



Wednesday, March 1, 2023

March Parent/Teacher conferences: These are scheduled for **March 2nd** and are optional. Your child's teacher will contact you with a conference request if the situation warrants a time to sit down and discuss further academic plans.

CounterAct: the 4th-6th graders will begin CounterAct classes with Officer William Roessler. These will be on Wednesdays from 8:30-9:00 starting March 1st. These classes provide information about how addictive substances alter the body, how peers and advertising can influence decisions, and how to say "no" to these drugs. If you have any questions please let Mrs. Hytry know.

Tuition & Registration Form Reminder: The Tuition & Registration form for the 2023-2024 school year has gone home in the family folder ealer. The tuition has been adjusted for the coming year. We ask that you look it over and complete it and return to the office by April 15th along with the \$150 registration fee for each student. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Sedlacek.

Mite Boxes Reminder: Ash Wednesday, **February 22nd** begins all the activities of our Lenten Season. A Mite Box was sent home for each student. Each year, support from the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) provides for more than **2 million children** who are enrolled in catechesis and Christian formation programs, as well as more than **600,000 children** in nursery school through secondary school. We ask our students to donate what they are able and to return the mite boxes to school **as soon after Easter as possible**.

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.

PTO Update:

- **Culver's** - Thank you Ashley and Danielle for assisting me at the Culver's fundraiser Wednesday night and to all who shared the information, and/or came and ate! It's greatly appreciated. Even with the cold, snowy weather we had, it was a great time seeing some smiling faces come out for a good cause! The Culver's staff was a great group to work with and we look forward to working with them in the future. Hopefully everyone made it home safely! We will not be doing the one in Viroqua in March; however, we will be rescheduling that to an alternate date.
- **PTO Meeting** - next Tuesday **March 7th** at **6 PM** in the gym. Lots to go over and can use all the parents that can make it as we finalize the last couple fundraisers of the year.
- **Bingo - March 12th** - serving pulled pork, baked potato & coleslaw meals starting at 10 am with Bingo from 11-1pm. Will need help with setup and clean up from anywhere after 8 AM to 1:30 PM. Please see signup sheet and return by next **Monday 6** and we will finalize information at the PTO meeting **March 7th**.
- **Spring Carnival (April 12)**- Please see detailed sheets attached. Put up the flyers and share the event. Steph Nicklay will be handling all Raffle Ticket collections. If you know of any business that will donate prizes for the prize room please reach out to them or pass on to Jessie. We have a donation letter that can be sent to them as well. The prize room needs small, medium and large prizes (such as Chuck E. Cheese, High Rollers, Shenanigan's or places like that).
- **(Jessie Cina: text/call 608-780-1148; jbuterfly12384@gmail.com)**

2023-2024 School Year: Enrollment is open for St. Charles 4K-6th grade for the 2023-2024 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: Bah! Winter is still 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. If we are inside at the end of the day, please come in to pick up your child from the cafeteria. An extra layer of a sweater or sweatshirt to keep at school will help keep your child warm, especially when they are sitting for longer periods of time. If your child comes home with hats or mittens which they borrowed from the school, please wash these and send them back.

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 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:

Serving schedule for March, (3-6th)

Highlights for March (4th-6th)

Spring Carnival Flyer (Please post within your communities.); Spring Carnival Overview;

Spring Carnival Sign Up Sheet; Packets of Spring Carnival Raffle tickets for each family

Bingo Work Sign Up Sheet

March Menu and Activity Calendar

Dates to Remember:

Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross at 2:30

March 2: Optional Parent/Teacher conferences

March 3: Diocese of La Crosse in service (no school)

March 7: In-service (no school)

March 14: Pi Day!

March 24: End of 3rd quarter

March 29: Report cards go home

March 29: Celebrate Dr. Seuss, look for details as we get closer.

April 5-10: Easter Break, students return Tuesday, April 11

April 18: Eagles Bluff retreat for 4th-6th. No school Mass

April 21: School Mass

April 23: Spring Carnival

April 30: History Day in cafeteria after Mass

February Birthdays

February 13: Rosemary Lavey

February 19: Dekker Eckes

Serving Schedule for March

Date	Day of the week	Servers
March 2	Thursday	Reid, Shelby
March 9	Thursday	Nalani, Bayne
March 10	Friday	Salvatori, Celia
March 10	Stations of the Cross	
March 14	Tuesday	Reid, Arianna, William
March 16	Thursday	Nalani, Abigail
March 17	Friday	Reid, Bayne
March 17	Stations of the Cross	
March 21	Tuesday	Salvatori, Easton, Shelby
March 23	Thursday	Nalani, Arianna
March 24	Friday	Reid, Abigail
March 24	Stations of the Cross	
March 28	Tuesday	Nalani, Celia, Shelby
March 30	Thursday	Salvatori, Easton
March 31	Friday	Reid, William
March 31	Stations of the Cross	

Highlights for March:

- End of the third quarter is coming up fast! Progress reports will go home this week. Now is the time to sit down and make a plan with your child on where to put extra effort if necessary.

Science: All students are buzzing their way through the nervous system as an end to their study of life. This will include a chapter on drugs and alcohol and how they affect the nervous system as a link with their CounterAct classes. We'll take a trip through the universe next with a unit dedicated to astronomy (I'll try not to make too many Star Trek references, but no promises!)

LA: Slowly we're finishing the biography books. These will be on display for our whole school History Day, after Mass on Sunday, April 30th. In between we'll focus on the adjectives which make our writing more colorful and the verbs which give our writing the action.

History: 4th graders have decided to study Japan and 5th/6th graders are in ancient China. Both cultures share some similar customs, including art work and food, so the classes will experience that together. 4th graders will continue with present-day Japan while 5th/6th graders will look at the different dynasties in which these customs originated.

Math: Everyone is exploring fractions. 6th graders are reviewing operations with fractions, 5th graders will be finishing with dividing fractions, and 4th graders are getting their feet wet with finding relationships between fractions.

Reading: We've finished our Gary Paulsen book unit and the students will showcase their reading with a Paper Bag Book Report. While the list of books I'd like to read with the students is longer than the time left, I've decided to have everyone read Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes. This book is historical fiction based on the real life Japanese heroine, Sadako Sasaki. This is also a link to American history, especially WWII and the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki which ended the war in the Far East. It also incorporates the Oriental art style of origami, which is part of both Japanese and Chinese culture, and we'll give it a try.

Religion: We'll skip ahead to chapter 13, which gives us more details about Passover. Towards the end of March we'll look at the chapter about Lent in the back of the book.

Skills we're working on:

- Penmanship! Both on the practice sheet and in daily assignments. Some of the answers might be correct but if I can't even read the writing, I'm not sure about the answer.
- Rereading answers to be sure that the question is answered *and* that the answer makes sense.
- Tone of voice. I'm trying to get across the idea that the tone of voice used when talking to each other conveys a meaning which can be very disrespectful even if the words themselves aren't.
- How to calmly and respectfully state your opinion to someone else, especially a teacher, without arguing. This is a skill which will come in handy as they mature so we're practicing a lot:)

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

fun for the whole family!

St. Charles PTO

Spring Carnival

raffle

GAMES!

food & beverages

hundreds of
PRIZES!

dessert walk

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. Charles School • Genoa, WI

Raffle Tickets Available! Call 608-689-2642

Spring Carnival

Overview

READY, SET, GO! RAFFLE TICKETS

There are great prizes again this year! Each family received \$100 worth of tickets, which sell for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please turn in proceeds from ticket sales and ticket stubs to the school office in an envelope clearly marked "Carnival Tickets". Be sure to have your child's name written on the back so they receive their fun money! Thank you to Steph Nicklay for handling the ticket preparation and printing.

50% of the money we make from this fundraiser comes from the raffle tickets!

IN ADVANCE: DONATIONS

In order to cover the costs of the Carnival, we solicit businesses and individuals for donations. If you know of any additional businesses willing to donate cash, gift certificates, or prizes please ask, collect and bring to the school. It is greatly appreciated.

IN ADVANCE: GAME PRIZES

One of the most popular games at the Carnival is the jar game. In years past this game alone has earned nearly \$2,000 for the school! People reach in a jar and get a handful of paper strips. If they get a strip with a number, they win the prize with that number. Adults and kids both love this game, but it takes A LOT of prizes-about 350+. Please consider picking up items on clearance to be used as prizes for this game. The prizes typically have a value over \$5.00.

IN ADVANCE: PUBLICITY

The more people that attend the Carnival, the more money we raise for the school. Each family has received a color poster for the carnival. Please take a moment to post it. Great places are grocery stores, convenience stores, hospitals, workplaces-anywhere that has a bulletin board. Throw it in your car and take it with you! If you have any other ideas for ways to help publicize the Carnival, please do or let the PTO know how we can help.

Sunday, April 23, 2023

We need each family to...

1. **Sell raffle tickets! A lot of them.**
2. **Collect and donate Jar Game prizes.**
3. **Hang up the Spring Carnival poster in a public place and tell all your friends and family to attend!**
4. **Make 4 cakes/desserts in disposable-ware for the Dessert Walk game.**
5. **Donate 12 bottles of pop (large or small) for the Ring Toss game.**
6. **Donate \$10.00 or more in lottery tickets for the Lottery Board game.**
7. **Work at the event—see worker list for details.**

All the support, time, donations, effort, publicity and extended family assistance are what make this event happen.

Thank you to all who make this event happen!

Spring Carnival 2023

We will be setting up Friday night 2 pm-8 pm & Sat. 8 am-8 pm

Workstation	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Dessert Walk (2)	1) 2)	1) 2)
Jar Game (3)	1) 2) 3)	1) 2) 3)
Ring Toss (1 or 2)	1) Elsie Venner 2) Ava Smetana	1) 2)
Face Painting (2)	1) Kelly Hutchinson 2) Meg Buchner 3) Silas Buchner	1) Kelly Hutchinson 2) Meg Buchner 3) Silas Buchner
Nerf Game (1)	1) Kanoa Rodgers	1)
Fishpond (2)	1) 2)	1) 2)
Sucker Tree (1)	1) 2) 3)	1) 2) 3)
Football Toss (1) Golf (1) (weather permitting)	1) Grady Nicklay 1)	1) 1)
Dice Game (2)	1) 2)	1) 2)
Prize Room (2)	1) Michelle Rodgers 2) Kai Rodgers	1) Michelle Rodgers 2) Kai Rodgers
Kitchen (4) 1 st shift starts at 9 am	1) John Nicklay 2) 3) 4)	1) 2) 3) 4)
Kitchen Cashier (1)	1)	1)
Tickets - Raffle & Games - (2)	1) 2)	1) 2)
Basket Raffle (1)	1)	1)
Lottery Board raffle (1)	1)	1)
Cashier (1)	1) Steph Nicklay	1) Steph Nicklay
Float (1)	1)	1)

BINGO

March 12th 10 am – 1 pm

RETURN FORM BY Monday 3/6

SET UP will start at 8 am Sunday

****Serve Meals (eat in or to go) starting at 10 am and Bingo to start at 11 am ****

Are you able to help? If so who, what time (need people from 930-130) and do you prefer a specific job?

Help we need...

1 Bingo caller

2 people to assist with collecting money for bingo cards

Min of 3 people to sell, serve meals and drinks as well as Calendar raffle tickets

We are asking that **EACH FAMILY** please bring in **1 pan of cut, single serve, baked goods for dessert (bars, cookies, cupcakes ect)** you can drop them off on Friday or by Sunday at 930.



St. Charles School Menu

3/1/2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
March: 20 days Breakfast: \$1.40 Lunch: \$3.05 Extra Milk: \$.45 Reduced Breakfast: \$.30 Reduced Lunch: \$.40		Full Breakfast/Lunch Full Breakfast: n \$28 Full Lunch: \$61 Full Reduced Breakfast: \$6 Full Reduced Lunch: \$8		UNCRUSTABLE Ravioli Garlic Bread Carrots Fruit		BREAKFAST BURRITO Hamburgers Sweet Potatoe Fries Corn Fruit		NO SCHOOL	
3rd Grade Choice FRENCH TOAST Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn Sidekick		NO SCHOOL		LONG JOHNS Hot Dogs Chips Baked Beans Fruit		PANCAKE ON STICK Spaghetti Garlic Bread Broccoli Fruit		MUFFINS Fish Sticks Curly Fries Carrots Fruit	
4th Grade Choice 13 STRAWBERRY BAGEL Pizza Dippers Marinara Sauce Corn Applesauce		HAM AND CHEESE EGG BAKE Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Carrots Fruit		CINNAMON ROLLS Hot Ham and Cheese Chips Baked Beans Fruit		PANCAKES Chicken Alfredo Bread Stick Peas Fruit		MONKEY BREAD Quesadillas Spanish Rice Broccoli Fruit	
WAFFLES Pizza Green Beans Fruit		BREAKFAST PIZZA Mini Corn Dogs Sweet Potatoe Fries Corn Fruit		CINNAMON TOAST BARS Chicken Nuggets Mac and Cheese Carrots Fruit		CHOCOLATE BANANA BREAD Ham Au Gratin Potatoes Peas Fruit		OATMEAL CHOC. CHIP BAR Fish Sticks Potatoe Wedges Broccoli Fruit	
FRENCH TOAST Creamed Chicken Biscuit Broccoli Fruit		LONG JOHNS Lasagna Breadstick Carrots Fruit		DANISH Walking Taco Corn Fruit BIRTHDAY TREAT		OATMEAL Chicken Patty Potatoes Baked Beans Fruit			
27		28-Mar		29-Mar		30-Mar		24	

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

- * Menu is subject to change
- * Salad Bar offered Everyday

Milk Choice Offered:

- Skim Chocolate
- 1% White

In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy,

this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

St. Charles March Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO MASS Stations of the Cross 7 PM ART	2 MASS: 8 AM PHY ED Opt. P/T Confs.	3 MASS: 7:30 AM NO SCHOOL	4 MASS: 4 PM
5 Mass: 9:30 AM	6 NO MASS PHY ED MUSIC	7 MASS: 8 AM NO SCHOOL	8 NO MASS Stations of the Cross 7 PM ART	9 MASS: 8 AM PHY ED	10 NO MASS Stations of the Cross 2:30 PM	11 MASS: 4 PM
12 Mass: 9:30 AM	13 NO MASS PHY ED MUSIC Rosemary (BD)	14 MASS: 8:30 AM MUSIC π Day Time with Father	15 NO MASS Stations of the Cross 7 PM ART	16 MASS: 8 AM PHY ED	17 NO MASS Stations of the Cross 2:30 P	18 MASS: 4 PM
19 Mass: 9:30 AM Dekker (BD)	20 NO MASS PHY ED MUSIC	21 MASS: 8:30 AM MUSIC Time with Father	22 NO MASS Stations of the Cross 7 PM ART	23 MASS: 8 AM PHY ED	24 MASS: 8 AM 3rd Qtr Ends Stations of the Cross 2:30 PM	25 MASS: 4 PM
26 Mass: 9:30 AM	27 NO MASS PHY ED MUSIC	28 MASS: 8:30 AM MUSIC	29 NO MASS Stations of the Cross 7 PM ART Birthday Treats Dr. Seuss Day	30 MASS: 8 AM PHY ED	31 MASS: 8 AM Stations of the Cross 2:30 PM Time with Father Confession (2-6)	