



Family Folder - Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Knitting with Pam: Pam Jeffers has volunteered again to offer knitting lessons at the end of the day, starting in October. She will teach the students in 4th-6th grade to knit a kitchen scrubby (perfect for birthday or Christmas gifts!). The cost is \$5.00 for the yarn needed. If your child worked with Pam last year and has leftover yarn, or if you'd like to purchase your own colors (scrubby knitting yarn from Wal Mart, Michaels, or Hobby Lobby), then there is no cost. She'll provide the knitting needles. She'd like to begin Tuesday, October 1st so that the kids can finish before Christmas. If your child would like to participate, just write a note in their agenda and send the \$5 if applicable. We'll be sure to get the bus riders done before bus time.

Inclement Weather Reminder: We will keep the children indoors at the end of the day if the weather is too rainy or cold. Please come into the school to pick up your child if you don't see anyone out on the playground. We will follow De Soto's announcement for any school closings. You can always check the news channels for closures (keep in mind that the announcement will be for De Soto schools, NOT St. Charles school), sign up for a text directly from De Soto schools, (**see instruction below to sign up for Message Alert**), or wait for an email from Mrs. Hytry. If school has to close early for any reason we will notify you through email and follow your emergency pick-up plan that you filled out in your school packet.

De Soto Area Schools Message Alert Information per De Soto instructions for inclement weather and/or other school closures:

SchoolMessengerSetup (SMS): We offer text message notification service to all the school families. Please email your cell phone number to: jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi.us with **SchoolMessengerSetup** in the title. **Three days after you send your request, please text "YES" to 67587 to opt-in to receive SMS messages from De Soto Area Schools.**

Early Dismissal forms: Enclosed is the first attempt at the Early Dismissal procedure for inclement weather or other. Please look carefully at the phone numbers, etc. as I did have a hard time with some as I was entering them on the form. The right-hand column for destination may need attention. Please email office@stcharlesgenoa.org with changes.

Safe Environment: At St. Charles we work hard to keep your child safe and provide a warm and nurturing environment for them to flourish in. Part of this safe environment is **ensuring that the person or person(s) picking your child up from school are approved by you. If you have not filled out and returned the form please do so as soon as possible.** If you need another form please contact Carrol in the office.

Snacks: We do have a student in the 4K-1st grade classroom with an allergy to nuts. The nut allergy is not severe but, to be safe, **any treats should be free from nuts or nut products.** Please remember that any snacks brought to school should be on the more nutritious side, rather than more to the just-sweet side. If you are planning treats for the whole school please avoid foods with nuts and nut products

PTO UPDATE (Jessie Cina)

- **Thank you** to all those who sold Butter Braids and are out delivering! Totals raised will be coming soon
- **Playground** - mulch is ordered, 4 swings are being ordered, digging should be starting, swing set will be moved from the back and a border will be built. Mulch is coming, hopefully Monday, but, possibly Tuesday. We will be unloading and spreading the mulch once confirmed arrival is received.

I'll send a message out to see if anyone's able to help once timing is set.

- **Retreat Parade - September 28th.** Please complete the survey and retention return asap. Also share with others were going. Anyone is welcome to ride/walk!
- **Trivia – October 5th.** Please let Jessie know if you are able to help with set up and/or work the counter for food/beverage sales. A few that were able to can't now due to unexpected changes. You can also have fun playing trivia while you work! Please share the poster and information! Get teams signed up! Questions, please connect with Mrs. Donovan or Miss. Donovan.
- **Yearbooks** for 23-24 school year - \$18 apiece. Arriving at the end of September. You can send cash or check (to PTO) now or time of pick up.
- **Concerns**, please text 608-780-1148 OR email me at (Jessie) at jtbutterfly12384@gmail.com.

The Second-Hand Shack (Ellen Michuta): There is a new resale outlet opening in La Crosse on September 3rd. The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Street. Longtime employee of Thrifty Pickins' & Buckles, Sarah Studinger is the owner/operator of this new business. Sarah is passionate about supporting the community by donating a portion of her profits to local non-profits and veterans. She has chosen to start this venture with St. Charles PTO. Instead of taking donations all the way to West Salem, we can drop off clean, gentle used items to this closer location. With the change of ownership at the West Salem store, we appreciate this new funding opportunity from outside the St. Charles community. The PTO benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours and donations. Due to space limitations, please contact Sarah for donation times, acceptance and exclusions. Thank you to Sarah Studinger for partnering with the St. Charles PTO.

Scrip (Megan Olson): The Scrip program NOW has become **RaiseRight!** Please note the letter from Megan Olson explaining the change as well as a flyer describing **RaiseRight!**

Taking care of the body God gave us: With the daily temperatures changing as we move into Autumn please have your child dress in layers to be comfortable at school. A sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket might be needed for chilly morning recesses and can be kept at school just in case. Sweatshirts worn as jackets outside should be taken off and hung up instead of worn in the classroom. Watch the weather to see if shorts are appropriate to wear.

Hunger Knows No Season: Please join us in collecting for the local food pantry! Bring in a nonperishable food item every Tuesday to help those in need. We will place the items in the food basket at the altar before Mass. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

St Charles Facebook Page: **Like** the St Charles Facebook Page for updates and events occurring at school.

Handouts:

Letter from Megan Olson on the change for Scrip
Flyer describing the RaiseRight program
Early Dismissal Procedure for St. Charles students

Dates to Remember:

September : all month focus on peace as the first Fruit of the Spirit
September 20: Reconciliation 3-6th graders
September 27: No School, Diocese of La Crosse teacher in-service
October : Stand up to Bullies month
October 06: Trivia Night
October 17: Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 25: No school, Teacher In-service

Birthdays:

September 20: Autumn Rach

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL RAISERIGHT PROGRAM
(Megan Olson: 608-385-7815 or mjtrussoni@gmail.com)

Dear Families and Friends,

Thanks to everyone that has continued to use RaiseRight aka Scrip. For those that are not familiar with RaiseRight, RaiseRight is a year-round fundraising program where you can buy gift cards from over 750 brands and earn money for St. Charles PTO while you shop. You purchase gift cards at face value, and we earn a certain percentage back. The percentage earned is dependent on the brand. During the 2023-2024 school year, we earned \$1311 from the RaiseRight program.

You can start earning money today by downloading the RaiseRight app or joining on raiserright.com/shop. The PTOs enrollment code is 5ADDDA5E65615.

There are multiple options of buying gift cards for places you are already shopping at every day. If you download the app or join online you can immediately purchase eGift cards. Some popular brands you can get eGift cards for are Amazon, Walmart, Starbucks, Best Buy, Target, Kohls, and so many more. When you purchase eGift cards, by either linking your bank account or using your credit card, you can immediately start using those gift cards in stores with your phone. There is a higher fee for using your credit card, so I suggest linking your bank account. This may take a couple of days to set up but is very easy to do.

Another option is purchasing physical gift cards. Not all brands offer eGift cards, plus, some people like having a physical card in their hand. If you order physical gift cards online or through the app, these orders have to be placed through the coordinator (me) and are shipped directly to the school. Your order will remain pending until I place a bulk order.

Please keep in mind, there is a shipping charge associated each time an order is placed for physical gift cards. If there are not enough orders from families to cover the shipping costs, I'll wait to place the order until enough orders come in. I'll notify anyone that has an order waiting if this happens. Once the order is placed, it only takes a few days for the cards to arrive at school.

The last option is the Reload option. Once you have a physical gift card and if the store has a reload option, you can add more money to the card by purchasing this online if you have an account set up. These gift cards can be used immediately in stores as well.

Several times a year I will place orders for physical cards. Order forms will be sent home in the Family Folder and placed in the back of church for those that are interested. More information to come when the first order will be placed this school year.

Please feel free to tell your family and friends about the program. It is fast and easy to use RaiseRight once you start doing it. You can even purchase eGift cards in the check-out line for those times you buy more than you planned. Contact me with any questions at 608-385-7815 or mjtrussoni@gmail.com.

Thanks,

Megan Olson

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Jen H., earns for hockey

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