



Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Welcome back. We start the new year rested and enjoying all of God's blessings

Open House at St. Charles: Please join us after Mass on Sunday, February 2, to view the classrooms, see what we've been doing, grab a brochure, and pass the word along to anyone who might want to register with us.

Schedule details reminder: On Friday, January 17th, DeSoto has a half day of school while we have a full day of school. The **buses will not be running for pick-up in the afternoon.** Please make arrangements to pick up your child between 3:15 and 3:45 unless you would like After School Care.

Catholic Schools Week Field Trip : Our CSW field trip will be on Wednesday, January 29th. We'll leave school at 8:45 to arrive at St. Rose Chapel at 9:30. The Franciscan nuns will give the students a tour of the chapel and fill us in on the history of this beautiful building. At 10:30 we'll gather for lunch in the commons so please pack a lunch for your child. Our next stop is High Rollers for an afternoon of roller-skating fun. We'll be back at school about 2:30PM. Many thanks to the PTO for arranging this trip. A permission slip is attached, please sign and return by Friday, January 24th.

Everybody Has a Story (Author's Chair writing): The students will once again be showcasing their writing talents during Author's Chair on Friday, January 31st. This year the students have been hard at work on exploring and writing different types of poetry. They will all end up with a written and illustrated book of poems by the end of the school year, excerpts which will be presented during Author's Chair. Please check your calendar and RSVP (attached) as soon as possible so that we can add to our lunch count.

Thank You: Thank you from the St. Charles classroom teachers for the anonymous Christmas gift. God Bless you for your generosity – it is truly appreciated.

PTO Updates: The PTO Minutes from last evening's meeting are enclosed.

Take-Aways:

- **Sip n Paint:** February 2nd 1-3 PM - adult/kids welcome. We are asking for one appetizer/finger food per family.
 - **Trivia:** February 22 at 6 PM in the cafeteria.
 - **Spring Carnival April 27:** ALL families are expected to help set up Friday and/or Saturday and work Sunday.
 - Want to be added in **PTO text chain** let Jessie know (608-780-1148)
 - **Next meeting: Monday, February 3** at 5:30 PM (Fish Fry, Spring Carnival, Scholarships, Yearbook)
- For questions - text/call 608-780-1148; Jessie Cina jbutterfly12384@gmail.com**

RaiseRight Scrip (Megan Olson): As always - **Contact** Megan Olson with questions and/or concerns at Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815

Second-Hand Shack (Household – Furniture – Clothing): Reminder that the Second Shack supports the St. Charles PTO. It is located at 2612 South Avenue, La Crosse (log house) and is open Monday – Saturday 9:30 AM to 5:30 'ish'. The phone number is: 608-615-1005 and the web site is www.theseconshandshack.com.

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. We will go outside unless the real-feel temperature drops below 10 degrees, or at the teacher's discretion.

Hunger Knows No Season: Please join us in once again collecting for the local food pantries! 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 Middle School Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

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.

Enclosures:

Highlights for January for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade
Permission slip for CSW field trip
Author's Chair Invitation for family members
PTO Minutes
Account Statements
January Activity Calendar Corrected

Dates to Remember:

January 17: End of second quarter, we will have a full day of school, **no school buses in the PM.**
January 22: Report cards go home
January 26: Start of Catholic Schools Week, other events to be listed later
January 09: Field Trip to St. Rose Chapel and High Rollers
January 31: Author's Chair, family lunch, early dismissal
February 02: Open House after Mass, Sip n Paint

January Birthdays

January 17: William Mitchell
January 26: Thomas Mitchell
January 27: Toby Vanevenhoven
January 30: Isabella Trussoni
January 31: Arianna Trussoni

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SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM
PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Participant's Name: _____

Birth date: _____ Sex: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

I, _____, grant permission for my child, _____, to
Parent or Guardian's name Child's name
participate in this parish/youth ministry/school event that requires transportation to a location away
from the parish/school site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish
employees and/or volunteers from St. Charles
Name of Parish/School

A brief description of the activity follows:

Date of Event: Jan. 29th Cost of Event: 0
Type of event: Field Trip for Catholic Schools Week
Destination of event: St. Rose High Roller's
Individual in charge: JessieCina
Estimated time of departure and return: 8:45 - 2:30
Mode of transportation to and from event: Bus
Meal arrangements: Bring your own lunch

I acknowledge that I have previously completed the Comprehensive Child Consent and Release form,
providing medical information, permissions, authorizations and releases pertaining to my child. I have
listed below any additions and/or corrections to the information provided on that form:

Subject to any changes above, I hereby reaffirm any and all such disclosures, permissions,
authorizations and releases as though stated herein.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Yes, I can chaperone _____
contact phone number _____

**DIOCESAN NOTICE
WISCONSIN'S RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY LAW**

Participants (not property owner) in Diocesan-sponsored recreational activities should be aware of Wisconsin's Recreational Immunity law which limits claims and recovery for death or injury while engaging in recreational activities and which imposes legal duties on participants. These legal duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Acting within the limits of his or her ability;
2. Heeding all warnings regarding participation in the recreational activity;
3. Maintaining control of his or her person and equipment devices or animals the person is using while participating in the recreational activity; and
4. Refraining from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to the death or injury to himself, herself or to other persons while participating in the recreational activity.

Highlights for January:

- *Eeek!*
- *January 17: end of quarter. The students will have their progress reports tomorrow so this would be a good time to discuss where to put in a little more effort.*
- *January 17 : we have school all day. DeSoto buses will not be running in the PM so please make plans to get your child home.*
- *January 31: Author's Chair. They've been complaining about our Poetry unit but they've been coming up with some very nice poems. Come and listen to an assortment at 10:30 and stay for lunch. Early dismissal, buses won't be running at noon so plan to take your child home after lunch.*
- *English: all classes will finish the unit on adjectives and then work on verbs.*
- *Math 6: They will be entering a unit on integers, which include negative numbers—always fun!*
- *Math 5: They are starting a unit on adding and subtracting fractions.*
- *Math 4: Dividing!*
- *Reading: 4th and 5th will read Inside Out and Back Again, a book written in free-form poetry, by Thanhha Lai. 6th graders*

will read Crossover, also written in free-form poetry, by Kwame Alexander.

- *History: 5th and 6th graders will begin a unit on ancient Egypt. 4th graders are reading about the time period just before Wisconsin became a state.*
- *Science 4 and 5: After a short study of adaptations and ecosystems, we'll choose an ecosystem to explore in detail.*
- *Science 6: After a short overview of the organisms which are grouped into the six kingdoms, they'll study viruses and bacteria.*
- *Religion: we'll continue learning more details about the sacraments.*
- *Skills we're working on:*
 - *better penmanship in all classes*
 - *writing complete answers using part of the question*
 - *asking for clarification when in doubt*
 - *using the text to find answers*
 - *copying words correctly*
- *Please don't hesitate to call or contact me with questions or concerns. Students may also call me if they have questions about their work at any time before 9 (my bedtime). 608-648-2800 (home) or 920-573-0207 (cell)*

Author's Chair Family Lunch



You are cordially invited to the Catholic Schools Week Annual
Author's Chair, followed by a **Family Luncheon**
Friday, January 31st, 2025

Author's Chair showcases the writing talents of our students.
Students will read their written works on stage in the Gym,
starting at **10:30 AM**.

A **Family Lunch** will follow.

Students are dismissed with parents following the luncheon.

Luncheon following Author's Chair Number of attendees
(separate from your school child(ren)): _____

Name(s): _____

Please return this slip by **Friday, January 24th. OR**

Call 608-689-2642 OR

Email: office@stcharlesgenoa.org

PTO Meeting - Minutes

January, 7th 2025

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Megan Olson, Mrs Donovan, Ashely Eckes, Danyel Lomas, Michele Trussoni

Teacher's Report

- Catholic Schools week trip –1/29 – permission slips coming out 1/8
- Santa Sale – Fun and successful!
- 4-6th field trip to Madison is May 2nd
- Looking at ideas for end of school year
- Slide – will monitor
- Traveling Library – Michele T and Mrs. Donovan looking into

Treasurer's report

- As of January, we have \$21,056.71 in our checking
- RaiseRight (formally ShopScrip) brought in \$1725 this past month in combination with everyday purchases and a few larger purchases. Thank you all who participate!
- Trivia last month made about \$2,200 and even with the Packer game and wrestling meet Fellowship/Bingo were fun and raised some money!

Business

- Fundraising
 - Trivia: Successful
 - Next date is Feb 21st
 - 5:30 pm doors open and starts at 6:00 pm
 - Food and drinks
 - Future fundraisers
 - Sip & Paint: Save the date for Sunday, 2/2, 1-3pm (Adults & kids)
 - Flyer & Facebook event coming soon
 - Fish Fry's
 - 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 – new and improved with more games!
 - Our biggest fundraiser of the year – A big portion of our funds pay for our Special Teachers (Music, Art, Gym) as well as field trips, needs at school ect
 - **REMINDER** – ALL families are expected to help with Set up Fri and/or Sat and ALL are expected to take at least one shift the day of the Carnival
 - We are currently working on getting the Raffle tickets set up/printed
 - You are asked to donate at least 5 new items for the Jar game (anything of value \$5 or more for prizes). Check clearance isles!
 - Additional expectations will be coming out in March
 - Discussed a pre order of RaiseRight (ShopScrip) and selling after church as we start a big order before Christmas next year – help answer questions

and sign others up on app if want to. Also provide examples of everyday purchases, no cost to sign up and benefit school receives

Next Meeting:

- Monday, February 3rd, 5:30pm in the school gym. EVERYONE is always welcome to come join and if you want to be added to a text chain regarding PTO meetings/opinions please let Jessie know. We would welcome your input.

Take-Aways:

- Sip n Paint 2/2 – adult/kids welcome. Asking for one appetizer/finger food per family
- Trivia 2/22
- Spring Carnival 4/27 – ALL families are expected to help set up Fri and/or Sat and work Sun
- Want to be added in PTO text chain let Jessie know (608-780-1148)
- Next meeting Monday, 2/3/25 at 5:30pm (Fish Fry, Spring Carnival, Scholarships, Yearbook)

ST. CHARLES JANUARY 2025 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 MASS: 9:30 AM	30 NO MASS NO SCHOOL	31 NO MASS NO SCHOOL	1 MASS: 8:30 AM & 7 PM NO SCHOOL	2 MASS: 8 AM PHY ED	3 MASS: 8 AM MUSIC Adoration 2:30 Time W Father	4 MASS: 4 PM
5 MASS: 9:30 AM Fellowship PTO Bingo	6 NO MASS PHY ED	7 MASS: 8:30 AM MUSIC	8 NO MASS ART	9 NO MASS PHY ED	10 MASS: 8 AM MUSIC Time W Father	11 MASS 4 PM
12 MASS: 9:30 AM	13 NO MASS PHY ED	14 NO MASS MUSIC	15 NO MASS ART	16 NO MASS PHY ED	17 End of 2 nd Qtr MASS: 8 AM MUSIC Time W Father Hazel T. & Wm BD NO BUS (PM)	18 MASS: 4 PM
19 MASS: 9:30 AM	20 NO MASS PHY ED	21 MASS: 8:30 AM MUSIC	22 NO MASS ART	23 MASS: 8 AM PHY ED	24 MASS: 8 AM MUSIC	25 MASS: 4 PM
26 MASS: 9:30 AM CATHOLIC.....	27 NO MASS PHY ED Thomas (BD)	28 NO MASS MUSIC Tobias (BD)	29 NO MASS FIELD TRIP BIBLE BOWL 6 PM SCHOOLS	30 MASS: 8:30 AM PHY ED Isabella (BD)	31 MASS: 8 AM EARLY RELEASE NO BUS Arianna (BD) WEEK	1 MASS: 4 PM

