



Family Folder – Wednesday, October 18, 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.

Mystery Reader for October: Greg Furlano visited our school to share his memories and his love of reading with the students. The students were amazed at his stories of making hay on the Mississippi River, building local bridges and roads, and having to take a boat to Lansing to finish his Math classes. This was also a celebration of his 94th birthday and he surprised us with birthday treats for lunch. He read selections from a book written by local writer Michael Pedretti. Greg is also in the process of writing his own book.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Our conferences are tomorrow night, **October 19th**, from **3:00-6:00 PM**. 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. If you would like to change your time, please contact your child's teacher and make an alternative meeting time.

Inclement weather: Just a reminder that Autumn brings a spread of temperatures ranging from warmer to colder, whether we're ready or not. The wind seems to funnel right up the parking lot and across the playground. Please be sure to check your child for weather-appropriate clothing in the morning. We will be going outside for recess as long as the temperature/windchill is above 20 degrees, or at the teachers' discretion. Students will be in the cafeteria if we can't go outside at the end of the day so come inside to pick your child up.

Solar Eclipse Glasses: Hopefully some of you were able to see the eclipse with the glasses provided last week. Please return the glasses in the envelope provided to prevent scratches, we'll use them again on **April 8th** for the total solar eclipse.

Scrubby knitting: Pam Jeffers has once again offered to teach the 4th-6th graders to knit a kitchen scrubby, a perfect Christmas gift. She'll be able to hold the first class on **Tuesday, November 14**. See the attached information sheet for more details. Mrs. Hytry will continue to knit/crochet with 5th-6th grade students on Wednesdays.

PTO Update (Jessie Cina):

- **Reminder:** there are still quite a few **yearbooks** that haven't been picked up. Please pay (\$12 each) and pick up your 22-23 yearbooks ASAP. Carrol has them in her office. Thank you!
- **Pancake (10-1130)/ bingo (11-1) November 12th:**
 - **Work:** The work signup sheet will be coming next week. The Poster to share will be coming soon. In addition, think about when you can help, and/or, if other family/friends want to help and your items for the bake sale.
- **Next PTO meeting is November 7th at 5:30 PM** in school gym.
- Any questions, ideas, agenda items or concerns for PTO, please reach out to Jessie at Jbutterfly12384@gmail.com or call/ text 608-780-1148

Vernon County Health Department Flu Clinic Reminder: The Vernon County Health Department will conduct an Influenza Vaccination Clinic starting here at St. Charles **tomorrow morning (8 AM on Thursday, October 19)**. If you need another form, call and/or email the office. **The forms need to be completed to enable the Health Department to have a count prior to tomorrow.**

BELIEVE Magical Holidays and Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser:

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 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.** (Jackie Kreuzer, Adm. Assist. De Soto Area Schools)

Taking care of the body God gave us: Please have your child dress in layers to be comfortable at school. A sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket might be needed for chilly classrooms and can be kept at school just in case. Winter jackets, hats, and thicker, water-proof gloves might be appropriate for some days. **The little knit gloves might be cute but offer no protection against wind, cold, and wet so please do not have your child wear these to school.** 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.

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.

Enclosures:

- Knitting Kitchen Scrubbies (4th - 6th)
- Message from Mattie Stoffel (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Dates to Remember:

October : Stand up to Bullies month, focus on resilience
October 19: Vaccine clinic starting at 8:00
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
November 3: Celebrating St. Charles Borromeo's Feast Day, Adoration at 2:30, Student Council Bake sale
November 22-24: Thanksgiving break
December 12: Christmas Concert/Art Show
December 15: Santa Sale
December 22: Last day of school before Christmas break

Birthdays:

October 22: Ezio Olson

YouTube Knitting Links

The Longtail Cast on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXA3gBNiSiM&t=1s>

How to Knit Stich:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zp57BMWWJi8&t=1s>

Cast Off:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSwjIUiQZIM&t=1s>

I will be available on Tuesday's after classes and before the bus comes to teach/help the 4th, 5th & 6th graders make a kitchen scrubby. If they still have their materials from last year, there will be no charge, otherwise it's \$5.00 for the skein of yarn.

The above YouTube links are a good reference for what we will be doing.

I will start working with them on Tuesday November 14, 2023.

Pam Jeffers

Father Sedlacek asked that this message below, from Maddie Stoffel from the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse be shared via the family folder. The message is an opportunity for our youth at St. Charles.

**MESSAGE FROM MADDIE STOFFEL
(SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN LA CROSSE)**

My name is Maddie Stoffel and I am emailing you from the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

At the Shrine, we have an apostolate for youth called the Saint José Sánchez del Río Youth Guild. Completely free to belong to, members of the guild receive four benefits:

1. On the Feast Day of Saint José Sánchez del Río, February 10, the Shrine will host a special Mass for the youth guild, at the conclusion of which the celebrant will bless attending guild members with a first-class relic of Saint José Sánchez del Río.
2. The youths enrolled in the guild are remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful daily during Holy Mass.
3. As members are commended to the special intercession of Saint José Sánchez del Río, each guild member receives a medal of the young saint.
4. Beginning in January 2022, members receive monthly editions of the Shrine's new youth journal, Full of Grace.

The youth journal features a young saint for each month, Pope Saint John Paul II's letters to youth, scripture commentary and catechesis, holy cards, a Bible verse to memorize, and much more. Members have the opportunity to be featured in the journal by mailing in art and questions, which is a favorite of the youth!

I am writing to you today to inquire if you would be interested in sharing this opportunity with your staff, students, and parents. We could mail you however many editions of the journal as would be helpful. Here is a link to more information and where students and families could sign up if they are interested: <https://www.youthguild.org/>.

Thank you for your consideration in sharing this free and edifying opportunity with the youth in your corner of the world!

Saint José Sánchez del Río, pray for us!

Maddie Stoffel

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