



Family Folder - Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Dear St. Charles Borromeo School parents,

Praise God we have come to the start of another school year! I am very excited to see the school come back to life again with all of our great students. As we begin the year, it is traditional to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit. Please pray this prayer to the Holy Spirit this week, that God may continue to guide all of us in his loving plan for the upcoming school year. God bless, Fr. Reither

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Welcome to the new school year (Mrs. Hytry): This year we welcome back our fantastic teaching staff with Miss Donovan teaching our new 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten; Mrs. Donovan is teaching the First, Second and Third graders plus Music; and Mrs. Hytry is with the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth graders. Busy, busy, busy!

God has also blessed us with four new students and a new teacher to our St. Charles school. Greg Henderson, Clint Johnson, Ada Seidel, and Asher Klein will join Miss Donovan as 3K students. We also welcome Mrs. Charron as our new Art teacher. Many blessings to all as they join our St. Charles family.

Check out our Changes: Please check out the attached flier with the new scheduling changes for this year. If you are bringing in birthday treats, please keep in mind that we do have students with allergies to nuts and unprocessed dairy.

Strengthening your child's Catholic Faith with Father Reither: Father Reither will be visiting with the students in their classrooms once a week this school year. Please check the monthly activity calendar for Adoration and Reconciliation dates and times. Please plan to join us if you can.

Grandparents Tribute: Please check out the glass doors between the vestibule and the main church for our tribute to our grandparents this weekend. We'd also like to welcome any grandparents to come to school and eat lunch with their grandchild next week, **September 8-11**. Just fill out the attached form and return it to school as soon as possible so that Michelle can be prepared.

RedLouLibrary: RedLouLibrary has a set up a library here at St. Charles School where they donate books all year long for students to check out and read! The Great River Roadhouse has selected RedLou Library as the recipient of the pizza of the month donation. For the entire month of September if you order the pizza of the month from the menu a portion of the sales from these pizzas comes back as a donation to RedLou Library. Stop by and have a pizza of the month and help make a contribution to RedLou Library. If you choose not to have a pizza of the month you can make a donation to RedLou Library in a RedLou tip jar. Ask at the drink counter. RedLou Library will be at the Roadhouse each Friday in September. Thank you.

Hearing and Vision Screening: Once again, St. Charles will work with the Vernon County Health Department for Vision and Hearing Screening, and as soon as the date is scheduled we will send you the information.

Reading goal: After beating last year's goal, the Upper Elementary students have set a new goal of **70,000** reading minutes for the year so let's make reading a consistent part of every evening. They will be competing against the teachers and staff to see how many monthly reading minutes each group can get.

Daily servers: Attached is the September schedule for serving during the daily masses on Tuesday and Friday. If your child will not be able to be at school by 7:45 AM on their serving day, please let Mrs. Hytry know as soon as possible.

PTO Welcome Back (Jessie Cina):

- * Welcome to the start of a new school year! Hopefully everyone had a great first day and parents had a chance to read the welcome letter and year outlook sent home in your packets this summer. If not and you need a copy let Jessie know as it's filled with information about the year.
- * Our first **PTO meeting** is rescheduled to September 15th at 5:15 PM in the gym. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join when you can.
- * **Butterbraid** orders are due tomorrow **September 4th(to the school office)** and will be delivered to school **September 15th** at 3:15 PM. If you can't be there, please make arrangements for someone to pick them up for you.

Thank you for getting your orders in on paper or online!

Picture Day: **September 10th** is our Picture Day. Order forms are included in this packet. **Please return them prior to the picture day.**

Scrip (Megan Olson): Enclosed is a note to St. Charles families from Megan Olson, PTO treasurer on "RightRight" aka Scrip giving you information on the program as well as a flyer to help families get involved. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Megan at mjtrussoni@gmail.com.

The Second-Hand Shack (Ellen Michuta): 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.

SHOP.... VOLUNTEER...DONATE...REPEAT

De Soto Area Schools Message Alert Information per De Soto instructions for inclement weather and/or other school closures: Jackie Kreuzer at De Soto Area Schools would like the St. Charles families to send an email to her at jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi.us with the name and number that you would like to use for messages for inclement and/or other school closures. That way, she will input them manually to make certain they get in the system.

Taking care of the body God gave us: Dress in layers to be comfortable at school. A sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket is 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. This is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry. **(flier enclosed)**

St Charles Facebook Page: Stay tuned, changes coming soon!

Handouts:

- Highlights for September (4-6th Grade) Mrs. Hytry
- Mass Servers for September
- Grandparents' Invitation
- Hunger Knows No Season
- Picture Order Forms
- September Menu & Activity Calendar
- Class List and Birthdays (corrected copy)

Dates to Remember:

September : all month focus on peace as the first Fruit of the Spirit

September 05: Adoration at 2:30 PM

September 07: Grandparents Day

September 10: School Pictures

September 12: No School, teacher in-service

September 20: Reconciliation 3-6th graders

September 26: No School, Diocese of La Crosse teacher in-service

Birthdays:

September 07: Peter Albrecht

Dear Grandparents:

We'd love to invite you to come to our school, see what we're about, and eat lunch with us, especially next week as we honor your part in nurturing your grandchild.

If this fits into your schedule, please sign the section below and return this to school so that we can prepare for your visit.

May God bless you in all that you do for your family as well as our St. Charles Family.

Sincerely,
St. Charles Staff

Yes, I would love to come and eat lunch with my grandchild at 11:30

on _____.
day and date (9/8- 9/11)

How many are coming? _____

signature



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PANTRY**



Highlights for September:

- Don't forget that both the 12th and 26th of September are no school days for St. Charles students.
- Wednesday, the 10th, is picture day
- We'll start History class with working through writing speeches for positions within the Student Council.

Students will have time to campaign and give a speech to all the classes. After the classes vote the Student Council will meet according to Robert's Rules of Order (more or less!) and plan our year. We'll continue History lessons with a timeline of our universe, starting with the Big Bang (God said let there be light!) and ending with today. In between the students will learn the oceans and continents, special lines of latitude and longitude, and track hurricanes. All students will begin with a unit on ancient Americans, building a diorama to highlight a specific group of indigenous Americans. Then 4th graders will study Wisconsin History, 5th and 6th graders will study American History.

- All classes will start Math with a unit on Geometry. The rest of the month will focus on reviews of place value, addition and subtraction, introducing decimals, and algebra concepts. We'll also focus on memorizing math facts daily.

- Language Arts will start with a dedication to Grandparents which we'll post on the glass doors in Church. Everyone will review sentence structure and end in creating a perfect paragraph.
- Science finds 6th graders beginning with lessons on the needs and characteristics of life while 4th and 5th graders begin a unit on atomic structure.
- In Reading, Everyone will be reading Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare.
- Religion's first project is a review of virtues.
- There will be homework. I'd really like the students to do their own homework to build the skills of reviewing directions and looking at their notes or examples to refresh their memory. If your child becomes really frustrated please have them call me. My home number is 608-648-2800, cell number is 920-573-0207. I'd like to talk the child through the difficulties rather than leaving them frustrated through the night.
- Check out my handout on Getting and Keeping Organized. It's in the Home section of their expanded folder.
- THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Server Schedule for September

Date	Day	Servers
09/02/25	Tuesday	William, Keilana, Dekker
09/05/25	Friday	Lorenzo, Thomas
09/05/25	Friday Adoration	Shelby, William, Ezio
09/09/25	Tuesday	Shelby, Lorenzo, Thomas
09/16/25	Tuesday	William, Ezio, Dekker
09/19/25	Friday	Shelby, Gio
09/23/25	Tuesday	Keilana, Ezio, Lorenzo

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.

You can start earning money today by downloading the RaiseRight app or joining on raiseright.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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Check out our Changes

- Breakfast will be served from 7:15–7:45
- Our school day starts at 8:00. 8:01 will be considered tardy!
- Our school day will end at 3:15—every minute of education counts!
- We'll celebrate each student on their birthday instead of once a month. Summer birthdays will celebrate a “half-birthday”.
- You may choose to send in a birthday treat for the whole school, for just your child's classroom, or not at all.
- We'll sing Happy Birthday to each child on their birthday at lunch. They can then choose a gift from our Birthday Basket.

