



Family Folder – Wednesday, November 7, 2024

Dear St. Charles Borromeo School parents,

Peace to you! I have some great news. St. Charles School families have received a private grant that is set up to help defray tuition costs for private school families. Because of this grant, every student in Kindergarten through 6th grade will receive a \$667 credit in their tuition account! (The grant cannot be applied to 4K students' tuition).

This is a generous gift from people who want to remain anonymous and don't want a thank you, but believe in the importance of religious-based private education. I am so edified that generous individuals like them exist and that they set up this grant so that families like yours could have more affordable access to an excellent education at St. Charles School.

However, the cost to keep our school going is still significant. I kindly ask, if you are financially able, that you consider making a gift to St. Charles School which covers some or all of the amount you received in this tuition relief. I know that all of you are already so generous in supporting our school with all the hours you volunteer and the work that you do for fundraising. So please prudently and prayerfully consider what you are able to do to help St. Charles School continue to provide an excellent Catholic education for many years to come.

Peace to you,
Fr. Sedlacek

End of First Quarter: Report cards are attached. Please use these grades as a way to start a conversation about work ethic, study habits, and setting goals. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Hytry.

Veteran's Day: In recognition of their sacrifices, we'll dedicate our mass on Tuesday, November 12th, for our veterans and their families. During that week the students will also create an addition to our Peace Wall, writing pieces dedicated to peaceful solutions in the hope that one day God's peace will reign here on Earth. We are planning a presentation and community lunch so stay tuned for details

Turkey Baskets: As we approach the Thanksgiving season we pause to remember those who are not as blessed as we are. Included is a donation request list to put together 5 turkey baskets to be distributed by Vernon County Health and Human Services. Thank you so much for helping us fulfill God's wish that we share the gifts He gives us with others. Vernon County will come to collect the baskets Tuesday, **November 26th at 10:30.**

Pancake Breakfast : on **Sunday, November 10th, enjoy homemade buttermilk or pumpkin pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, applesauce, and choice of beverage. There will also be baked goods for sale.**

Inclement weather: Jackets! The wind seems to funnel right up the parking lot and across the playground. Please be sure to check your child for weather-appropriate clothing in the morning. **Mittens/gloves, hats, scarves, and winter jackets, might be needed for outside recess.** We will be going outside for recess as long as the temperature/windchill is above 20 degrees, or at the teachers' discretion.

PTO Update (Jessie Cina):

- Pancake breakfast this Sunday, 11/10. Plan to help or attend and at least 2 donated baked goods!
- Next meeting Tuesday, 12/3 at 5:30pm

Santa Sale - Dec 13th. Please send any good (new or used) items you no longer want that can be used as gifts for the kids to purchase for family members please send them to school labeled "Santa Sale" by December 9th. Also any Christmas gift bags are appreciated!

Pancake Breakfast volunteer list -

9-11 am: Jessie, Patti, Randy, Michelle, Keliana, Kris, Justin, Danyel, Crystal, Char and Elsie at 9:30.

1030-clean up: Jessie, Patti, Randy, Michelle, Keilana, Kai, Megan, Ashley, Easton and Michele T, Beth and William (after church/eating)

Bake Sale 945 to gone - Shelby and Celia

- Any questions, ideas, agenda items or concerns for PTO, please reach out to Jessie at Jbutterfly12384@gmail.com or call/ text 608-780-1148

The Second-Hand Shack (Ellen Michuta): Questions and/or concerns, check the **September 18th** family folder for information from Ellen Michuta on the Second-Hand Shack – replacement for Thrifty Pickins'.

RaiseRight (Megan Olson): Questions or concerns, check with Megan at 608-385-7815.

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.

Taking care of the body God gave us: 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.

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 at school.

Enclosures:

- Turkey Basket Lists
- Highlights for November (4th-6th)
- report cards
- PTO minutes

Dates to Remember:

November 08: Adoration at 2:30 PM

November 10: Pancake breakfast

November 22: Superhero Day!

November 27 - November 29: Thanksgiving Break

December 01: First Sunday of Advent

December 06: Trivia at 5:30

December 13: Santa Sale with back up day on the 19th.

December 17: Christmas Concert and Art Show at 7:00 PM

December 20: Last day of school before Christmas break

Birthdays:

November 26: Lorenzo Trussoni

PTO Meeting - Minutes

November 4, 2024

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Megan Olson, Crystal Lavey, Miss Donovan, Michelle Rodgers, Michelle Trussoni, Danyel Buncak

Teacher's Report

- Swing Set
 - This Thursday, 11/7, will be workday for spreading mulch and finalizing the swing set! Meet at school around 4pm, bring gloves and a rake if you have it. Many hands make light work!
- Thanksgiving baskets
 - Will do this again, we have enough students for 5 baskets. The monetary "extra" amount was agreed to increase to \$15 per family in addition to items.
- Santa Sale – 12/13 with backup date of 12/19
 - Need bags and any gifts can be dropped off by Monday 12/9.
- Winter Concert – 12/17 7pm. PTO will supply cookies and juice again.

Treasurer's report

- As of October, we have \$15,704.78 in our checking and \$4,879.94 in savings.
- Butter braids and Trivia made almost \$1500 each! Great job and great fun!

Business

- Pancake breakfast this Sunday, 11/10.
 - 9:00-9:45 am – arrive to setup. There will be two shifts (9-11 and 11-1/clean up). Please see Jessie if you are able to help out and have not already contacted her.
 - Bake sale items can be dropped off by Friday, or Sunday morning.
 - Items pickup discussed.
- Miscellaneous
 - PTO Fridge
 - Fridge was purchased by PTO and installed.
- Fundraising
 - Trivia: Save the next date of Friday, 12/6!
 - Menu will be popcorn (free), BBQ/Hot Dogs, Chips, Pickle, Dessert, Drinks (alcoholic and non)
 - Future trivia nights: we discussed bi-monthly throughout the school year.
 - Future fundraisers
 - Bingo after Fellowship 1/5 – snacks will be available for purchase, Bingo will be 11:30-1:30 (10 games)_____
 - Sip & Paint: Save the date for Sunday, 2/2, 1-4pm
 - Fish Fry's

- Tentative dates: 3/7, 3/21, 4/4 – Ok'd with Buck, need additional help with cooking fish plus setup and tear down each time, discussed.
 - Spring Carnival: 4/27
- Deep Fryer – purchased this past Spring
 - Has been converted, needs baskets (Lavey's working on)
 - Needs a final cleaning that includes running it: if anyone is interested in helping please let Crystal or Jessie know
 - We'd like to get this done sooner than later so we can offer additional menu items throughout the year at fundraisers

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, December 3rd, 5:30pm in the school gym.

Take-Aways:

- Pancake breakfast this Sunday, 11/10. Plan to help or attend and donate baked goods!
- Stay tuned for Thanksgiving Baskets donation list
- Next meeting Tuesday, 12/3 at 5:30pm



Thanksgiving Baskets



This Thanksgiving season, the students and staff of St. Charles School will once again work together to collect food for needy families of Vernon County. The items will be collected and combined to form a complete Thanksgiving dinner for a family.

Please bring in your child(ren)'s item(s) by **Friday, November 22**. If something should be kept refrigerated or is best fresh, please wait until closer to November 22 to bring it in. We are also asking each family to send **\$15.00** to help purchase gift cards and games for each basket. The St. Charles Women's Group will be purchasing the turkey for each basket.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

	4K/K Basket	1/2/3 Basket	4/5/6 Basket	Staff Basket #1	Staff Basket #2
5 lb. bag of potatoes	Shay	Rosie	Ari	Kelly	Mariette
2 cans/jars of gravy	Bella	Hazel T.	Shelby	Kelly	Mariette
2 boxes of stuffing	Addey	Gio	William	Kelly	Mariette
2 cans of cranberries	Addey	Thomas	Ezio	Sandy	Carrol
2 cans of vegetables	Norby	Thomas	Lorenzo	Sandy	Carrol
2 cans of sweet potatoes	Hazel D.	Raegen	Autumn	Sandy	Carrol
Dinner rolls	Tobias	Dekker	Celia	Patti	Mary Kate
1 lb. of butter	Tobias	Dekker	Celia	Patti	Mary Kate
Pumpkin Pie	Augi	Hazel T.	Keilana	Patti	Mary Kate

