



**Family Folder – Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

**End of First Quarter:** Report cards are attached. Please use these grades as a way to start a conversation about work ethic, study habits, and setting goals. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Hytry. These are paper copies so you may keep the report card.

**Veteran's Day:** . During this week the students will create an addition to our Peace Wall, writing pieces dedicated to peaceful solutions in the hope that one day God's peace will reign here on Earth. The American Legion in Stoddard has agreed to come for an assembly on **Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30**. The students will sing songs and present their Peace Wall writing and the Veterans will present the colors and give a speech. The community is invited to the assembly and to a community lunch at 11:30. Please RSVP with Carrol if you have not already done so.

**Turkey Baskets:** As we approach the Thanksgiving season we pause to remember those who are not as blessed as we are. We included a donation request list last week to put together 5 turkey baskets to be distributed by Vernon County Health and Human Services. Thank you so much for helping us fulfill God's wish that we share the gifts He gives us with others. Vernon County will come to collect the baskets Tuesday, **November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30**.

**Pancake Breakfast and Bingo:** on Sunday, November 12th, enjoy homemade buttermilk or pumpkin pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, applesauce, and choice of beverage. There will also be baked goods for sale.

**Inclement weather:** **We are completely out of mittens/gloves.** Please check at home for items borrowed from school to return. If you happen across a sale, please pick up a few pairs for us to keep. Be sure to check your child for weather-appropriate clothing in the morning. **Mittens/gloves, hats, scarves, winter jackets, and possibly boots will be needed for outside recess.** 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.

**Santa Sale:** If anyone is getting ready for the holiday visitors by cleaning out closets and cupboards, keep in mind saving items for our Santa Sale on **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. We could use like-new or gently used coffee cups, candles and holders, other knick-knacks, and items for men's gifts. We do have enough books, videos, and picture frames. Thank you.

**Scrubby knitting:** Pam Jeffers has once again offered to teach the 4th-6<sup>th</sup> graders to knit a kitchen scrubby, a perfect Christmas gift. She'll be able to hold the first class on **Tuesday, November 14**. If your child would like to take part in this class please let Mrs. Hytry know and you can send in the \$5.00 anytime before the 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **PTO Update (Jessie Cina):PTO Take-Aways:**

- **Pancake Breakfast & Bingo this Sunday!**
- See worker list (still could use some help); Bring bake sale items by 9:30 Sunday; Share information about event, and come eat & support!
- Need 2/3 people to serve refreshments after church **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **notify Jessie ASAP** if you can help
- **Reminder:** there are still **9 yearbooks** To be picked up. Please pick up - \$12 Each!
- Next meeting **December 8 @ 5:30 PM** in the school gym!
- Any questions, ideas, agenda items or concerns for PTO, please reach out to Jessie at [Jbutterfly12384@gmail.com](mailto:Jbutterfly12384@gmail.com) or call/ text 608-780-1148

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

### **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. Email your cell phone number to: [jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi](mailto: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:**

- Report Cards
- PTO Minutes; PTO Pancake & Bingo Signup Sheet; and PTO Bake Sale Items

### **Dates to Remember:**

November 12: Pancake breakfast/Bingo, sponsored by PTO

November 22-24: Thanksgiving break

December : Month long Hat, Mittens, Underwear, and Socks tree

December 03: First Sunday of Advent

December 05: No Mass

December 08: Mass of the Immaculate Conception at 8:15

December 12: Christmas Concert/Art Show

December 15: Santa Sale

December 19: Reconciliation (2-6<sup>th</sup>)

December 22: Last day of school before Christmas break, Adoration at 2:30

**Birthdays:** **November 26: Lorenzo Trussoni**

# PTO Meeting - Minutes

November 7, 2023 5:30 PM

## Attendees

Jessie Cina, Megan Olson, Mrs. Donovan, Ashley Eckes, Father Sedlacek

## Father's Report

- Discuss RaiseRight (ShopScrip) at church this Sunday
- Fellowship Sunday – looking for 2-3 people to refreshments after church Dec. 3rd

## Teacher's Report

- Christmas concert – Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>
  - PTO will buy Cookies, juice and milk
- Field trips
  - Ft. McCoy sledding Jan. 31 – pending response from Ft. McCoy.
  - May 22. Mississippi River Museum, Dubuque, IA
- Thanksgiving baskets
  - Mrs. Donovan picking up 5 totes
  - PTO buying items for families with the \$10 given per family/teachers

## Treasurer's report

- Encourage others to join and use RaiseRight (ShopScrip App) for everyday shopping/gas
- Rootin Crown, now called “Thirfty Pickins & Buckies” – continue to donate there if able

## Business

- Fundraising
  - Pretzels – Holly requested more information, no response so far
  - Mrs. Donovan working on potential Trivia night - Jan
  - Discussed Euchre tournament - Jan
  - Dates for upcoming events (see volunteer sheet)
    - 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
      - Danielle – getting supplies from O.G.

- Jessie picking up Ham from Steve's & other supplies from store
- Santa Sale: Dec. 15th afternoon (will need volunteers to help set-up/shop/wrap/clean up)
  - Info to be sent next week in family folder/bulletin
- Sip and Paint: Jan 14 11a – 2p, adults and kids welcome
  - Wine/Mimosas, beer and Kiddy cocktails will be available.
  - Possibly also ham/turkey sandwiches
- Fish Fry X 3: Feb. 16, March 1, March 15
  - 2 at school w/ pull tabs/BINGO/??, 1 at Rod/Gun club
    - Dates are close to others they selected – Jessie working on
- Spring Carnival: Apr. 21 10am – 2pm (set up Apr. 19 & 20)

**Next Meeting:**

- Tuesday, December 5th @ 5:30pm in the school gym
  - Santa Sale
  - Fundraising dates and updates

**Take-Aways:**

- **Pancake & Bingo this Sunday!** See worker list, bring bake sale items by 9:30 Sunday – share and come eat/support
- Need 2/3 people to serve refreshments after church Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – notify Jess
- Next meeting **12/8** @ 5:30pm in the school gym!

## Fall Pancake Breakfast & Bingo

When: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
from 10:00-11:30 and BINGO 11am - 1pm

**Pancake Breakfast**

What: Homemade plain/pumpkin pancakes, egg, ham, applesauce & drink

Where: St. Charles School cafeteria

What to do: Sign up to help & bring baked goods for the bake sale

Return to the school by Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

Final work list will be sent in family folder on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> after PTO meeting on 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance!

---

### Worker sign up

We need all of you and appreciate everyone's help! Kids are welcome to come help with some tasks. See list of ideal workers needed below

#### Shifts:

Sunday 9-11:30 am

Sunday 11-1:30 pm

Name of workers: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available for the Sunday 9-11:30 am shift

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available for the Sunday 11-1:00 pm shift (including clean up)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to work from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to help at this event

**Ideal number of workers needed –**

Pancakes 9-1030

2 – making eggs

3 – making pancakes

2 - set/start up

2 (5/6<sup>th</sup> grade kids) – bake sale (needed at 10 am)

10-1130 or gone/clean up

2 – making eggs

3 – making pancakes

4 – servers

1 – runner/refilling

2 (5/6<sup>th</sup> grade kids) – bake sale (till sold)

BINGO 11-1pm

1 – caller

2 – taking money

Clean up after pancakes and bingo

**Thank you!**

## **Bake Sale Items**

Funds from the bake sale support the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade fund

Bring at **least 2** Bake sale items per family.

Examples: Loaf of bread (big or small), plate of cookies, brownies or cupcakes, pie, snacks in bags, etc.

Each should be individually wrapped and ready to sell.

Label items.

Prices will be marked at event.

Drop off at school Friday or Sunday morning by 9:30 am

Any questions, can ask Jessie.

Thanks

