



December



Family Folder – Wednesday, December 11, 2024

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THEM! No snow, but it sure is cold! Snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, and jackets will keep your child warm for recess. Long-sleeved shirts might be needed for the classroom, and shoes to wear in school. Please be sure your child doesn't leave home without these items to keep them comfortable both inside and outside.

Thank you: Father Conrad, for visiting as our Guest Reader. We always enjoy your stories about St. Francis. Your picture show with the many different nativities from local families and around the world were very interesting.

Christmas Concert and Art Show: Do you need a good reason to just sit and relax for a while? Tired of the hustle and bustle? Well, we have the perfect idea - an invitation to all! The St. Charles School children will lift your holiday spirits as we sing tunes from Christmas movies and TV specials. Their art work will also be showcased that evening. We hope "yule" love it! Our Christmas Concert and Art Show will be on **Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 PM**. Please have the children dress their best in holiday fashion and be in their classrooms by **6:45 PM**. After all have enjoyed this night of fine arts you are welcome to take all of your children's art work home that evening. See you then!

Christmas Tree Donations: Once again, we have a Christmas tree in the entryway of the school. **We are still in need of hats, mittens, socks, and underwear** for needy families in our area. Last year we had a tremendous response so feel free to begin contributing to the tree. The 4th-6th graders have begun the decoration with hats made with a knitting machine before and after school. Thank you!

Santa Sale: Gift tags for our Santa Sale were enclosed last week. You or your child can write down the name of who they are shopping for (for example: Grandma Sally), and who the gift is from. Plan to send about \$.50 to \$1.00 per gift. We'll help your child shop for that person and put the gift tag on the wrapping. If you need more, please contact Carrol in the office. If you have leftovers, please send them back and we'll use them again next year. Shopping starts Friday, **December 13th** after lunch. **We have plenty of sale items. Thank you!**

PTO Update:

- * **Shop Scrip orders** due today (12/13) so they'll be back before Christmas! Connect with Megan if you're ordering!
- * Please complete **the Christmas Gift form** and send it back **ASAP** (if you haven't yet - it was due Today – reach out to Jessie ASAP.
- * **Santa Sale** – Friday, **December 13th**. Set up is Thursday **December 12th** - starting at **2:30 PM** and going until 4 PM or as long as anyone else can help until it is done. Sale will be in art room the wrapping in the gym staying after lunch recess
- * **Christmas concert** – **December 17 at @ 7 PM**
- * January **5th** - Bingo 11:30-1:30 PM after Fellowship (which PTO is hosting).
- * **Questions/Concerns:** Jbutterfly12384@gmail.com or call/ text 608-780-1148

Scrip (Megan Olson): The holidays are fast approaching! From finding the perfect gift to taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, there's a gift card for every need. Earn money back for the PTO by purchasing gift cards. Attached is the order form for physical gift cards. **Orders are due back by December 13th.** Cards will arrive before Christmas. As always, you can use the RaiseRight app to buy and use electronic gift cards immediately. **A Scrip Order form was enclosed earlier – if you need another call the office. Contact Megan Olson with questions.** Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

Taking care of the body God gave us: The little knit gloves might be cute but offer no protection against wind, cold, and wet so please do not have your child wear these to school. If your child brings home a hat, gloves, or jacket that belongs to the school (the teacher will notify you through email), this item should be washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

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. This is sponsored by the Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

Safe Environment Forms (Carrol): Some annual training forms are missing. A form is enclosed for individuals that I don't have a completed form for this year. Please complete and return to office.

De Soto Area Schools Message Alert Information per De Soto instructions for school closures: SchoolMessengerSetup (SMS): De Soto offers text message notification service to all the school families. Email your cell phone number to: jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi. 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.** (Jackie Kreuzer, Adm. Assist. De Soto Area Schools)

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

Enclosures:

Food & Activity Calendar for Parents and Kids

Dates to Remember:

December : Hat, mitten, socks, and underwear tree

December 13: Santa Sale with back up day on the 19th, reconciliation for 3-6

December 15: First reconciliation for our 2nd graders after Mass

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

December 20: Last day of school before Christmas break, PJ Day, Lion's Club Pizza lunch

December 20 - January 1: Winter break
















Birthdays: December 25: Celia Venner

Food and Activity Calendar



Draw a line across the box when the parent completes the item in the box.
 Draw a line across the box when the child completes the item in the box.

Option—Use stickers for each activity completed. One color for adults, a different color for a child.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Make family time an active time. Go for a family walk	Eat an orange fruit or vegetable 	Walk up and down a flight of stairs three times	Make a smoothie with lowfat or fat-free milk or yogurt and fruit	Eat some beans or nuts 	Try two bites of a new fruit or vegetable	Look for food labels that say "whole grain" at the grocery store
Look at the school lunch menu and circle all the vegetables you like	Eat a whole grain food 	Ride a bike or take a walk 	Eat dinner together as a family	Try to balance on one foot 	Eat a dark green vegetable 	Look at a juice label at home or at the store. Is it 100% juice?
Make a yogurt parfait with fruit 	Play Simon Says. Parents can hold weights while they play	Have at least two different vegetables at dinner	Do not watch any TV today 	Make a list of the snacks you like that are not high in solid fat or added sugar	Cook something together 	Eat breakfast together as a family
Have a contest. Who can do the most jumping jacks during a commercial	Eat some lowfat cheese 	Eat a food with vitamin C: an orange, strawberries, or a tomato	Play the MyPyramid Blast Off game on your computer	Put on some music and dance	Eat a raw fruit or vegetable 	Play outside 
Eat a lean protein food, like fish, dry beans, or meat without a lot of fat	Try a new food 	Have a ball toss 	Eat a dried fruit: dried plums, apricots, or raisins	Make a healthy snack 	Read the food label of two cereal boxes and compare	Keep track of the number of foods you eat from MyPyramid

