



Family Folder - Wednesday, October 8, 2025

From Father Reither:

October is the month traditionally dedicated to the Rosary. Last week Pope Leo, during his general audience, invited all of the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for peace. I encourage all of our families to consider at least praying one decade of the Rosary together. Don't worry if prayer as a family gets messy or is not perfect. God looks to the heart of the offering. Any time intentionally offered to God in prayer is time well spent. Even if nothing seems to be happening on the outside, God is at work in our souls in ways we cannot always understand. Please take the time to rediscover the mystery of the Rosary in your life this month.

Thursday, October 16th is the date for a **free** influenza vaccine for students that wish to receive the vaccine. This year they are unable to include Adult influence vaccination. Please sign the form included earlier and return the **consent form to the office by October 13th**. If you need a copy of the form, email or call the office.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Our conferences are on the night of October 16th, starting at 3:15. This is your chance to sit down with your child's teacher, ask questions, find out your child's strengths, and areas that might need extra work. The schedule for conferences was sent home last week. If you cannot make your scheduled time, please contact your child's teacher and make an alternative meeting time.

Adventures in Reading Goal: The adventure begins, Red Hot Students against Staff! After totaling up the reading minutes from September (plus some summer reading), the students stand at 10,049 minutes while the Staff is at 9,945 minutes. Good reading!

Eagle Bluff Retreat Save the Date: The 4th-6th graders will be going to Eagle Bluff in Lanesboro, MN, on Friday, **March 13th**. This will be a full day experience since the children have requested the High Ropes course and Survival activities. We have room for plenty of chaperone drivers so mark your calendars and plan to join us.

PTO UPDATE (Jessie Cina)

- * **Trivia** – thank you to those that helped make Trivia a success this past Saturday! Whether you volunteered, played or just enjoyed the soup and sandwiches! Looking forward to the next one on December 6th.
- * **October PTO** - meeting is **tonight @ 5:15 PM**. Minutes will come out next week. We will be discussing the Halloween party – finalizing the date and event details. If you want to be a part of these decisions, please come to the meeting and/or get involved with the group text.
- * **Pancake Breakfast with Bake Sale** will be **November 9th**. A signup sheet will be coming in the next 2 weeks for all families to sign up for a time.
- * **Text chain** to stay up to date and help with decisions/planning send a message to Jessie 608-780-1148 to be added.
- * **Questions/concerns:** please text 608-780-1148 OR email me at (Jessie) at jbtterfly12384@gmail.com

Fire Prevention Week 2025, October 5-11 focuses on the theme "[Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home](#)" to educate the public on the dangers of lithium-ion batteries and how to use and dispose of them safely to prevent fires. The [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)](#) sponsors this annual event to raise awareness about fire safety, with this year's campaign **specifically addressing the risks of overheating, explosion, and fire from damaged or improperly used batteries in common electronics**. A flyer is attached on the focus this year on Lithium-Ion Batteries, as well as another on Escape Planning".

Trunk or Treat Events:

* **Genoa State Bank Trunk OR Treat October 31st 4 – 7 PM:** Treats will be handed out & collecting items for the Stoddard Food Pantry. If you would like to decorate a trunk and hand out treats, please call 608-689-2655 to reserve a post.

* **Vernon County 4-H Presents Halloween Hide and Seek October 18 7 PM:** Open to Youth Ages 7-18; Trunk or Treat for ALL Aged Youth **5:30 to 6:30 PM**; Costume Contest for All Youth and Adults. Pre-Registration for Hide and Seek is \$10; Night of Registration is \$15. (A fundraiser for the Vernon County Trauma Task Force, County K-9 Programs, and School Lunch Fund Payoffs)

Inclement Weather Reminder: We will follow De Soto's announcement for any school closings. You can always check the news channels for closures (keep in mind that the announcement will be for De Soto schools, NOT St. Charles school), sign up for a text directly from De Soto schools, (**see instruction below to sign up for Message Alert**), or wait for an email from Mrs. Hytry. If school has to close early for any reason we will notify you through email and follow your emergency pick-up plan that you filled out in your school packet.

De Soto Area Schools Message Alert Information: 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. Jackie will input them manually to make certain they get in the system. Please let her know if you are NOT receiving the messages.

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. The PTO benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours and donations. Due to space limitations, please contact Sarah (608-615-1005) for donation times, acceptance and exclusions.

Scrip (Megan Olson): **Scrip (Megan Olson):** If you have questions, please feel free to contact Megan at mjtrussoni@gmail.com.

Taking care of the body God gave us: The mornings are cold! Please have your child wear a warmer jacket to school and dress in layers to be comfortable at school. A sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket can be kept at school just in case.

Hunger Knows No Season: Please join us in collecting for the local food pantry every Tuesday! This is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. 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 occurring at school.

Handouts

Fire Prevention Week Fliers: Lithium Batteries & Escape Planning

Dates to Remember:

October 10: Adoration at 2:30
October 16: Influenza clinic at 10:30, Guest Reader, Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 17: Reconciliation at 8:45 (3-6th)
October 29: Costume Day
October 31: No School, staff in-service
November 1: All Saints Day
November 4: End of first quarter

Birthdays:

Ezio Olson, October 22

Clint Johnson, October 30

CHARGE into Fire Safety™

Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this kind of battery.



e-bikes



hoverboards



tablets



cordless vacuum cleaners



e-vehicles



power tools



mobile phones



remote control cars



e-scooters



laptops



e-cigarettes/
vapes



drones



golf carts



smart watches



headphones



toys

LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. By learning how to **BUY**, **CHARGE**, and **RECYCLE** these batteries safely, you can help prevent a fire in your home.



BUY only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.



STOP using your device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes in shape or color. If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.



CHARGE devices safely. Always use the cables that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.



RECYCLE batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire.



CHARGE your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.



RECYCLE your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.



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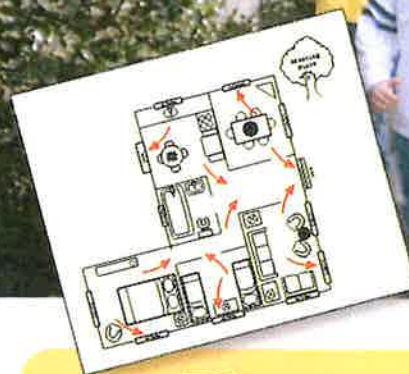
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Electrical, and Related Hazards

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Escape Planning

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.



SAFETY TIPS

- »»» **MAKE** a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- »»» **KNOW** at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- »»» **HAVE** an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- »»» **PRACTICE** your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- »»» **PRACTICE** using different ways out.
- »»» **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- »»» **CLOSE** doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- »»» If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT**. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- »»» If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke to your way out.
- »»» **CALL** the fire department from outside your home.

FACTS

- ! A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- ! **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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