



February



Wednesday, February 28, 2024

March Parent/Teacher conferences: These are scheduled for **March 7th** and are optional. Your child's teacher will contact you with a conference request if the situation warrants a time to sit down and discuss further academic plans. You are also welcome to make a conference request if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Mite Boxes Reminder: Ash Wednesday, **February 14th**, began all the activities of our Lenten Season. A Mite Box was included for each student 2 weeks ago. Each year, support from the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) provides for more than **2 million children** who are enrolled in catechesis and Christian formation programs, as well as more than **600,000 children** in nursery school through secondary school. We ask our students to donate what they are able and to return the mite boxes to school **as soon after Easter as possible**.

Leap Day! We have an extra day in February to make up the extra time it takes to journey around the Sun. The students have put together a Leap Day envelope to be opened on the next Leap Day, February 29th, 2028. The 3rd through 6th graders will bring these envelopes home to put in a safe place to open in 2028, the 4K-2nd graders will leave theirs here at school to open in 2028.

PTO Update:

- **Trivia** this past Saturday night (February 24) was a fun success! Thank you, Mariette and Mary Kate Donovan, for all your work with Trivia! Thank you to those that volunteered and those that came to test their knowledge! We're currently looking at doing another trivia night, **Friday, April 26th**. Final details to come later!
- **Fish Dinners – March 8** (no bingo) and **March 22** (with bingo to follow) - We will need **VOLUNTEERS** to help for these events. Put up posters and share! 250 dinners served till gone! Fill out volunteer form and send back to Jessie ASAP!
- **Spring Carnival** - Raffle tickets were sent home last week - sell, sell, sell!! Each family is asked to sell at least \$100 worth (we have 3,000 tickets to sell). Anyone can sell them. More will be available in the office or church vestibule. There are lots of really great prizes! **Remember this is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year**. So, please get the posters up and share, share, share the information! **Keep shopping for Spring Carnival prizes (clearance aisles, bulk candy/toys, etc.)** More information will be coming out in the coming weeks
- Each family received a **donation request letter** for the Spring Carnival donations last week - you can use the letter to help gather donations. Please feel free to copy if you need more than one.
- Next **PTO meeting March 5 @ 5:30 PM** in the school gym.
- **Questions: Text/Call Jessie Cina at 608-780-1146**

Hearing Screening: The Vernon County Health Department will be at St. Charles School on **Thursday morning, March 7th** for hearing screening. This is an optional screening for children in grades 4K-5 and other children referred by school staff. Requests **NOT** to be screened will be honored. See the enclosed letter from Emily Olson, Vernon County Health Department.

2024-2025 School Year: Enrollment is open for St. Charles 4K-6th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. If you, 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.

Hunger Knows No Season: We'll be collecting food once a month from now on. Our next collection will be Tuesday, March 26, just before Easter Break. This is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

PTO Scrip Program REMINDER: Thank you to those who have already signed up for the scrip program. It's easy to earn money back while you are buying your groceries, gas, or shopping around at many retailers. (Megan Olson 608-385-7815; mjtrussoni@gmail.com)

Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us: Bah! Mother Nature is going from hot to cold within a day! Who can keep up? To be prepared for any weather God gives us, everyone will still need winter hats and gloves/mittens for the time being with snow pants on standby. If your child comes home with hats or mittens which they borrowed from the school, please wash these and send them back.

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 Wellness Policy: We are required to post the St. Charles Wellness policy on-line for parents – here is where you can find it: <http://www.mwt.net/~st.charl/School.html>.

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

Enclosures:

Highlights for March (4-6)
March Server Schedule (3-6)
March menu and activity calendar

Dates to Remember:

Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross at 2:15
March 1: Adoration plus Stations of the Cross
March 7: Optional Parent/Teacher conference
March 8: Reconciliation (2-6th graders), Fish Fry
March 14: Pi Day!
March 22: End of third quarter, Fish Fry
March 27: Report cards go home
March 28-April 1: Easter Break, students return Tuesday, April 2 (DeSoto buses will **NOT** be running the 28th & 29th).
April 21: Spring Carnival
April 29: Bump-up Day

March Birthdays

March 10: Abigail Mitchell
March 31: Giovanni Trussoni

Highlights for March:

- End of third quarter is March 22nd!
- Thursday, March 7th, is an optional parent/teacher conference day. If you feel that you would like to discuss any issues please let me know.
- Thursday, March 14th, is Pi Day, a day to celebrate the mathematical symbol which stands for the circumference of a circle divided by the diameter. There will be a Pi contest, a Pi play, and pie to eat for lunch.
- March 20th is a day to celebrate Dr. Seuss! The Student Council has voted to make this a day to decorate our doors in Dr. Seuss fashion and read his books to each other.
- Language Arts: 6th and 5th have finished adjectives and will be starting grammar lessons on verbs. 4th are looking at adjectives next.
- Math: Bayne is solving proportions and looking at scale models. 6th graders will add/subtract fractions, 5th graders will learn how to multiply/divide fractions. 4th graders are finishing a unit on division and explore fractions next.
- History: 5th/6th have built the colonies, some experienced destruction during the French and Indian War, many are very angry at being taxed to pay for that war, and now will move into the chaotic time before uniting against their true and rightful Queen Hytry II. Unfortunately, war will have to settle our issues! 4th graders are learning about the

immigrants who found their way to Wisconsin in the 1800s and how their customs and traditions found their way into Wisconsin life.

- **Science:** 6th graders are starting with viruses and bacteria. 5th and 4th graders will end a unit on energy and use their knowledge to build a complex machine of their own design.
- **Reading:** 6th graders are reading *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt, 5th graders are reading *Jump Ship to Freedom* by James Lincoln and Christopher Collier. This story parallels our History unit with setting up a government with a constitution and the issue of slavery. 4th graders will read *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder which also parallels their Wisconsin History unit.
- **Religion:** During Lent we'll take a look at the Pascal Mystery, Jesus as the Perfect Sacrifice, and the Easter Triduum.

Skills we continue to focus on:

- writing simple words or copying words correctly
- using better penmanship
- using English skills we've already been taught
- writing complete sentences which make sense!!!

Server Schedule for March

Date	Day	Servers
03/05/24	Tuesday	Ari, William, Ezio
03/07/24	Thursday	Easton, Lorenzo
03/08/24	Friday	Abigail, Autumn
03/12/24	Tuesday	Bayne, Shelby, Keilana
03/14/24	Thursday	Celia, Ezio
03/19/24	Tuesday	Abigail, Easton, Lorenzo
03/21/24	Thursday	Bayne, Autumn
03/22/24	Friday	Ari, Keilana
03/26/24	Tuesday	Bayne, Celia, William

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2/20/2024

Dear Parents,

Vernon County Health Department will be offering hearing screening for your children attending school at St. Charles on **Thursday March 7th**. These screenings can identify children who have hearing issues that may interfere with their ability to learn.

This screening is optional. Children in 4K to grade 5 will be screened each year, plus any other children referred by school staff. Any child who has a parental or medical request **not** to be screened, will **not** be screened.

Children that do not pass the hearing screening will have a letter with findings sent to parents/guardians.

Thank you for helping your child receive appropriate education opportunities by ensuring their hearing is not impaired.

If you have questions or concerns please contact us at the number provided above.

Thank you,

Emily Olson, RN BSN
Deputy Health Officer

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET FOR PTO FISH DINNER EVENTS

Friday March 8th (dinner only)

Serve at 5 PM; Where can you work?

4 PM - 8 PM (clean up): _____

We need 3-4 people doing fish dinners & 1-2 selling drinks, desserts & taking money: _____

1-2 people to sell tip boards: _____

Someone clearing tables throughout the evening:

Friday March 22nd (dinner and bingo)

Serve at 5 PM; Where can you work?

4 PM - 10 PM (clean up): _____

We need 3-4 people doing fish dinners and 1-2 selling drinks & desserts – taking money: _____

1-2 people to sell tip boards: _____

Someone clearing tables throughout the evening: _____

Bingo – caller: _____

Bingo card sellers - 2 ideally: _____

1-2 to sell any left-over goods (drinks, desserts): _____

