



January



Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Welcome back. We start the new year rested and enjoying all of God's blessings.

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 2nd. This year the students have been exposed to many different genres of literature through their Reading classes and our Guest Readers, so they may choose a genre in which to write a story. Each grade level will have different requirements but they will all end up with a written and illustrated book by the end of the school year, excerpts which will be presented during Author's Chair. Please check your calendar and RSVP as soon as possible so that we can add to our lunch count.

Christmas Tree Donations: Our Christmas tree was filled with warm hats and mittens, underwear and socks. Thank you so much! We wrote little blessings to put inside the items and Father Sedlacek took 3 boxes to the Vernon County Health and Human Services for their needy families. A bag of hats and mittens also went to those friends in need in the De Soto school system.

Thank You: Thank you from the St. Charles classroom teachers for the anonymous Christmas gift. God Bless you for your generosity – it is truly appreciated.

PTO Updates:

The PTO minutes from last evening are enclosed.

Take Aways:

- Sip n Paint has about 15 spots left out of 40. Bring \$10 cash for wine bottles this week by Monday, January 8th for the January 14 Sip & Paint; We need a few more people to bring snacks (already have roll ups and little smokies). Let Jessie know what you can bring and if you can help the day of or not.
- Start shopping for Spring Carnival prizes (clearance aisles, bulk candy/toys, etc.)
- Next meeting February 6 at 5:30 PM in the school gym!
- For questions - text/call 608-780-1148; Jessie Cina jbutterfly12384@gmail.com

2024-2025 School Year: Enrollment is open for St. Charles 4K-6th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested, 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@stcharlesgenoa.org). There are flyers in the office if you would like to give them to others that may be interested.

Open House: There will be an **open house after Mass on Sunday, January 28th**, for any new families seeking to visit our school and learn more about our excellent educational programs. Please stop by, explore the classrooms, and meet the teachers.

Scrip (Megan Olson): Thanks to everyone who has been using the Scrip program. If you haven't already, it is easy to join and start earning money for our school while you shop. You purchase gift cards at face value, and we earn a certain percentage back. Either create an account on raiseright.com or download the Raise Right app. You can use the app or website to immediately buy and use E-gift cards. Reach out to Megan Olson with any questions at 608-385-7815 ormjtrussoni@gmail.com. Thanks!

Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us: Winter is here 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. We will go outside unless the real-feel temperature drops below 10 degrees, or at the teacher's discretion.

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

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

Enclosures:

- Highlights for January for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade
- Server Schedule for January
- January Menu & Activity Calendar
- PTO Minutes
- Author's Chair Invitation for family members

Dates to Remember:

- January 5: Adoration at 2:30
- January 19: End of second quarter
- January 22: Teacher In-Service, no school
- January 24: Report cards go home
- January 28: Start of Catholic Schools Week, Open House—other events to be listed later
- January 31: Field Trip to Whitetail Ridge for tubing-more details next week
- February 03: Author's Chair, family lunch, early dismissal

January Birthdays

- January 17: William Mitchell
- January 26: Thomas Mitchell
- January 30: Isabella Trussoni
- January 31: Arianna Trussoni

Server Schedule for January:

Date	Day	Servers
01/02/24	Tuesday	Celia, William, Ezio
01/04/24	Thursday	Bayne, Keilana
01/05/24	Friday	Abigail, Lorenzo
01/05/24	Adoration	Ari, Easton, Celia
01/09/24	Tuesday	Abigail, Shelby, Keilana
01/11/24	Thursday	Easton, Autumn
01/12/24	Friday	Ari, Ezio
01/16/24	Tuesday	Bayne, Ari, Autumn
01/18/24	Thursday	William, Shelby
01/19/24	Friday	Celia, Lorenzo
01/23/24	Tuesday	Easton, William, Lorenzo
01/25/24	Thursday	Abigail, Keilana
01/26/24	Friday	Bayne, Autumn
01/30/24	Tuesday	Ari, Shelby, Ezio

Highlights for January:

- Eeek!
- January 19: end of quarter. Report cards will go home in the Wednesday folder on the 24th. The students will have their progress reports so this would be a good time to discuss where to put in a little more effort.
- January 22nd no school. Teachers will have a work day.
- English: Bayne has a unit on verbals, 5th and 6th graders started adjectives, 4th graders are starting pronouns. Towards the middle of January, all classes will continue to work on their chosen adventure story, using all their English skills so far!
- Math 7: Bayne is working with equations and inequalities; writing, solving, and graphing.
- Math 6: They will be entering a unit on integers, which include negative numbers—always fun!
- Math 5: They are starting a unit on adding and subtracting fractions.
- Math 4: Multiplying and Dividing!
- Reading: 4th will finish Charlotte's Web. 5th graders can choose between Brian's Winter or Brian's Hunt by Gary Paulsen. 6th graders are almost finished with City of Ember. They will join Bayne in reading Jump Ship to Freedom.

- *History: 5th and 6th graders will finish a unit on the early colonies and will write a petition to their true and rightful King Hytry to build their own colony in the New World. 4th graders are in the middle of the colonial history of Wisconsin.*
- *Science: I decided to introduce a short unit on Snow Science. This will last about 2 weeks, covering the science behind snow and glaciers. After that the 6th graders move on to evolution while the 5th and 4th graders study energy.*
- *Religion: we'll continue with chapter 5 in the textbook.*
- *Skills we're working on:*
 - *better penmanship in all classes*
 - *writing complete answers using part of the question*
 - *using spelling skills, especially when copying words*
 - *using the text to find answers*
- *Please don't hesitate to call or contact me with questions or concerns. Students may also call me if they have questions about their work at any time before 9 (my bedtime).
608-648-2800 (home) or 920-573-0207 (cell)*

PTO Meeting - Minutes

January 2, 2024 5:30 PM

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Danielle Trussoni, Crystal Lavey, Mrs. Hytry, Father, Michelle Rodgers, Holly Rach, Megan Olson, Kelly Hutchinson, Ashley Eckes

Father's Report

- Looking at incoming/Pre-K potential families. If you know of someone even slightly interested in attending, please let Father know. Looking at doing an Open House 10:30am – 12 noon Sunday Jan. 28th. Juice and cookies will be served. Flyer to come out in the next week or 2. This open house will be in addition to Bump Up Day in May.

Teacher's Report

- Applied for a grant for microscopes.
- Operation Gratitude – works with veterans and accepts care packages in addition to letters. Likely will participate to practice letter writing and collect items for Valentine's Day?

Treasurer's report

- End of year items not finalized (should be received and finalized later this week). Stay tuned for next meeting!

Business

- Fundraising
 - Cookie decorating:
 - Fundraising idea for next year. Kelly will attend family member's cookie shop to learn education plan and will report back. Potential to hold a class of 6 cookies/person and be taught different techniques. Also discussed cupcake decorating in May.
 - Sip and Paint: Jan 14 11a – 2p, adults and kids welcome
 - Ham sandwiches with buns/finger rolls will be served. Approximately 7 families should plan on bringing an appetizer/snack, and 4 families plan on a dessert.
 - Ham roll-ups, Mini hot-dogs/meatballs and 2 desserts are planned already.
 - Drinks: Water, punch for kids, wine and beer
 - Wine: we plan to have families contribute cash and then selected bottles (2 red, 2 white) will be bought and served.
 - Supplies
 - Kelly will provide bill to us after the event
 - Kelly suggested we plan one adult be available to run paint cups to participants.

- Catholic Schools Week 1/28 – 2/3
 - Ft. McCoy 1/31 confirmed. Plan to leave school by 8:30, sledding 10a – 1p. PTO will cover admittance cost including chaperones.
 - Students should plan a cold lunch that day, no concessions at Ft. McCoy.
- Fish Fry X 3: Confirming dates but plan ahead! 2/16, 3/1 & 3/15
 - Pull tabs, Trivia?, Bingo will be offered
 - Additional details to be worked out depending on assistance from Chaseburg/Genoa
- Spring Carnival: Apr. 21 10am – 2pm (set up Apr. 19 after school & 20 morning until done)
 - We spllt up call list for raffle donations. Please contact Jessie or Danielle if you would like to assist with this.
 - If you have additional suggestions for basket raffles or other donator ideas, please contact Jessie to make sure we're not double-contacting.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, February 6th @ 5:30pm in the school gym
 - Fish Fry's
 - Carnival

Take-Aways:

- Bring cash for wine bottles this week or next for 1/14 for Sip & Paint!
- Start shopping for Spring Carnival prizes (clearance aisles, bulk candy/toys, etc.)
- Next meeting 2/6 @ 5:30pm in the school gym!