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Wednesday, January 31, 2024

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**. Please check your calendar and RSVP as soon as possible so that we can add to our lunch count.

Sledding: The snow is melting! We were hoping that there would be enough on the hill to sled on but it looks like too much grass and mud. We will reschedule for a time when we have an accumulating snow fall. We'll keep the permission slips and just inform you of the new date.

Aquinas Bible Bowl: Tonight at the Aquinas High School Theater. Our St. Charles team will be Bayne Venner, Ari Trussoni, Shelby DeGarmo, and Ezio Olsen. Congratulations and good luck!

Save your pennies!: Our service project for Catholic Schools Week will be a Penny War to raise money for Project Heifer. We decided to pick teams this year: The Unstoppables, SCWPC (St. Charles Penny War Champions), and the Money Makers. Each team will have a jar set up in the hallway leading into the cafeteria. Let the war begin!

Vision Screening: Tom Jeffers representing the Genoa Lions Club will be at St. Charles on the morning of Thursday, February 8th to do vision screening with the students. He usually begins as soon as the students start arriving at school. Enclosed is an informational flyer for parents on the Lions Vision Screening.

PTO Updates:

Reminder: Please send your \$10 for wine from Sip and Paint to Jessie - only 2 parents left to turn in money. Again, all left over wine will be used for upcoming events! If I don't get it this week I'll send individual messages.

Spring Carnival - April 21st - set up Friday 4/19 & Saturday 4/20. Volunteers will be needed for all 3 days! If you know any kids/adults looking for hours, ask them now and get it on their schedule too! Poster is ready, but finalizing a few raffle ticket items yet so waiting to post since it says "tickets available" and we don't have them printed yet! If you are trying to get donations for the carnival from a company and need to submit the poster, let me know and I'll get you a copy.

PTO meeting February 6th at 5:30 PM in the gym. Main topics are Fish Fry events, trivia night (thanks Donovan's), and the Spring Carnival.

Questions: Text/Call Jessie Cina at 608-780-1146

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 or ormjtrussoni@gmail.com. Thanks!

Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us: In case you haven't noticed--Winter is 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. We will go outside unless the real-feel temperature drops below 10 degrees, or at the teacher's discretion.

Hunger Knows No Season: We'll be collecting food once a month from now on. Our next collection will be February 14th, Ash Wednesday. This is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. The food items will support 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 **now located at 980 Hwy 16 in West Salem.** Let them know your donations support the St. Charles PTO and a percentage of the sales go to PTO. They are taking donations NOW; however, they **WILL NOT** accept them during the month of **February.** 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:

St. Charles Poem by 4th-6th graders
Server schedule for February
Highlights for February (4th-6th)
Parent Letter for 5th grade Diocesan Religion assessment
Lions Club Vision Screening Informational Flyer

Dates to Remember:

February 02: Author's Chair, family lunch, early dismissal (buses are not running at this time)
February 09: Confession at 8:45 (3-6th), Adoration at 2:30
February 13: No Children's Mass, Bake Sale
February 14: Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:15, Valentines' Day, Food Pantry collection
Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross at 2:30 (4-6th grade readers)

January Birthdays

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

January 2, 2024

Dear Parents,

Your child's teacher and I appreciate the opportunity to help your son/daughter grow in faith and in a deeper love for Jesus Christ and His Church through the Catholic Schools. It is a great privilege to be able to assist you, the primary educators, in your children's faith formation.

To help us specifically address strengths and areas for growth in children's faith formation, the Diocese of La Crosse is providing a Faith Knowledge assessment and a confidential Catholic Attitudes and Practices survey for students in Catholic Schools. The assessment has been given online to 12th graders and will be given to 5th and 8th graders during the month of February. The surveys will be taken by students in 5th, 8th, and 11th grade from February 5th to 9th.

The purpose of this Diocesan-wide Assessment and Catholic Attitudes and Practices surveys is to help us know what young people believe about God and themselves as His children and how they are integrating the foundational truths of Catholicism into their lives. This information is paramount to helping us effectively meet the needs of your sons and daughters, and thus effectively serve you as the primary educators of your children.

The format of the assessments is as follows:

- multiple-choice and true/false questions for fifth and eighth grade
- multiple-choice and true/false questions on Faith Knowledge including disputed issues in history and science that involve doctrinal questions in the Church for twelfth grade.
- an essay on literature for twelfth grade.

History as well as Science and the Church are part of the 12th grade assessment because it is necessary to determine whether the students understand the Faith component of these subjects. The goal must be to form our youth in the truth about God, themselves, and the world around them.

Further information on the assessments is available on the Diocesan website for your reference. Visit diolc.org/catechesis/diocesan-wide-assessments to see a few sample questions for each grade level.

Let us pray that our young people will benefit by growing in their knowledge of the Lord. Growth in knowledge of God that is accompanied by daily prayer and reception of the Sacraments, above all the Holy Eucharist every Sunday, leads to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. This personal friendship with the Son of God in turn will strengthen them on the true path to inner joy and peace through love of God and loving service toward others. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



St. Charles

On the banks of the Mississippi,
In a little town called Genoa,
Look up the bluff and you will see
A cross, which means our school is near.
St. Charles school is the place to be!
This little school feels like home.
We have been here since we were three
This is where we learn to read and write.
This is exactly where we want to be.
We always have fun in the sun,
Science and math make us happy,
Hard work and play make us the best,
God bless us and our families.

Celia V

Easton

AT(ARI) Bayne

William Abigail

Jack

Catholic Schools Week 2024
4th - 6th graders

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Highlights for February:

- It feels as if Spring is right around the corner!
- No Children's Mass on Tuesday, February 13. Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:15 on February 14.

- **LA:** all classes have worked hard on their stories and these are wonderful.

Next we get back into grammar with adjectives and pronouns.

- **Reading:** 4th graders have just about finished *Charlotte's Web* and will read Little House in the Big Woods as a link to their Wisconsin history. 5th classes are working their way through individual Gary Paulsen books and will read Jump Ship to Freedom next. 6th graders are close to finishing A Light in the Forest and will read Tuck Everlasting next.

- **Math:** Bayne will finish a unit on writing, solving, and graphing linear and parabolic equations. His next unit includes ratios and proportions. 6th graders are working on a fraction unit, building on last year's knowledge. 5th graders will work on the intricacies of multiplying and dividing fractions. 4th graders will finish division and work on fractions by the end of the month.

- **History:** 5th and 6th graders' colonies will experience the French and Indian War and the convoluted road to rebellion against their true and rightful Queen Hytry. 4th graders are exploring the early immigrants who made their home in the Northwest Territory and helped build Wisconsin into a state.
- **Science:** 6th graders will finish a unit on evolution and classification then move on to the ever popular bacteria and viruses. 4th and 5th graders are starting a unit on energy with emphasis on light, sound, and heat.
- **Religion::** Chapter 6 introduces us to the virtues of generosity and gratitude in relation to the Holy Family.
- **Skills we are working on:** erasing completely when rewriting a new answer, reading all the directions, using all the English skills when writing an answer, and checking their agenda to be sure their homework is completed.
- Please have your child call with any questions: 608-648-2800.

Server Schedule for February

Date	Day	Servers
02/01/24	Thursday	Easton, Keilana
02/02/24	Friday	Abigail, Ezio
02/06/24	Tuesday	Celia, Shelby, William
02/08/24	Thursday	Bayne, Autumn
02/09/24	Friday	Abigail, Lorenzo
02/09/24	Friday Adoration	Bayne, Easton, William
02/14/24	Ash Wednesday	Abigail, Ari, Keilana
02/15/24	Thursday	Celia, Lorenzo
02/16/24	Friday	Bayne, Autumn
02/20/24	Tuesday	Ari, William, Ezio
02/22/24	Thursday	Easton, Lorenzo
02/23/24	Friday	Shelby, Keilana
02/27/24	Tuesday	Bayne, Lorenzo, Autumn
02/29/24	Thursday	Ari, Shelby
03/01/24	Friday	Celia, Ezio

LIONS

VISION SCREENING

Dear Parent / Guardian

Every child need regular vision screening and the American Academy of Ophthalmology suggests "that during childhood, babies up to age 2 should have vision screening during regular pediatric visits, and screening every one to two years ages 3 to 9."

To effectively address vision issues in children, Spot, a revolutionary automated vision screening technology has been developed to quickly detect indications of the most common treatable sight threatening conditions in children such as: **refractive errors** (nearsightedness, farsightedness, unequal power and astigmatism), **amblyopia** (lazy eye), **strabismus** (crossed eyes) and a comparative analysis for unequal refractive power (**anisometropia**) and unequal pupil size (**anisocoria**).

By using the latest technology for this screening. Our local Lions Clubs are taking a leadership role in the community to identify vision issues. Many of these vision issues can hamper your child's ability to learn. The prevalence of vision issues as a profound social impact:

80% of what a child learns until age 12 is **visually acquired**

25% of school age children **have a vision issue**

Unlike other ailments, **pain is not associated with vision issues**

Children with vision issues **do not have a reference point for good vision.**

Kids love how easy Spot is. The screening is performed from a comfortable distance of about 3 feet away, similar to having a picture taken at home with a digital camera. It takes only a few seconds to administer, and is quick, safe and fast.

Automated screening does not replace a complete and comprehensive eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, nor can it detect all eye diseases or conditions. Screening determines if your child requires the attention of a vision care specialist.

