



Family Folder – Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Anti-bullying Month: October kicks off a month long focus on anti-bullying and resilience. We'll focus on positive self-images using our super-resilient powers which God gave us and our faith helps us to build stronger. Look for our presentations in the school hallway the week of the 16th.

Field Trip to Prairie du Chien: The whole school will be going on a field trip **Thursday, October 5**. Here are the details:

- **4K-2nd graders** will go to Shinhata's Orchard. They'll have a wagon ride, apples to pick, pumpkins to paint, and a time to play at the playground.
- **3rd-6th graders** will go to the Ft. Crawford Museum to visit the two museums, the gift shop, and experience an outdoor survival workshop.
- All students will then be picked up to have lunch at Ft. Fun Park on South 15th St. Bring a cold sack lunch.
- PTO will pay for the bus and children's admission (thank you!). Adults are free at Shinhata's Orchard. The cost for adults going to the Ft. Crawford Museum is \$8.00, which you must cover.
- Please **check, sign, and return the attached permission slip as soon as possible**.
- Remember, if you wish to chaperon, you must have finished the Safe Environment requirements.
- We plan to be back between **1:30 and 2:00 PM**. Students should wear their red polos.

Fire Prevention Week: Fire Prevention Week is **October 9th-12th** this year. The local fire department will come for their annual fire prevention program for **4K – 3rd grade**. This will be held outdoors at **10:30 AM on Thursday, October 12th**. We are very fortunate that we have a local fire department willing to do this prevention program for us each year!

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Our conferences are on the night of **October 19th**, from **3:30-6:00**. This is your chance to sit down with your child's teacher, ask questions, find out your child's strengths, and areas that might need extra work. The schedule for conferences is attached. If you cannot make your scheduled time, please contact your child's teacher and make an alternative meeting time.

Extended Day Care: Dear Parents, please be advised that we have changed our policy for Extended Care in the morning. If your child arrives anytime **between 6:15 and 7:15**, there will be a **\$5,00 charge**. This charge will show up on the Extended Care Program Handbook which you can find on our website and will begin next week, **October 5**.

Vernon County Health Department Flu Clinic Reminder: The Vernon County Health Department will conduct an Influenza Vaccination Clinic starting here at St. Charles at **8 AM on Thursday, October 19th**. Forms are enclosed. **Please complete the forms and return to the school office PRIOR TO October 18th to enable us to give an accurate count to the Health Department prior to that day.**

Snacks (Reminder): We do have a student in the 4K-1st grade classroom with an allergy to nuts. The nut allergy is not severe but, to be safe, **any treats should be free from nuts or nut products.**

Please remember that any snacks brought to school should be on the more nutritious side, rather than more to the just-sweet side. If you are planning treats for the whole school please avoid foods with nuts and nut products.

PTO Update (Jessie Cina):

- **Take-Aways:**
- **Pickup butter braids after field trip this Thursday, 10/5!**
- Save the date for **11/12** for Pancakes & BINGO!
- Next meeting **11/7 @ 5:30 PM in the school gym!**
- See full minutes for more details

Questions: Email Jessica Cina: jbutterfly12384@gmail.com

BELIEVE Magical Holidays and Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser:

The results are in for this 23-24 school year. Paper sales were **\$3,344** and on-line sales total **\$1,184** for a total of **\$4,528**. The **3 highest** were: **Bayne Venner: \$1,608; Keilana Rodgers: \$804; and Abigail Mitchell: \$700**. The total sales were only \$36 less than last year, and with all the fundraisers taking place, you all did a good job! Thank your parents and others for helping you! As soon as we get a delivery date for the prizes and the items, we will give you the information!

Scrip (Megan Olson): Please touch base with Megan for any questions: 608-385-7815 or mjtrussoni@gmail.com

"Trunk or Treat" October 31st 5-7 PM at Genoa State Bank: Students will be handing out treats & collecting items for the De Soto Area Schools **Food Pantry**. If you would like to decorate a **trunk** and hand out **treats**, please call **608-689-2655** to reserve a spot!

De Soto Area Schools Message Alert Information per De Soto instructions for inclement weather and/or other school closures:

SchoolMessengerSetup (SMS): De Soto offers text message notification service to all the school families. Please email your cell phone number to: jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi with **SchoolMessengerSetup** in the title. **Three days after you send your request, please text "YES" to 67587 to opt-in to receive SMS messages from De Soto Area Schools.**

- Please note, although this is a provided service, the District is not responsible for any text message charges that you may incur by opting-in to this service. Please check with your wireless provider for specific details about any possible charges. (Jackie Kreuzer, Administrative Assistant, De Soto Area Schools).

Taking care of the body God gave us: These high daily temperatures will be changing as we move into Autumn. Please have your child dress in layers to be comfortable at school. A sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket might be needed for chilly morning recesses and can be kept at school just in case. Hats and gloves might be appropriate for some mornings. Please remember if your child brings home a hat, gloves, or jacket that belongs to the school (the teacher will notify you through email), this item should be washed and returned to school as soon as possible. With the return of cooler weather, long pants should be worn. The older students may bring shorts to change into for PE on sunny days.

Hunger Knows No Season: Please join us in collecting for the local food pantry! 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 Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

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

Handouts:

- Highlights for October (4th-6th)
- Parent-Teacher Conference
- PT0 Minutes
- BELIEVE Fundraiser Results
- "Trunk or Treat" Flyer (De Soto Area Schools/Genoa State Bank)

Dates to Remember:

October : Stand up to Bullies month, focus on resilience
October 5: Field Trip Day
October 6: Adoration at 2:30
October 11: Unity Day, wear orange
October 12: Fire Department visit (4K-3rd)
October 17: No mass
October 19: Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:00-6:00)
October 20: Children's Mass at 8:15, wear red polos
October 27: No School, Teacher in-service
October 31: Costume Day, No Mass
November 1: All Saints' Day Mass at 8:30
November 3: End of quarter, report cards go home Nov. 8

Birthdays:

September 20: Autumn Rach
September 24: Bayne Venner

Parent-Teacher Conference Schedule, Thursday, October 19th.

Please take a look at the following schedule. If you can not make the scheduled time, please check with your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Sandy will have bus duty on that day but her duty ends at 4:00. Any children on the playground after that should have parent supervision.

Time	Miss Donovan	Mrs. Donovan	Mrs. Hytry
3:00-3:20	Rosemary		Bayne
3:20-3:40	Bella	Keilana	Celia
3:40-4:00	Addie	Gio	Jack
4:00-4:20	Wesley	Lorenzo	Shelby
4:20-4:40	Hazel		Ari
4:40-5:00	Augie		
5:00-5:20		Ezio	Easton
5:20-5:40	Raegen	Thomas	
5:40-6:00		Dekker	Abigail
6:00-6:20			
6:20-6:40			

Autumn—alternative time

William—alternative time

11-6th

Highlights for October:

- Parent teacher conferences are set for Thursday, October 19th. I'll set up a time for your conference to go home Wednesday. If you can't keep your scheduled time please contact me and we can set an alternative time.
- I'll give out progress reports to the students on Friday, the 6th. This is a great time to talk about strengths, weaknesses, goals, and how to study.
- In October I will have the students write a short report on a chosen saint and then create a life-sized picture of that saint to hang in the church as All Saint's Day approaches.
- Adoration is on Oct. 6th. Since October is also a month dedicated to Mary, Mother of Jesus, we'll meet every Friday at 8:00 to say a decade of the rosary together.
- The first Math tests will be next week. How to study for a Math test--they all have a Notes Book which contains examples and explanations of the lessons in chapter 1 to study from. After any test I allow the students to make corrections using their book or notes. They can turn the corrections in with Mom or Dad's signature for 5 extra points since not everyone is a great test-taker. 4th graders will then perfect their skills at adding and subtracting, 5th and 6th graders will jump into multiplication, Bayne will work through exponents and PEMDAS.
- Language Arts—everyone is studying nouns and learning/remembering how to diagram sentences. The first LA tests are this week. They are also writing a scary story to illustrate, due at the end of the month.

PTO Meeting - Minutes

October 3, 2023 5:30 PM

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Danielle Trussoni, Megan Olson, Crystal Lavey, Miss Donovan, Ashley Eckes

Father's Report

- No updates
- Clergy day is this month – PTO will gift Father

Teacher's Report

- Field trips
 - Thursday, Oct. 5. Fall field trip will be to Shihata's Orchard in Prairie du Chien (4K – 3rd), and Fort Crawford Museum (4th-6th). One bus will take all students, younger group will be dropped off at orchard for wagon ride, pumpkin patch, pumpkin painting, and the older students will go to the museum. Younger group will be picked up and everyone will go to a nearby park for lunch before returning to school.
 - Pack a lunch for student and chaperones. There are 2-3 parent volunteers currently. Chaperones going to the museum need to cover their own cost (\$8).
 - Ft. McCoy sledding Jan. 31 – pending response from Ft. McCoy.
 - May 22. Mississippi River Museum, Dubuque, IA
- St. Charles banner – used in the parade and will now go near highway by Zzip Stop
- Parent-Teacher conferences on 10/19. PTO will provide teachers a treat for that afternoon/evening.

Treasurer's report

- Buses have been paid in full from last year.

Business

- Yearbook for 2023-2024: suggested that PTO members/parents each lead an event for the Yearbook. In charge of taking pictures, attending the event and putting together the page on Shutterfly. Danielle volunteered to put together the float and the museum. Megan will lead the orchard.
- Retreat Parade Float – this went really well this year. Plan to attend future years. We did run out of candy so donations of candy bags and/or cash to purchase will be requested for next year. This request will also be put in the bulletin.
- Other special staff dates: discussed school year and what we might do for each.
- Fundraising
 - Butter braids - pickup is after field trip this **Thursday Oct. 5**. Please remember to come pick up your butter braids! Thank you to all who helped sell these!

- Halloween – we discussed possible food serving at school parking lot during trick-or-treating. Fire Dept. will be open but not offering food. Crystal will look into food truck options or who could run brats/hot dogs, etc. More to come and potentially take more time to plan for 2024 depending on availability.
- Pretzels – Holly requested more information, no response so far
- Dates for upcoming events
 - Pancake breakfast w/ bake sale and BINGO: Nov. 12
 - Serve pancakes (pumpkin and regular) 10-11:30, BINGO 11-1
 - Bake sale by 5th and 6th graders
 - We will need many volunteers to make this happen! Servers, cooks, set-up and clean-up, Bingo cards, Number callers, etc. Please attend and plan to help if possible!
 - Menu
 - Pancakes
 - Scrambled eggs
 - Ham
 - Santa Sale: Dec. 15 TBD afternoon
 - Sip and Paint: Jan 14 11a – 2p, adults and kids welcome
 - Wine/Mimosas, beer and Kiddy cocktails will be available.
 - Possibly also ham and turkey sandwiches?
 - Fish Fry X 3: Feb. 16, March 1, March 15
 - 2 at school w/ pull tabs/BINGO/??, 1 at Rod/Gun club
 - Jessie to check with Buck
 - Spring Carnival: Apr. 21 10am – 2pm (set up Apr. 19 & 20)

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 7 @ 5:30pm in the school gym
 - Finalize pancake breakfast
 - Fundraising dates and updates

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Desoto Area Schools Food Pantry Fundraiser

TRUNK



or

TREAT



October 31st
5-7 PM

GENOA STATE BANK
PARKING LOT

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Sponsored by Genoa State Bank



BELIEVE FUNDRAISER 2023-24 (Paper & On-Line)

Name	<u>Paper</u> <u>Items</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>On-Line</u> <u>Items</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Total/Amount	
1. Venner, Bayne	63	\$1,480	9	\$128	72	\$1,608
2. Rodgers, Keilana	29	\$ 548	14	\$256	43	\$ 804
3. Mitchell, Abigail	35	\$ 640	4	\$ 60	39	\$ 700
4. De Garmo, Shelby	-	-	21	\$329	21	\$ 329
5. Olson, Ezio	11	\$ 190	-	-	11	\$ 190
6. Lavey, Rosemary	-	-	11	\$175	11	\$ 175
7. Trussoni, Arianna	8	\$ 171	-	-	8	\$ 171
8. Buncak, Addelyn	9	\$ 164	-	-	9	\$ 164
9. Halverson, Wesley	-	-	8	\$142	8	\$ 142
10 De Garmo, Hazel	7	\$ 129	-	-	7	\$ 129
11. Venner, Celia	-	-	5	\$ 94	5	\$ 94
12. Rach	2	\$ 22	-	-	2	\$ 22
Totals:	164	\$3,344	72	\$1,148	236	\$4,528

Totals: \$4,528 (Paper: \$3,344; On-Line: \$1,184)

(BELIEVE Fundraiser 2023-2024)

