

Wednesday, April 10, 2024



Tuition & Registration Form: The Tuition & Registration form for the 2024-2025 school year has been send home. The tuition has been adjusted for the coming school year. Please look it over, complete it, and return to the office by April 15th along with the \$150 registration fee for each student. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Sedlacek.

Bump-Up Day: We've set aside **Monday, April 29th as a Bump-Up day.** Our 6th graders will shadow other students either at Aquinas or De Soto. The remaining students will "bump-up" to the next grade level for the morning and experience lessons and teaching styles they'll encounter in the Fall. We will also welcome any new 4k kids to spend the day. If you know of anyone who would like to join us on that day to check out our wonderful school, please encourage them to contact Carol.

State Wrestling: Congratulations to **Kellianal** She placed 6th in the state wrestling championship meet before Easter.

Guest Reader: Thank you, Father Kuhn, for sharing your love of reading with us. We enjoyed listening to you twist your tongue around Fox in Sox by Dr. Seuss.

Mite Boxes Reminder: please return these as soon as possible.

PTO Update Jessie Cina): See PTO minutes from the **April 9th** meeting which are enclosed. **Spring Carnival - IS NEXT SUNDAY!!!** - see overview of what is needed from you and the signup sheet for shifts. If you haven't signed up please let Jessie know **ASAP** what you are able to work. There are still about 10 openings!!! Respond to email or text Jessie.
Donated Items: Drop off any of your donated items and/ or items you have collected from businesses to school for prizes, raffle baskets etc. by next **Friday 12th.**
Setup: Starting **Friday** after school and again **Saturday at 8 AM** till ready.
Will need as many people to help set up and take down!
We'll be taking it down & putting school back together right after the event on Sunday.
Sold Raffle Tickets: Start turning in **solid raffle tickets** - be sure to put Raffle tickets on the envelope and kids name on back of tickets. Continue to sell!!!
Baskets: We are looking for 5-10 more baskets for the raffle basket - if you or someone you know wants to donate please bring by next Friday.

Trivia night: - Friday, April 26th. Connect with Mrs. Donovan to sign up a team! We will have a kitchen crew team again for anyone who is able to work and play. We will be serving food and beverages at 5:30 PM. If you're able to work let Jessie know.

Next PTO meeting: May 7th at 5:30 PM in the gym.
Questions: Text/Call Jessie Cina at 608-780-1146

POP Can Tabs Collection

Our school is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. This worthy cause provides a place for parents to spend the night at a reasonable price while their children are receiving treatment in a hospital. At a Ronald McDonald House, families can stay together, rest and recharge to remain strong for their child, interact with families going through similar experiences, enjoy home-cooked meals and receive compassionate hospitality from staff and volunteers - all just minutes from the hospital where their child is receiving care. If you would like to save can tabs for us, we would surely appreciate it! They can be placed in the jars in school and at the back of the church. Thank you.

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 call the office (608) 689-2642 for an application. You may also call or email Fr. Sedlacek (608-689-2646; frdaniesedlacek@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, April 30th. 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: Bahi! 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: There have been many changes with RootinCrown Consignment store. They are now called **Thrifty Pickins' & Buckies** and are located at 980 WI-Hwy 16 in West Salem. A flyer is enclosed. For more information go to: info@thriftypickins.com and/or thriftypickins.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 April (4-6th)
April Server Schedule (4-6th)
PJ Day flyer

Tornado Safety at Home, Work, and When You're Away
PTO Minutes

Spring Carnival Needs
March Menu & Activity Calendar
Tuition & Registration Form (reminder April 15)
Account Statements

Dates to Remember:

April 12: No School, Teacher In-service at the Diocese of La Crosse
April 15: Registration for 2024-2025 school year due
April 17: PJ Crazy Day
April 21: Spring Carnival
April 23: No Mass
April 26: Bake Sale
April 29: Bump-up Day
May 3: Adoration at 2:30
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!

April Birthdays:

April 18: Keilana Rodgers

Too busy to get dressed? Well don't worry because on April 17, 2024, you get to go to school in your pajamas for just \$1!



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



Highlights for April:

- Third quarter has been declared a "due dates are due dates" quarter. This means that when the student comes into the classroom at the beginning of the day, assignments due that day go into the basket. Hopefully, this will help students work on the "home" side of homework and not double up on their work for the next day, and no more forgetting work at home. If there are questions, I expect a phone call the night before. I understand that there are often extenuating circumstances such as a surprise visit or a family gathering, just write a note in your child's agenda to let me know.
- THE BOOK is finished! Whew! This was a long process but a very worth-while one. Choosing a genre, a story line, story theme, character development, plot, choosing specific words, editing.....a very comprehensive showcase of their English skills.
- LA for all students will continue with grammar skills. Major writing projects for the end of the year include letter writing, formal book reports, science research reports, and an opinion writing piece.
- Math: Bayne is solving proportions, 6th graders will use their algebra skills with fractions and move into decimals, 5th graders will finish decimal, and 4th graders will finish a unit on fractions (new to them so we're going slowly to build up a better understanding).
- American History: the rag-tag bunch of colonists have decided to separate from England, the mightiest fighting force in the world. This means war, which they are certain they will win. We'll see just how this bunch of rebels work together to pull it off.

Then the work begins on setting up a country. The whole world is watching.

- Wisconsin History: Wisconsin is now a state and building its own state government and economy. 4th graders will find out how Wisconsin fits into the history of the United States.

- Reading: After a formal book report on *Tuck Everlasting*, the 6th graders will read a variety of short stories and factual reports, honing their skills on picking out the elements which go into writing. When the 5th graders finish *Jump Ship to Freedom*, they'll join the 6th graders and read *The Watsons go to Birmingham*. 4th graders are enjoying *Little House in the Big Woods*.

- Science: 6th graders will choose from a list of infectious diseases to research and write a formal report about. They will then have a choice of which body system to study: nervous, circulatory/respiratory, or muscular/skeletal. 4th and 5th graders will hopefully finish a unit on electricity and magnetism during April.

- Religion: We'll continue with chapter 20, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and (hopefully), chapter 21, Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension

Skills we continue to work on:

- meeting due dates
- using spelling skills already taught
- self-editing
- calling Mrs. Hytry if I'm stuck 608-648-2800

April Server Schedule

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

PTO Meeting - Minutes

April 9, 2024 5:30pm

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Danielle Trussoni, Crystal Lavey, Ashley Eckes, Holly Rach, Michelle Rodgers, Father

Father's Report

- No new updates, continuing to work on FlockNote and further recruiting ideas
- Bulletin posts
- Let Father know if you know of any families that are have school age children or near-school age!

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. PTO will cover snacks.

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

- Scholarships
 - 1 received and accepted
- PTO Storage spaces
 - Discussed purchase of fridge/freezer for garage for PTO item storage so we don't have to store items at our homes between events.
 - Santa sale items, etc. Current storage is Lello room, however this is getting cramped. Discussed totes and outside storage, possible build of small building?
- 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
 - Getting fixed this week, should be functional for Trivia night?
- Fundraising
 - Trivia Night: Back by popular demand, we will hold another Friday, April 26!

- Will need volunteers, kitchen crew plays and serves!
 - 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
 - Ashley will make BBQ, Crystal checking into Hot Dog donation
 - Will also do 50/50 raffle again
 - Contact Mrs. Donovan to sign up your team!
- Fish Fry's
 - These were a hit! Discussed 2 vs. 3 for next year.
 - Keep amount of 250 dinners available, on a **first come first serve basis**
 - Ensure we align with Lion's Club future events (they can purchase leftover fish if needed), and avoid conflicting events with students (state wrestling).
 - Spring Carnival: Apr. 21 10am – 2pm (set up Apr. 19 after school & 20 morning until done)
 - Raffle Tickets!!! More available in the office. **Keep selling and turn in sold ASAP!**
 - 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.
 - Contact Jessie to sign up for volunteering. Get ready to bake cakes for cake walk!

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, May 7th @ 5:30pm in the school gym
 - End of year review

Take-Aways:

- Sell Raffle Tickets, hand into school sold ones ASAP!
- Contact Jessie for volunteering Carnival setup and day-of.
- Next meeting **5/7** @ 5:30pm in the school gym!

Spring Carnival – Sunday, April 21st, 2024

We need each family to ...

1) **WORK** – setup, day of event volunteer and take down! See signup sheet!

2) Sell raffle tickets! A lot of them. Biggest money maker of event!

3) Collect and donate Jar Game prizes (\$5+ value). Need 350 for game.

4) Hang up & share the Spring Carnival poster in a public place and tell all your friends and family to attend!

5) Make 4 cakes/desserts in disposable-ware for the Dessert Walk game.

6) Donate 12 drinks (large or small) for the Ring Toss game.

7) Donate \$10.00 or more in lottery tickets for the Lottery Board game.

8) Basket Raffle – Ideally want 20. Donate items or basket if able.

All the support, time, donations, effort, publicity, and extended family assistance are what make this event happen.

Thank you to all of you!

Tornado Safety at Home, Work, or at Play

Have a Plan at Home, at Work, and When You're Away



- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement, and get under a sturdy table or the stairs. A specially-constructed "safe room" within a building offers the best protection.

- If a basement is not available, move to a small interior room on the lowest floor and cover yourself with anything close at hand: towels, blankets, pillows. If possible, get under a sturdy table, desk or counter. Put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows.

- If caught outdoors, seek shelter in a sturdy building. If you cannot quickly walk to shelter, get into a vehicle, buckle your seatbelt and drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have two options as a last resort:
 - Stay in the vehicle with the seatbelt on and place your head below the windows.
 - If you can safely get noticeably lower than the roadway, exit the vehicle and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Do not seek shelter under an overpass.
- Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes. You should leave a mobile home and go to the designated storm shelter or the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building.

- Make sure you have **multiple ways** to receive weather information. A NOAA Weather Radio, access to local TV, and smart phone apps can keep you informed when severe weather threatens.

Tornado Myths and Truths

- MYTH:** Areas near lakes, rivers, and hills are safe from tornadoes.
 - TRUTH:** No place is safe from tornadoes. The tornado that struck Door County in August 1998 formed on the waters of Green Bay and moved onshore, causing over \$5 million in damage.
 - MYTH:** The low pressure with a tornado causes buildings to explode as the tornado passes overhead.
 - TRUTH:** Violent winds and debris slamming into buildings cause most structural damage.
 - MYTH:** Windows should be opened before a tornado approaches to equalize pressure and minimize damage.
 - TRUTH:** Leave windows alone. The most important action is to immediately go to a safe shelter.
 - MYTH:** People caught in the open should seek shelter under highway overpasses.
 - TRUTH:** Take shelter in a sturdy, reinforced building if at all possible. The winds of a tornado may actually increase in the tight space of an overpass, increasing the chance for injury.
- Don't be caught surprised!**
Always have a way to receive the very latest forecasts and warnings from the National Weather Service.

Spring Carnival 2024

Which date/time are you able to help set up Friday (21st) starting after school - _____ and/or Saturday (22nd) starting at 8 am till it's done _____? (more hands to help, the quicker it's set up!)

Workstation	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Dessert Walk (2)	1) Jordan Lomen 2) Kenzie Pedretti	1) Nalani Rodgers 2) Kai Rodgers
Jar Game (3)	1) Cora Gianoli Family 2) Cora Gianoli Family 3) Cora Gianoli Family	1) Cora Gianoli Family 2) Cora Gianoli Family 3) Cora Gianoli Family
Ring Toss (1 or 2)	1) Elsie Venner 2) Shelby Degarmo	1) Kanoa Rodgers 2) Bayne Venner
Face Painting (2)	1) Kelly Hutchinson 2)	1) Kelly Hutchinson 2) Elsie Venner
Nerf Game (1)	1) Ben Penchi	1) Mitchel Family
Fishpond (2)	1) Kayla Dobitz 2) Brynn	1) Mitchel Family 2) Mitchel Family
Sucker Tree (1)	1) Cheisie Pedretti	1) Ari Trussoni
Football Toss (1) Golf (1) (weather permitting)	1) Sal Trussoni	1)
Dice Game (2)	1) Nate Trussoni 2)	1) Nate Trussoni 2)
Prize Room (2)	1) Michelle Rodgers 2) Cindy Gehde	1) Michelle Rodgers 2) Cindy Gehde
Kitchen (4) 1 st shift starts at 9 am	1) Char Venner 2) Ashley Eckes 3) Kathy Pedretti 4)	1) Holly Rach 2) Ashley Eckes 3) 4)
Kitchen Cashier (1)	1) Crystal Lavey	1)
Tickets - Raffle & Games - (2)	1) Patti Hytry 2) Randy Hytry	1) 2)
Basket Raffle (1)	1) Stacey Penchi	1)
Lottery Board raffle (1)	1) Danielle Trussoni	1) Danielle Trussoni
Cashier (1)	1)	1)
Float (1)	1) Jessie Cina	1) Jessie Cina

