



Wednesday, March 6, 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.

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.

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**.

PTO Update:

- **Fish Dinners –**
1st: This Friday - March 8 from **5-7 PM** (no bingo); First come, first serve – 250 dinners; Eat in or to go; Drinks, desserts and cash prizes.
2nd: Friday, March 22 from **5-7 PM** (with bingo to follow **7-9 PM**); first come – first serve. 250 dinners;
- **Spring Carnival – April 21** – Raffle tickets were sent home – sell, sell, sell!!! Each family is asked to sell at least \$100 worth - we have 3,000 tickets to sell! Remember this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Get those posters up and share, share, share the information. Keep shopping for prizes (clearance aisles, bulk candy, toys, etc. Please return tickets to school office!
- **Thank you to all who donated raffle ticket items** – you're truly appreciated and WOW, some great prizes again this year!

Take-Aways from PTO Meeting:

- Spread the word on Fish Fry's March 8 and March 22 - **first come first serve** only! Volunteer if you can!
- Keep shopping for Spring Carnival prizes (clearance aisles, bulk candy/toys, etc.)
- Next meeting **April 2nd** @ 5:30pm in the school gym!
- **Questions: Text/Call Jessie Cina at 608-780-1146**

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. 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:

Thank you from Heifer International (purchased with Penny Wars money & donations)
PTO Minutes

Dates to Remember:

Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross at 2:15

March 7: Optional Parent/Teacher conference

March 8: Reconciliation (2-6th graders), Fish Fry

March 14: Pi Day! Guest Reader

March 18: Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day—stay tuned for details

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 12: No School, Teacher In-service at the Diocese of La Crosse

April 21: Spring Carnival

April 29: Bump-up Day

May 14: Spring Concert & Art Show

May 21: 6th grade graduation Mass

May 22: End of year field trip to the River Museum, Dubuque

May 24: Last day of school, 2024!

March Birthdays

March 10: Abigail Mitchell

March 31: Giovanni Trussoni



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| Donor ID: | 8-18229239 |
| Receipt Number: | 15951979 |
| Date Received: | 2/20/2024 |
| Amount: | \$400.00 |

Purchase: Honeybees (30.00), Dream Basket (120.00), Water Buffalo (250.00)

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February 23, 2024

Dear Patricia,

One of the best parts of my job is being able to tell you how your generous support of Heifer is truly changing lives. Not just today ... but for generations to come.

Your recent gift of \$400.00 to Heifer International is more than the gift of a cow, goat, chicken or hive of honeybees — it is a beacon of hope and a better tomorrow for the world’s most impoverished families. Thank you.

You see, your support gives a family the hand up they need to lift themselves out of hunger and poverty forever. In fact, your gift is already being put to work, providing life-saving animals, seeds and training for hardworking people in some of the poorest corners of the world.

With these gifts (and compassionate friends like you by their side!) farmers learn lifechanging skills like how to produce high-quality milk and protein-rich eggs to feed their children ... how to use their animal’s manure to grow bountiful crops ... and how to sell milk, eggs, honey or vegetables at market for a steady, reliable income.

Every day I see the impact a single gift can have on a family — and how it has the power to end hunger once and for all. Your gift can be the difference between a child sitting at an empty table or one filled with nutritious food.

But what I hope brings you even more pride is that your impact goes beyond a single family. Thanks to our tradition of Passing on the Gift®, the family you’ve helped will share what they’ve received and learned with another family in their community, furthering your gift to help even more people.

Your gift means so much to so many!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for being part of this community dedicated to ending hunger and poverty. Your kindness reminds us daily of the strength that comes from this global community committed to creating positive change.

With appreciation,

Christy Moore
 Senior Vice President of Marketing

**Thank you again for your contribution. Heifer International is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization eligible to receive tax-deductible donations. Our EIN is 35-1019477. Either (a) no goods or services were provided to you in exchange for your contribution, or (b) under IRS guidelines, the estimated value of any goods or services you received from us in connection with your contribution is not substantial; therefore the full amount of your contribution is a deductible contribution.*

PTO Meeting - Minutes

March 5, 2024 5:30pm

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Danielle Trussoni, Crystal Lavey, Ashley Eckes, Megan Olson, Michelle Rodgers, Miss Donovan

Teacher's Report

- Spring concert date will be Tuesday, 5/14 – PTO to cover cost of cookies
- Graduation will be last day of school – a reminder to parents to start working on their videos, PTO will cover cost of cake
- End of year field trip will be to Mississippi River Museum 5/22. Bus will leave around 7:30 am and will return to school around 5:30 pm.

Treasurer's report

- As of February, we have \$11,678.50 in our checking and \$4,879.94 in savings.
- Trivia made a little over \$550.00!

Business

- Fundraising
 - Trivia Night!: This was a major success, special thanks to the Donovan's for their time and contributions!
 - Plan on another Trivia Night on Friday, April 26th
 - Will need volunteers
 - 5:30 – 6:30 food served, rounds start at 6:30 (last until 9ish)
 - Same as last time – BBQ/Chili dog, Chips, Pickle, Baked goods and Drinks
 - Contact Mrs. Donovan to sign up your team!
 - Fish Fry X 2: Save the dates!! 3/8, 3/22 at school gym
 - Lion's club will be again cooking fish.
 - Consider supporting them in all of their community work!
 - There will be 250 dinners available, on a **first come first serve basis**
 - Food will be served 5 – 7pm, cash or check at door
 - \$15/dinner 3 Pcs. Fish, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, bun
 - Setup Friday afternoon ~ 4pm
 - We will need volunteers!
 - 3-4 people serving down the line
 - 1-2 people in the kitchen serving drinks and collecting money
 - 1-2 people selling raffle tickets (Eckes have 3/8 covered)
 - ~2 people selling tip boards
 - Let Jessie know if you can help on either date

- Spring Carnival: Apr. 21 10am – 2pm (set up Apr. 19 after school & 20 morning until done)
 - Keep selling raffle tickets, there is more in the office.
 - Meeting attendees divvied up donor list. If you have suggestions for basket raffles or other donator ideas, please contact Jessie to make sure we're not double-contacting. Keep in mind many sponsors need at least a month advance, so contact as soon as possible.
 - Keep collecting items for prizes/Jar game/pop bottles, etc.
- Miscellaneous
 - Chicken coop
 - Discussed purchasing a chicken coop for school to raise chickens
 - Each family could volunteer to cover cost of chicken feed (~\$30)
 - Eggs will be used on menu
 - Kitchen scraps will be fed to chickens
 - Deep Fryer
 - PTO purchased a deep fryer that was available at auction
 - Needs adapter and basket
 - Hope to use this to offer french fries, etc. for fish fry

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, April 2nd @ 5:30pm in the school gym
 - Spring Carnival
 - Trivia
 - Scholarship review

Take-Aways:

- Spread the word on Fish Fry's 3/8 and 3/22, ***first come first serve*** only! Volunteer if you can!
- Keep shopping for Spring Carnival prizes (clearance aisles, bulk candy/toys, etc.)
- Next meeting **4/2** @ 5:30pm in the school gym!