



Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Power Plant demolition field trip to Genoa Park: The planned demolition of the main building and smoke stack of the power plant is on Tuesday, March 19th, at 10:00. We plan to walk with the students down to Genoa Park about 9:45 to watch this event. You are welcome to join us, it should be spectacular. The demolition is weather dependent, of course, so if the date and time change we'll let you know. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Hytry at 608-689-2642.

Celebrating Dr. Seuss: Dr. Seuss has been an inspiration for many young readers throughout the country. On **Monday, March 18th**, **we'll** celebrate the writings of Dr. Seuss by dressing as a favorite Dr. Seuss character for a \$1 donation for the Student Council fund, and gathering as a school to read Dr. Seuss books to each other.

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:** THANK YOU to all who volunteered to make this event possible - without you before, during and after - it wouldn't have been successful!! Thank you for sharing the event and coming to eat fish last Friday! We sold about 180 dinners. Let's sell 250 next week!!
- Our next **Fish Dinner** is **Friday, March 22 5-7 PM with Bingo to follow 7-9** and we will need you again with bingo! A couple families that helped last week may also not be able to help this time. Please let Jessie know if you can help if you haven't already. We have a couple people donating cookies or bars, if anyone else is willing to make some (selling for \$1 each) let Jessie know. First come – first served - 250 dinners. - eat in or to go. Drinks, desserts and cash prizes.
- **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! Get donations for games, prizes and bucket raffle!! 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 **March 22** with bingo - **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** @ 5:30 PM 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:

Dr. Seuss Day flier

Dates to Remember:

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

March 14: Pi Day! Guest Reader

March 18: Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day—see flier for details

March 19: Demolition of power plant field trip to Genoa Park (see info above)

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 5: First Communion

May 14: Spring Concert & Art Show

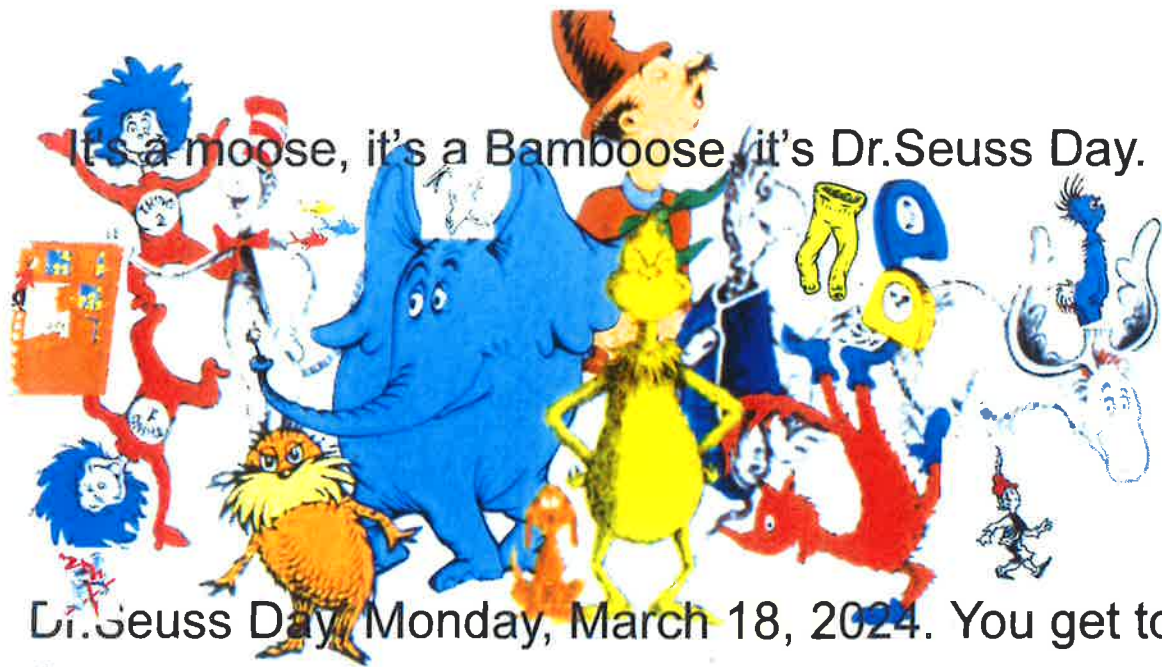
May 22: End of year field trip to the River Museum, Dubuque

May 24: 6th grade graduation Mass, Last day of school, 2024!

March Birthdays

March 10: Abigail Mitchell

March 31: Giovanni Trussoni



It's a moose, it's a Bamboose, it's Dr. Seuss Day.

Dr. Seuss Day Monday, March 18, 2024. You get to dress up as a Dr. Seuss character for just one dollar!

Also, don't forget, as a wise man once said,
"You Are You, Now Isn't That Pleasant."

-Dr. Seuss

This fundraiser is supported by the St. Charles Student Council.

