



January



Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Welcome back. Now that we've gotten all our snow days done with we can start the new year rested and enjoying all of God's blessings.

Everybody Has a Story (Author's Chair writing): The students will once again be showcasing their writing talents during Author's Chair on Friday, **February 3 (see invitation enclosed)**. They will be writing a biography about a person in a chosen era. Each class picked a different era: 4K-1st has the Civil Rights Era, 2nd-3rd picked Ancient Egypt, 4th picked the Gold Rush Era, 5th picked the Civil War time, and 6th graders picked WWII. They will be writing a complete book this year and showcasing some of their excerpts during Author's Chair.

Thank You: Thank you from the St. Charles classroom teachers for the anonymous Christmas gift. God Bless you for your generosity – it is truly appreciated.

PTO Updates:

- PTO minutes are enclosed. Please note all the upcoming events.
- For questions - text/call 608-780-1148; Jessie Cina jbutterfly12384@gmail.com

2023-2024 School Year: Enrollment is open for St. Charles 4K-6th grade for the 2022-2023 school year. If you, OR if you know of families that may be interested, please have them call the office (608) 689-2642 for an application. You may also call or email Fr. Sedlacek (608-689-2646; frdanielsedlacek@gmail.com) OR Mrs. Hytry (608-689-2642; phytry@stcharle.org). There are flyers in the office if you would like to give them to others that may be interested.

PTO Scrip Program REMINDER: Thank you to those who have already signed up for the scrip program. It's easy to earn money back while you are buying your groceries, gas, or shopping around at many retailers. (**Megan Olson 608-385-7815; mjtrussoni@gmail.com**)

Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us: Winter is here so full winter gear is necessary to enjoy the cold and snow. Spare socks and pants might be a good idea to tuck into the backpack just in case kids step in melted snow as they change after recess or get snow down their boots. The little knit gloves may be cute and comfortable, but really do not hold up well with the cold, wind, and snow. We will go outside unless the real-feel temperature drops below 10 degrees, or at the teacher's discretion.

Hunger Knows No Season: Please join us in once again collecting for the local food pantries! Bring in a nonperishable food item every Tuesday to help those in need. We will place the items in the food basket at the altar before Mass. This is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. The food items will support either the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

RootinCrown Consignment Store: Have good used items you no longer need? Please consider donating them to the RootinCrown Consignment Store at 47 Copeland Avenue in La Crosse. Let them know your donations support the St. Charles PTO and a percentage of the sales go to PTO. Please consider shopping there and liking them on Facebook as this supports the PTO. (www.rootincrown.com)

De Soto Area School District: Enclosed is a flyer from De Soto Area Schools which is a helpful symptom reference tool associated with illnesses that are going around in our area.

De Soto Area Schools Message Alert: If you would like a message alert from De Soto concerning school closings or early dismissal due to inclement weather please go to the De Soto Area Schools website. Click on "for parents" at the top of the page. The pull-down menu should show "alert sign up". Follow those directions.

St. Charles Wellness Policy: We are required to post the St. Charles Wellness policy on-line for parents – here is where you can find it: <http://www.mwt.net/~st.charl/School.html>.

St Charles Facebook Page: "Like" the St Charles Facebook Page for updates and events.

Enclosures:

Highlights for January for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade
Server Schedule for January
January Menu & Activity Calendar
PTO Minutes
Author's Chair Invitation for family members
De Soto Area Schools Symptom Reference flyer

Dates to Remember:

January 05-20: STAR testing
January 20: End of second quarter
January 23: Teacher In-Service, no school
January 25: Report cards go home
January 29: Start of Catholic Schools Week-events to be listed later
February 03: Author's Chair, family lunch, early dismissal

January Birthdays

January 17: William Mitchell
January 26: Thomas Mitchell
January 31: Arianna Trussoni

Highlights for January:

- *Eeek!*
- *January 20: end of quarter. Report cards will go home in the Wednesday folder on the 25th. The students have their progress reports so this would be a good time to discuss where to put in a little more effort.*
- *January 23rd no school. Teachers will have a work day.*
- *English: all classes will finish the unit on pronouns and then put their writing skills to work writing a biography of their chosen historical figure.*
- *Math 6: They will be entering a unit on integers, which include negative numbers—always fun!*
- *Math 5: They are starting a unit on adding and subtracting fractions.*
- *Math 4: Dividing!*
- *Reading: 4th will read Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. 5th and 6th graders can choose between Brian's Winter or Brian's Hunt by Gary Paulsen.*
- *History: 5th and 6th graders will finish a unit on ancient Egypt and move east to the ancient Indian civilizations. 4th graders are finishing a unit on Scotland and then finding somewhere else to go in the world.*

- *Science 4 and 5: After a short study of adaptations and ecosystems, we'll explore space, the final frontier.*
- *Science 6: After a short overview of the organisms which are grouped into the six kingdoms, they'll join the 4th and 5th graders for an Astronomy unit.*
- *Religion: we'll continue with chapter 1 in the new textbook.*
- *Skills we're working on:*
 - *better penmanship in all classes*
 - *writing complete answers using part of the question*
 - *asking for clarification when in doubt*
 - *using the text to find answers*
 - *copying words correctly*
- *Please don't hesitate to call or contact me with questions or concerns. Students may also call me if they have questions about their work at any time before 9 (my bedtime).
608.648.2800 (home) or 920.573.0207 (cell)*

PTO meeting

January 3, 2023 / 6PM

Attendees

Jessica Cina, Danielle Trussoni, Megan Olson and Ashley Eckes

Treasurer's report

We have \$15,684.48 in our checking, \$4,879.24 in our savings, \$1,283.48 for the 5th and 6th grade fund.

Old Business

Yearbook has hit a few snags. We are hoping to get them to you in a few weeks. Bingo went well. If there were anything you liked or to have changed, any input would be great! May look at doing another one in March.

New Business

Jessie, Danielle and Ashley will be working at **Culver's in La Crosse Tuesday February 21**. We still need **one parent** to come help – sorry no kids for these events. We would be bringing food orders to the cars from **6-8 PM**. Need to be there 15-30 minutes prior. Please let Jessie know ASAP if you are willing to help.

We will be doing the same thing in **March at the Viroqua Culver's** and will need four volunteers for that as well. We'll know more about dates next week but looking at **March 6th. Please let Jessie know if you're able to help.**

The **Catholic School's week field trip** will be at **Living Waters bible camp February 1**. We will be going tubing, cross-country skiing, ice skating and playing broomball. Lunch will be provided, and PTO will cover the cost of admission for students & staff. \$12 per additional chaperone (final count must be in **by January 25th**). Waivers for parents to sign and permission slips will be coming.

Scholarship application information will be coming out in the next week or so. If you know anyone that may be interested, please have them complete the application.

We will be hosting a **"Sip and Paint"** on **February 10th** at school in the gym. Each family will be asked to donate 1 snack/finger food and a bottle of wine. We'll get a signup sheet for anyone interested once we have final # we can have at the event due to limited number of participants. Thank you, Kelly!

Spring Carnival – finalizing the Big Raffle ticket list, if you know anyone or company that wants to donate reach out to Danielle. Same goes for anyone interested in helping. Our Tentative date of event is **April 23rd** with set up being on Friday night and Saturday – take down on Sunday. We will need each family's participation (+ many) to make this fun event possible. As the holiday season ends, please keep an eye out for anything you may want to donate for the Jar game. We **need over 200 prizes** for this game alone as it's one of the most popular ones. Each family will be expected to donate **minimum of 5** prize items to this and can be a variety of items.

Any questions, concerns or thoughts for change or improvements for our school please reach out.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday February 7th, at 6 PM in the Gym

Author's Chair Family Lunch



You are cordially invited to the Catholic Schools Week Annual
Author's Chair, followed by a **Family Luncheon**
Friday, February 3, 2022

Author's Chair showcases the writing talents of our students.
Students will read their written works on stage in the Gym,
starting at **10:30 AM**.
A **Family Lunch** will follow.
Students are dismissed with parents following the luncheon.

Luncheon following Author's Chair Number of attendees
(separate from your school child(ren)): _____

Name(s): _____

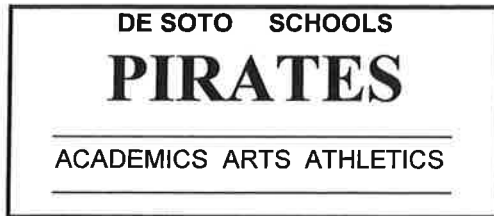
Please return this slip by **Monday, January 30th. OR**

Call 608.689.2642 **OR**

Email: stcharle@mwt.net

January Serving Schedule

Date	Day of the week	Servers
January 3	Tuesday	Reid, Arianna, Shelby
January 5	Thursday	Salvatori, Bayne
January 6	Friday	Nalani, Easton
January 6	Friday Adoration	Reid, Abigail, William
January 10	Tuesday	Salvatori, Celia, Shelby
January 12	Thursday	Nalani, Bayne
January 13	Friday	Reid, Easton
January 17	Tuesday	Salvatori, Arianna, William
January 19	Thursday	Nalani, Celia
January 20	Friday	Reid, Celia
January 24	Tuesday	Nalani, Easton, Shelby
January 26	Thursday	Salvatori, Abigail
January 27	Friday	Reid, Bayne
January 31	Tuesday	Nalani, Arianna, Celia



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December 16, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are committed to providing our families with health information that will assist in preventing the spread of illness amongst our students, families and staff. The Center for Disease Control has reported a combination of illnesses occurring this fall which include influenza, COVID-19, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and Streptococcal Pharyngitis commonly referred to as Strep Throat. All are contagious illnesses which can be spread through direct contact and through droplets from a cough, sneeze or runny nose. The following is a helpful symptom reference associated with these illnesses.

Flu/influenza

Most people with the flu feel very tired and may have one or more of the following symptoms:

- Fever or feeling feverish/having chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue
- Vomiting/diarrhea (more common in children than adults)

COVID-19

COVID-19 has similar symptoms to other common illnesses. Symptoms may range from mild to severe.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

➤ **Please note: Families may access free COVID-19 take-home test kits by contacting their child's school office.**

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

RSV usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms, but RSV can be serious especially for infants and older adults.

Symptoms usually appear in stages and not all at once and include:

- Running nose
- Decrease in appetite
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Fever
- Wheezing

Streptococcal Pharyngitis (Strep Throat)

In general, strep throat is a mild infection, but it can be very painful. The most common symptoms of strep throat include:

- Sore throat that can start very quickly
- Pain when swallowing
- Fever
- Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus
- Petechiae—tiny red spots on the roof of the mouth
- Swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck

Other symptoms may include a headache, stomach pain, nausea, or vomiting—especially in children. Someone with strep throat may also have a rash; it is known as **scarlet fever**.

If you suspect your child or a family member is sick or has symptoms noted above, you are encouraged to contact your medical provider as soon as possible. If your child has any of the symptoms or is ill, please keep them home.

Student who have been ill may return to school when they have a reduction in symptoms, and are fever free (100.4+) for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

Preventative strategies include:

- Obtaining the flu vaccination
- Hand washing with soap and water
- Using a tissue to cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Getting plenty of rest and fluids
- Clean and disinfect hard surfaces and objects
- Contact your family medical provider when symptoms appear

Your child's medical information is kept confidential, so please call your child's school office if they have been diagnosed with the flue/influenza, COVID-19, RSV or Strep Throat. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a safe and health holiday season!

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Reference: CDC.gov