to the school principal.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The Nation Catholic School Week program will begin on Sunday, January 31st, 2010.

We will begin with our students participating in the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses this Sunday. We will also have a school Open House from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Please invite all your friends and neighbors to come and visit our school.

On Monday, February 1st we will be collecting food pantry donation to stock the shelves in our parish food pantry.

Students who give food donations will be allowed to dress down in their favorite athletic apparel. (Flyer enclosed regarding specific donations) – please note changes to requests:
No Mac & Cheese or canned vegetables.

The pantry is in need of canned meats and canned fruits.

Tuesday, February 2nd, students will make Valentine Day cards for the military troops and send care packages. Dress down for this date will be Red, White & Blue if you

bring a donation for the military. (Donation list enclosed).

On Wednesday February 3rd, we have an open house from 9:00am – 10:30am. Students will interact throughout the day and our dress down day will be: show your school spirit and wear your school spirit wear.

For Thursday, February 4th, Fr. Ken, Fr. Dominic and Sr. Barbara will be visiting classrooms to discuss faith, the catholic family and church history.

There will be an ice cream social at 2:30pm in the cafeteria.

On Friday, February 5 will be taking a field trip to attend Mass at the Cathedral of St. John Evangelical Church.

Please have all the students wear a red polo shirt and khaki pants.

Students will return to school for lunch and many busy activities for the day.

There will be a family celebration this evening with a pot luck dinner and a dance to follow.

TARDY STUDENTS

Parents when you child is late for school, please remind them to stop at the school office and check in and give their request for the hot lunch choices of the day.

We need to have our hot lunch orders in by 9:00am each day. If your child does not put in an order for hot lunch by this time, they may not receive the lunch they would like.

Thanks for all your help.

FAMILY DIRECTORY

Change of address / phone number

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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HEALTH ROOM NEWS

REMINDER

If your child is sick, please contact the school office and let us know they will not be attending school. We would appreciate it if you let us know what your child's symptoms are and how long they have had these symptoms.

Please try to reinforce our request for students to wash their hands regularly. We believe this helps keep the kids healthy. Thanks for all your help.

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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 5th Grade students. This drug prevention program for 5th 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.

Make sure to ask the kids what they discussed and learned.

COMMITTEE NEWS/Fundraising

SCRIP

Scrip orders are due in the office by Friday, 1/29 or online by Sunday 1/31 at 5PM

Pickup will be Friday 2/5 after school

If you go online to www.shopwithscrip.com use our enrollment code 8F6L51D1476L

MARKET DAY

Orders Due to School Office by 3:00 <Tuesday, 2/9/10>,
or online at www.marketday.com by 11:00p.m. <Friday, 2/12/10>

Pick Up in Parish Hall on <Tuesday, 2/16/10, from 3:30 – 4:30.

CRUSADER NEWS

BASKETBALL

The St. Charles School basketball season will be coming to the end soon (for some teams). If you have not been to a game yet, please come to one of our weekend games and support our players.

The games are fun and the kids really appreciate all your support.

We hope to see soon.

GO CRUSADERS

STUDENT SECTION

VALENTINE'S DAY

TREAT BAGS The 8th grade class is doing a fundraiser. Please complete the form and return to school with a \$2.00 donation (per child) by February 10th. . Treat bags will be deliver to your child(ren) along with the special note you have completed for them.

CLASSROOM PARTIES Each classroom will host a Valentine 's Day party on Friday, February 12th at 2:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom Mom.

Happy Valentine's Day!!!

SPELLING BEE

On Friday, January 29th, the school will hold their annual spelling bee. This past week each class has

held their classroom bee. The top finalists in each class will participate in our all school spelling bee on the 29th. The spelling bee will be held in the Rec Center at 10:30am.

LOOKING AHEAD

January 31	Catholic Schools Week begins 9:00am and 10:30AM School Open House 11:30am – 1:00pm
February 5	Mass - St. John's Cathedral Potluck Dinner & Dance 5:30pm
February 10 & 24	Brown Envelopes
February 15	No School
February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 20	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Steiner Family 4:00pm – 8:00pm.
February 26	No School Teacher In - Service

PARISH

Parish Sanctuary Remodeling

Thank you to everyone who provided their time, talent, and donations to the remodeling of the Sanctuary. This could not have been completed in one week without your help!

Guardians needed for Eucharist Adoration

The following times slots are open for guardians during the Friday Eucharistic Adoration: Noon—1:00 and 1:00—2:00. If you are able to help, please see Shari Lester after the 8:30 a.m. weekday Mass or call the Parish Office at 262-367-0800.

Turn in Last Year's Palms

Traditionally, the dried palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations are burned to make the ashes we are marked with on Ash Wednesday. We will be collecting palms beginning now through Tuesday, February 16th. Please bring your old palms and place them in the baskets in the Narthex.