

St. Charles School 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/ REMINDERS

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless all of you during this Christmas season.

We look forward to the upcoming New Year.

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.

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

“Celebrate Me, a Person of Worth”

Once again, St. Charles School will offer a Human Growth and Development program designed for 5th and 6th Grade students.

This program has been developed over the past 20 years by its designer, Molly O’Connell. Mrs. O’Connell presents the material from a Christian perspective using questions and discussion opportunities. Topics of discussion include: self-esteem, anatomy, puberty, conception and birth, emotional and social changes, communication and decision making challenges.

Tentatively, the program is scheduled for mid-February. The program is delivered in two evening sessions, over the course of two weeks. Separate sessions are offered for both boys and girls. Each child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian of the same gender.

Watch for details / registration materials in January.

All School Liturgy

**The Basilica of St. Josephat
2333 S. 6th Street, Milwaukee**

An all-school liturgy will be held on Friday, February 4th at the Basilica. This is a minor Basilica created by Pope Pius XI in 1929. It is a place of pilgrimage and special devotion and is of historic significance for the Faith. St. Charles schoolchildren will receive a tour of the Basilica afterwards.

Scholastic Book Fair

January 28, 2011 – January 31, 2011.

In January the Scholastic Book Fair will come to St. Charles School once again. This year it will be in the Borromeo Room. This is the only fund raiser for the school library so I hope you will continue to support it. I hope you will also consider volunteering to help out with the fair this year. Look for volunteer slips to come in the brown envelope in January.

Help will be needed the afternoon of Thursday, January 27th to get the fair set up. The student preview will be on Friday morning, January 28th and we'll need help from 4:00 to 8:00 on that day during the fish fry. We will also need help on Sunday morning, January 29th. We remain open all day Monday, January 30th, so we need one person to cover the morning and another person to cover the afternoon. Also several people to help tear it down at 4:00 on that day will be needed. It takes about 4 hours to set it up and 2 hours to tear it down, depending on how many helping hands we have.

Look for more information and volunteer slips in the brown envelopes in January.

Catholic Schools Week

January 30, 2011 – February 5, 2011 - Watch for detail after Christmas vacation.

OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our St. Charles School & Little Saints Preschool Open Houses which will be held Sunday, January 30 following the 10:30 mass (from 11:30 to 1:00) in the Borromeo Room & Wednesday, February 2nd (during school) from 9:00 to 10:30 at the school.

Open Houses will include tours of the school as well as more information about our school programs. Please contact the school office with questions @ 367-2040.

COMMITTEE NEWS/FUNDRAISING

AUCTION March 5, 2011

For more details, please check the school's website at stcharleshartland.com.

CRUSADER NEWS

STUDENT SECTION

LOOKING AHEAD

December 23	Christmas Bread begins
December 25	Merry Christmas
January 1, 2011	Happy New Year
January 3	School Resumes (8:15a.m.)

January 21	2 nd quarter grades end Early Release
January 27	Report Cards
January 28	School Dance
January 30	Catholic School's Week begins School Open House

HEALTH ROOM

PARISH

DECEMBER 31st

The work of Catholic Charities is the focus of the December 31 episode of "Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKi," on Relevant Radio.

Jim Brennan, newly appointed director of Catholic Charities talks about the 100th anniversary of the national office of Catholic Charities and the 90th anniversary of Catholic Charities here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Mary Simon shares her experience as an adoptive parent. Mary and her husband Duane worked with Catholic Charities to adopt two children.

Listen to "Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKi," Friday, December 31, at 9:30 a.m. on Relevant Radio FM 100.1 and on www.relevantradio.com. Episodes will also be available on www.livingourfaith.net.