



**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

**St. Charles Website:** Our website is up and running. Miss Donovan (bless her!) will put the Wednesday folder on the website every Thursday. This will include any of the handouts, information sheets, and permission slips. Our plan is to also include any other communication between school and parents on the website, such as monthly calendar, lunch menu, server schedule, any reminders, etc. Paper copies will also be sent home as needed in the Family Folder.

**Catholic Schools Week Field Trip:** This year Catholic Schools Week runs from Sunday, **January 29th, through Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**. The PTO is planning a field trip on **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**, as a fun way to celebrate our Catholic School. We will be going to Living Waters Bible Camp in Westby for a day of tubing, skating, broom ball, and X-country skiing. Helmets are not provided but if you would like your child to wear one, please pack a helmet along in their backpack. **We are keeping an eye on the weather. If temperatures are below 10 we will reschedule.**

**Sledding:** the students would love to go sledding down the hill during Catholic Schools Week. A **permission slip along with a waiver is included**. Please take time to read and sign, send back to school as soon as possible. Students can bring sleds to school that day. Another possibility is to bring the sled when you come for weekend Mass, then pick it up the next weekend.

**Aquinas Bible Bowl:** We've been invited to the Bible Bowl taking place at 6:00 on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Aquinas High School Theater. We will be testing this week to form a 4-person team consisting of one child from each grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>: We'll let you know the team members as soon as we can.

**Save your pennies!:** Our service project for Catholic Schools Week will be a Penny War to raise money for Project Heifer, an international company which uses donations to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable community development. Heifer distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency.

**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 3rd. (If you need another invitation, please see Carrol)**. All the families are invited to lunch that day **so please RSVP so that food can be ordered**. It is also an early release day so please make arrangements for your child to go home after the luncheon.

**2022-2023 School Year:** Enrollment is open for St. Charles 4K-6<sup>th</sup> 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)**

**PTO (Jessie Cina: text/call 608-780-1148; Jessie Cina: jbuterfly12384@gmail.com**

- **Field Trip Wed February 1:** Living Waters Bible Camp - if we need to reschedule due to bad weather we are looking at either Monday the 7th or Tuesday the 13th. Hoping that everything works out and we can enjoy it as planned next week. They do have a warming center. If you want a helmet for your kid(s) to ski etc. please send one with as they do not provide helmets;
- **PTO meeting: February 1st** at 6 PM in the school gym;
- **Sip n Paint: February 10th** - posters went out last Wednesday. Please help spread the word. We have already received a few sign ups! Carrol has an envelope in her office for people's entry fees and she will update me as she receives any. If you have someone that wants to sign up please let me know ASAP so we can make sure the first ones to sign up get on the list. I have the running list. They can buy by cash, check,

venmo (Jessica-Cina-1) or to you if they tell you! **Asking** each family to provide one snack/finger food and 1 bottle of wine for the Sip n Paint. This can be brought Friday anytime.

- **Yearbooks 21-22** are finally being ordered!! Thanks Steph Nicklay for getting these completed! Once they are in, you will be informed, and can pay for them when you pick them up. PTO will again pay for ones for the staff.
- **Searching** - Anyone interested in making the yearbooks next year?? Let Jessie know;
- **Culver's** - Did not receive any responses/slips back from the Culver's signup sheet sent out on 1/11.
- **Spring Carnival** - Raffle tickets are in its late stages and we are hoping to have them in your hands to start selling in the next few weeks! We are very excited to bring this event back as it is a lot of fun however it comes with a lot of work by all of us and involves many volunteers.

**Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us:** In case you haven't noticed--Winter is here, some days more forcefully than others! 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, so please avoid them. We will go outside unless the real-feel temperature drops below 10 degrees, or at the teacher's discretion.

**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](http://www.rootincrown.com)

**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:**

Catholic Schools Week Schedule  
Penny War flyer and rules  
CSW Crazy Day activities  
Permission slip/Waiver for sledding during PE (only CSW)  
I Love St. Charles because..... (flyer)  
Serving Schedule for February

#### **Dates to Remember:**

January 25: Report cards go home  
January 29: Start of Catholic Schools Week, see flier for events  
February 01: Field Trip to Living Waters Bible Camp  
February 01: Bible Bowl Quiz at Aquinas  
February 03: Adoration at 8:30  
February 03: Author's Chair, family lunch, early dismissal  
February 10: Reconciliation at 8:30 (2nd-6th)  
February 17: No school, teacher in-service  
February 21: No Children's Mass  
February 22: Ash Wednesday, Mass at 8:30

#### **January Birthdays**

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

## CELEBRATE!

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE GREAT!

January 30th-February 3rd

**Monday:** PJ Day, bring a blanket and stuffy

Start of the Penny War!

Read Bible stories

**Tuesday:** Dress your best for Mass

**Wednesday:** Field Trip to Living Waters Bible Camp for outdoor activities including broom ball, x-country skiing, skating, and tubing.

**Thursday:** Sledding on the Hill

Wear your class colors (check with teachers)

**Friday:** Author's Chair, Family Lunch, Early dismissal  
(De Soto buses are not running at this time)



# PENNY WAR!

- **When?** Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> , to Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Where?** St. Charles School
- **Why?** Money will go towards Project Heifer, purchasing the gift of a farm animal, clean water, tree seedlings, or milk for a needy international family.
- **How?** Save your pennies! Earn more pennies! Put the pennies in the jar for your class, these will be added to your total. Put silver coins in the jars for the other classes, these will be subtracted!

# Penny War Rules

Add the pennies and nickles to your class jar; these are added to your total.

Add other silver coins and \$1 to other jars; these are subtracted!

Winning class will enjoy bragging rights for the year!

We'd like to ask each student to add only \$1 in paper money to the other jars per day to avoid discouraging other classes.

## Sledding during Catholic Schools Week:

Dear Parents:

We would like to offer the opportunity for the kids to enjoy a sledding day with all that lovely snow and ice on the hill during PE on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please read and sign the waiver below, return it to the office as soon as possible. Students are welcome to bring their own sleds that day.

Thank you,  
Patti Hytry  
[phytry@stcharle.org](mailto:phytry@stcharle.org)  
608-689-2642

I give my permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to bring a sled to school and slide down the hill.

\_\_\_\_\_  
contact phone number

### **DIOCESAN NOTICE WISCONSIN'S RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY LAW**

Participants (not property owner) in Diocesan-sponsored recreational activities should be aware of Wisconsin's Recreational Immunity law which limits claims and recovery for death or injury while engaging in recreational activities and which imposes legal duties on participants. These legal duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Acting within the limits of his or her ability;
2. Heeding all warnings regarding participation in the recreational activity;
3. Maintaining control of his or her person and equipment devices or animals the person is using while participating in the recreational activity; and
4. Refraining from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to the death or injury to himself, herself or to other persons while participating in the recreational activity.





Serving Schedule for February

Date	Day of the Week	Servers
February 2	Thursday	Salvatori, William
February 3	Friday Mass and Adoration	Reid, Abigail + William
February 7	Tuesday	Nalani, Shelby, Arianna
February 9	Thursday	Salvatori, Easton
February 10	Friday	Reid, Bayne
February 14	Tuesday	Salvatori, William, Celia
February 16	Thursday	Nalani, Abigail
February 21	Tuesday	Salvatori, Arianna
February 22	Ash Wednesday	Reid, Shelby, Bayne
February 23	Thursday	Nalani, Easton
February 24	Friday	Reid, William
February 28	Tuesday	Salvatori, Easton Abigail



help us learn and  
rather to bring us  
closer to God. ♥  
Shelby

we Pray to

I  
LOVE

God  
Hallel

# ST. CHARLES BECAUSE.....

we have  
gym  
Dekker

we go  
sledding  
Thomas

We get music  
Autumn

I ROSE  
have lots  
of friends

Kei 1989  
I like to learn.  
Friend

Lorenzo  
Play with

We get PE ♥

Catholic schools rule!

William  
We get Mass

we get to  
teach

We may not be very famous,

But St. Charles is glorious,

Our students have the biggest hearts,

We love PE, Music, and Art,

Sometimes our Math is very odd,

And our prayers bring us closer to God.

Sai

Easton

Reid

Arianna

Lelia

Bayne da Boss

Dack

Abigail

Valani