



Tuesday, April 16, 2024

A letter from Father Sedlacek to the St. Charles Families is enclosed in the Family Folder.

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 Carrol.

Save the Date, Volunteer Luncheon: We would like to show our appreciation for all the volunteers we have within our parish and school. To show our tremendous gratitude for all they do for us, we are planning a Recognition Luncheon on **Friday, May 10, at 11:30 PM**. An invitation is enclosed for you to complete and return by **Friday, May 3rd**. In addition, please feel free to share it with other parish, school, and/or community volunteers that help us throughout the year.

PTO Update Jessie Cina):

Spring Carnival - IS THIS SUNDAY!!! - ALL HANDS-ON DECK

Overview: Please see the overview of what is needed from you and the signup sheet for shifts sent last week. We still NEED a few volunteers. **Respond by email or text Jessie 608-780-1148.**

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 this **Friday 12th**.

Setup: Starting Friday after school and again **Saturday at 8 AM** till ready. We will need as many people to help set up and take down (right after event)!

Sold Raffle Tickets: Turn in **sold** raffle tickets - be sure to put Raffle tickets in an envelope and kids name on back of tickets. Continue to sell!!

Bakes Goods: Bring your baked goods and other necessary items (check overview for details) no later than **Sunday at 9 AM**.

Baskets: We are looking for a few more baskets for the raffle basket - if you or someone you know wants to donate please bring by **Friday**.

Trivia night: Friday, April 26th. Connect with Mrs. Donovan to sign up a team! 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.

Last Field Trip: The last field trip - *Mississippi River Museum May 22nd!*

PTO Meeting: The next PTO meeting **May 7th at 5:30 PM** in 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 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, 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: Spring temperatures are still fluctuating and the wind can make a sunny day a little chilly. We'd like the students to still bring warmer jackets just in case they are needed. We're also asking that outside jackets or sweatshirts not be worn in the classroom but be reserved for outside recess only. A light sweater or long sleeve shirt might still be necessary in the classroom since these bricks seem to take longer to warm up in the Spring.

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:

Letter from Father Sedlacek
Bake Sale flier
Volunteer Luncheon Invitation

Dates to Remember:

April	15:	Registration for 2024-2025 school year due
April	17:	PJ Crazy Day
April	18:	Guest Reader
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	9:	Guest Reader
May	10:	Volunteer Luncheon
May	14:	Spring Concert & Art Show
May	15:	6 th Grade Art Trip to Winona Art Museum
May	17:	6 th grade graduation videos due to Father Sedlacek
May	22:	End of year field trip to the River Museum, Dubuque
May	24:	6 th grade graduation Mass, Last day of school, 2024!

April Birthdays:

April 18: Keilana Rodgers

Dear St. Charles School families,

Peace to you! I write to you today about a very important matter. There have been some rumors circulating that claim that St. Charles School is closing. I want to address this rumor. It is not true in the least. The thought of closing the School has not even crossed my mind. There are no plans for it. The Finance Council has never discussed it. No directions from the Diocese have been given for it. It is simply not the case. All our teachers and staff have contracts to come back for the 2024-2025 school year. The plan is to grow the School, not to close it.

Perhaps this rumor began with the fact that we have been facing some financial stress the past two years with rising costs (who hasn't?). In July 2023, St. Charles Parish was projecting a significant budget deficit for this year. I brought this to the attention of the whole parish and the parishioners have responded in amazing ways! By December 2023 the projected deficit amount was cut by more than 65%. If that trend holds, we will likely end this fiscal year in the black. This is a significant accomplishment considering that our parish just finished pledging for a 5-year capital campaign and exceeded our \$215,000 goal. We are also projected to meet our Diocesan Annual Appeal goal this year as well. In other words, we are very hopeful for our future. I will have more updates about our financial position after the Finance Council meeting on Wednesday evening.

There is an enormous amount of support from the community for our school. Our school has endured many trials in its 117 year history, including two World Wars, the Spanish Flu, and the Great Depression. I have no reason to think that it cannot endure 117 more years. But families will not send their kids to a school that they think is going to close. So please counter this rumor if you hear it with the facts that I have given to you.

Now for the work of recruiting more families to attend our school. Our biggest need is more students. Current and former parents are the biggest marketing tool for our School. Use every chance you have to talk about what you love about our School and why it is an amazing place for kids to grow and learn.

Thank you for all your dedication and efforts. I am especially grateful when I see all the work that you all do with events like the Spring Carnival, the fish fries, and all of our school events. It does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

In the peace of Christ,
Fr. Sedlacek

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Bake Sale

When: Friday, April 26, after lunch

Where: St. Charles Lello Room

Why: to raise money for the 4th -6th grade
retreat to Eagles Bluff

Who: brought to you by 4th-6th graders

How Much: treats will be available
for \$.50 each



St. Charles Parish & School would like
to show our appreciation for your
continued support as a volunteer.

We are inviting you to a
"Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon"
It will give us the opportunity to show our
appreciation for your volunteer efforts
here at St. Charles Parish & School.



Please join us for the noon luncheon
Friday, May 10, 2024 @ 11:30 AM
Please RSVP

Number of attendees: _____

Please RSVP by **Monday, May 6** with this form
to St. Charles School or Phone (608-689-2642)

Name(s): _____
