





Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Dear St. Charles Borromeo School families,

Peace to you! We give thanks to God as we come to the conclusion of this 2024-2025 school year. I want to thank you for all the countless ways you have shown your dedication to our parish and school during the past year. All of the staff is already excited to work together next school year and to welcome new students. We are truly blessed!

We congratulate our two 6th graders and their families on the completion of their education at St. Charles School. Congratulations to Arianna and Celia! Many blessings to them as they move on to Middle School at Aquinas and De Soto. I look forward to the Graduation Mass and celebration on Friday, May 23rd.

Because of your dedication and the sacrifice of many in our parish, St. Charles School remains strong. Thank you! We want more students and families to experience the great education that St. Charles offers! Continue to share with your family, friends, acquaintances, and even strangers, why you love sending your kids to St. Charles. Word of mouth is the most effective marketing tool.

As you all know, I will be moving to a new assignment on July 1. That same day, Fr. Timothy Reither will become the new administrator of St. Charles parish and school. I am excited for him, since this will be his first time being the solo pastor of a parish, just as St. Charles has been for me. I know that you will like him and help him continue the good work at our parish and school.

It has been an honor and blessing to be your pastor and school administrator for the past 5 years. I will cherish this time always. I thank you for your love, support, and patience with me as I learned how to be a pastor and school administrator during my years here. I will miss our incredible St. Charles families. Please know of my continued prayers for you all as I become the pastor of Notre Dame, Holy Ghost, and St. Bridgit parishes in Chippewa Falls and as St. Charles begins a new and hope-filled chapter!

As we begin to look toward the Fall and next school year, please know that Fr. Reither, Mrs. Hytry, and Carrol will keep you in the loop regarding pertinent information and paperwork. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

May the Lord bless you this summer and watch over your families and keep you in His love and peace. St. Charles Borromeo, our patron, pray for us!

Peace, Fr. Daniel Sedlacek Pastor

<u>Thank you for being our Guest Reader, Bishop Battersby</u>: Many thanks for taking part of his busy day to come and take a peek in our classrooms, meet with our classes, read to us, and answer our many questions. We enjoyed our time with you.

<u>Genius Hour</u>: Thursday, May 22nd, all students will meet to showcase their Math and Engineering skills. Each student will have 30 minutes to solve various Math problems. For each right problem they will receive a small cup. In a multi-leveled group, the students will have 30 minutes to pool their cups to build the tallest free-standing tower. Winners will get bragging rights, and possibly giant candy bars.

End of the year picnic: PTO will serve a picnic lunch right after our Graduation Mass for the last

school day, **May 23rd**. Sandy has organized her team challenges and water balloon fight for after lunch. We're asking that the kids stick to only those water balloons. Please remember that this is an early dismissal day for us and that the De Soto buses will not be running that early.

RedLou Library: The RedLou Library has been such a wonderful addition to our school. Due to its popularity, we will keep the library open on Mondays during the summer from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Someone will be here to help students look and check out new books while checking in books already read. Be sure to look for books already checked out and return them as soon as they are read so that we can keep up-to-date on our inventory before the end of school.

<u>Save the Date! Summer Vacation Bible School – June 29 – July 4:</u> The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist will be returning this summer to put on a Summer Program for our children Grades K-8. They will be here the week of June 29-July 4. Location will likely be at St. Mary's in Viroqua. Stay tuned for more details. (Father Daniel Sedlacek)

<u>Graduation:</u> 6th grade graduation Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on <u>Friday, May</u> 23rd. We'll meet for Mass, have time for pictures, move to the cafeteria to watch the videos and eat lunch, go outside to play games, then home to enjoy the summer. 6th grade parents please return your RSVP as soon as possible so that we can make lunch plans.

<u>Summer Skills Order Form:</u> Please consider ordering Summer Skills workbooks to help your child enter the next school year with those skills in place, making the transition to a new grade level easier. Check with your child's teacher to see which skills are recommended for your child's summer skills reinforcement. You may order directly from <u>summerskills.com</u>

PTO Updates:

- * Reminder to **upload any pictures** from the year to Shutterfly ASAP or get to Crystal as she's going to be putting the yearbook together.
- * Work/organization day— let Jessie know your preferred day ASAP looking at June 6th or June 13t from 8 AM to 12 PM to get some projects done.
- * THANK YOU all for another great year!!
- * Question/Concerns touch base with Jessie at (608) 780-1146; jbutterfly12384@gmail.com.

<u>JohnCinaSeven 11th Annual Pumpkinball Tourney June 27-29th @Genoa Park.</u> Chicken Q tickets are available. Do you want to volunteer, donate, play ect or maybe you know of a need? Check out our website https://www.johncinaseven.com/ for more details and fun for the whole family! Feel free to connect with Jessie as well 608-780-1148.

2025-2026 School Year: Enrollment is open for St. Charles 4K-6th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. 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.

<u>Tuition & Registration Form REMINDER:</u> The Tuition & Registration form for the 2025-2026 school year was sent home earlier. Please look it over and **if you haven't returned same to the office**, please do so, along with the \$150 registration fee for each student. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Sedlacek.

<u>Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us:</u> Enjoy the summer! Remember to use sunscreen when you're reading out on the back porch!

<u>Hunger Knows No Season:</u> May God bless you for your food pantry contributions over the year. We'll begin collecting again in September.

De Soto Area Schools Alert Notification Information per De Soto instructions for school closures (new): School Alert Setup: De Soto offers text message notification service to all the school families. Email your cell phone number to: jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi. with School Alert Notification Setup in the title. You will be added to the notification list to receive text and/or phone notification. (Jackie Kreuzer, Adm. Assist. De Soto Area Schools)St Charles Facebook Page:" Like" the St Charles Facebook Page for updates and events.

<u>St. Charles Wellness Policy:</u> We are required to post the St. Charles Wellness policy on-line as information for parents. It may be found at: http://stcharlesgenoa.org</u>

<u>St. Charles School Unpaid Meal Charles Policy:</u> A requirement for our hot lunch program is that we have an Unpaid Meal Policy in place. If you would like another copy call or email the office.

Enclosures:

2025-2026 school calendar (back to back with De Soto calendar) School supply list for 2025-2026 Letter from the President

Dates to Remember:

May 22: Genius Hour

May 23: 6th grade Graduation Mass, Last Day Games! Early dismissal, De Soto buses aren't

running that early

June 16 – June 27: De Soto Summer School (First Session)

June 29 – July 4: Vacation Bible School with Dominican Sisters at St. Mary's (Viroqua)

July 21 – August 1: De Soto Summer School Jump Start (Second Session)

May and Summer Birthdays:

May 18: Shelby De Garmo
June 27: Shay Trussoni
June 29: Raegen Eckes
June 29: Addelyn Buncak
July 17: Hazel De Garmo
August 12: Norbert Lavey

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2025-2026 St. Charles School School Supply List

4K, Kindergarten

- 1 large backpack (no wheels)
- 1 sturdy pencil box
- 1 set of earbuds/headphones
- 5 jumbo glue sticks
- 1 bottle of liquid glue
- 1 child-sized sleeping bag (4K)
- 1 pair of children's scissors
- 1 wide-ruled notebook
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 box of colored pencils (kept in the original box)
- 1 pack of washable markers (kept in the original box)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (kept in the original box)
- 2 plastic folders
- Extra set of clothes
- Gym shoes for PE
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade

- 1 big pink eraser
- 1 box colored pencils (kept in original box)
- 1 box markers (kept in original box)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (kept in original box)
- 4-5 dry erase markers
- 3 small glue sticks
- 1 pair scissors
- 2 pocket folders
- 1 pencil box
- 2 wide-ruled spiral notebooks (1st & 2nd Grade)
- 3 wide-ruled spiral notebooks (3rd Grade)
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- No cloth book covers. Please just bring 4-5 paper grocery bags.

4th, 5th & 6th Grade

Handheld pencil sharpener

- 1 pouch for pencils and supplies
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 composition notebook
- 6-8 wide-ruled notebooks
- 1 expandable pocket organizer (fabric ones last longer than plastic) Get one that will fit in a backpack.
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 roll of paper towels

4th, 5th & 6th Grade Items for classroom

4th graders: 1 package paper plates

5th graders: 8 oz. bottle of hand sanitizer

6th graders: 1 package of multi-colored dry erase markers

No cloth book covers. They do not fit the books and the bindings get destroyed. Please just bring 4-5 paper bags.

A Letter From the President

Of the Student Council

Hi,

I'm Celia, the school Student Council president. As president I learned that just because you are president doesn't mean you do the work for the Student Council alone. For example: Keilana, our Treasurer, takes count of the money, and Ari, our Secretary, writes everything down into a notebook so we have an account of everything we did during the year.

Everyone takes some part in our meetings by giving ideas for what to buy or do for crazy days. They also follow the Rules of Order so we can start and end the meetings.

I also noticed that everyone in the school helps by dressing up for crazy days and by bringing a dollar to help us buy what we need for the school. This year we already bought some rainbow balls for recess, tetherball string, and a garden hose reel.

I would like to thank you all for the help. Have an awesome summer.

Cella Venner

Your President, Celia Venner.

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St. Charles Elementary 2025-2026 School Calendar

	School Closed - No School	
	In-Service - No School	
	P/T Conferences	
	Quarter Ends	
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	Last Day of School (Graduation)	

Aug 27 - 29 – Teacher Inservi	Aug	27 -	29 -	Teacher	Inservice
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Aug 28 - Back to School Night 3:30 - 6 PM

Sept 01 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

Sept 02 - First Day of School

Sept 10 - Picture Day

Sept 12 -In-service NO SCHOOL

Sept 26 -DOL Inservice NO SCHOOL

Oct 16 - P/T Conferences 3 - 7 PM

Oct 31 - Inservice NO SCHOOL

Nov 04 - End of 1st Quarter

 $Nov\ 26-28\ No\ School\ Thanksgiving\ Break$

Dec 12 -= Inservice NO SCHOOL

Dec 22 - Jan 2 - School Closed - Christmas Break

Jan 19 - Inservice NO SCHOOL

Jan 23 - End of 2nd Quarter

Jan 25 – 31 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (30th – Early Dismissal)

Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday

Feb 19 - Optional Parent Teacher Conferences

Feb 20 - In-service NO SCHOOL

Mar 6 - Normal School Day -NO BUSES

Mar 9 - DOL Spring Inservice NO SCHOOL

Mar 27 -End of 3rd Quarter

Apr 2 - 6 School Closed -Easter Break

May 25 - School Closed-Memorial Day

May 29 – Graduation – Last Day (Early Dismissal)

June 2 - Inservice

Student Days - 170

Teacher Days - 180

St. Charles School Calendar 25-26

Quarter End dates:

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Q2 - Jan 23

Q3 – Mar 27

Q4 - May 29

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De Soto District 2025-2026 School Calendar

1	No School – School Closed
	No Classes – In-Service
	P/T Conferences – All sessions are 3:30-7:30pm Elem & 3:45-7:45pm MS/HS.
	Quarter Ends
	No School/ Snow Make-up day if needed
	Last Day of School-Full Day

Registration will be online in August
Login information will be mailed in August
Aug — 1 Floating In-Service Day

Aug 25 - New Teacher/Mentor Orientation

Aug 25 or 29 - Teacher Option Day

Aug 26 - 28 - Teacher In-Service

Aug 27 - Back to School Night (6-12 4:30-7:30 pm)

*MS/HS Only 6pm 6th Grade & New Student Orient.

Aug 28 - Back to School Night (PK-5 4:30-7:30 pm)

*Elementary Schools Only

Sept 1 - No School - Labor Day

Sept 2 - First Day of School

Sept 12 - No Classes-Teacher In-service

Oct 16 - P/T Conf. 3:30-7:30 pm Elem

Oct 23 - P/T Conf. 3:30-7:30 pm Elem & 3:45-7:45pm MS/HS

Oct 31 - No School

Nov 4 - End of 1st Quarter

Nov 6 - P/T Conf. 3:45-7:45pm MS/HS

Nov 26 - 28 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

Dec 12 - No Classes/Teacher In-service

Dec 22 - Jan 2 - No School - Winter Break

Jan 19 - No Classes/Teacher In-service/Elem Enrichment

Jan 23- End of 2nd Quarter

Feb 5- P/T Conf. 3:30-7:30 pm Elem

Feb 19 - P/T Conf. 3:45-7:45pm MS/HS

Feb 20 - No Classes/Teacher In-service/Elem Enrichment

Mar 6 - No School/ Snow Make-up if needed

Mar 27 - End of 3rd Quarter

Apr 2 - No Classes/Teacher In-service

Apr 3 - No School - Spring Break

Apr 6 - No School - Spring Break

May 22 - Graduation - 7:00pm

May 25 - No School - Memorial Day

June 3- End of 4th Quarter

June 4-5 Teacher In-service

The first two inclement weather days will not be made up.

Student Days=174
Teacher Contract days=190

Quarter End dates: O1 – Nov. 4 – 44 days

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Q4 - Jun 3 - 44 days

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