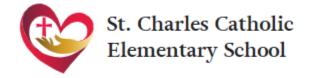
Week At A Glance-September 9-13, 2024



Dear Families.

What a great start to our school year! Despite a few hiccups with rain, construction and technology, our St. Charles' school family showed great spirit and positivity.

We held our first student assembly in the gym on Friday (while the roofers took a break). We went over some important rules and introduced our students to a couple new initiatives for this year.

Each month students will learn and grow in an important Christian Value. This month our focus is **Kindness**.

During our assembly we heard how Jesus loves all the children (Mark 10:13-16) and we talked about how Jesus brought hope to the world through His acts of love and kindness towards all people.

This is our challenge: We are called to be Kindness Superheroes- How will showing kindness bring hope to others?

We will recognize all our Kindness Superheroes at our October Assembly!







Check out more great pictures on our Instagram account: stcharles_ecsd





This week teachers will share a school wide reading challenge with their class. All students who reach their reading goal for the month will have their names put into a draw for a reward. Daily reading helps us improve in all our other subjects, so we are starting the year with a bit of an incentive. Please watch for details from your child and their teacher.



Healthy Hunger- Thank you to our School Council for once again organizing a Hot Lunch to coincide with our Spirit Days. More information to come but if you need an account please visit: https://healthyhunger.ca/

Our first Hot Lunch is **September 20**- Edo

An Important Message from our School Council- Please Read the Nomination Letter at the end of our letter (also found on our website under Student Life).

Parish News

Please visit https://saint-charles.com/ for more on what is happening in our Parish.

September 2024 | Pope Francis' Prayer Intention:

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climate change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



Reminders:

Student Drop Off-

The walkway located where our grade 2 entrance is has been blocked off. We caution everyone about standing around by the entrance as debris has been falling.

We are asking parents to please bring their child around to the backfield opposite the parking lot. DO NOT cross through the parking lot. It is a bit longer of a walk around, but there is **never a shortcut to student and family safety.**

Parents are welcome to wait in the back field until the bell, then bring their child to their door.

Student Pick or Bus-

If you are picking up your child instead of having them ride the bus, please call the office and let us know or put a note in the student agenda. We have been holding up buses and searching for students. Please help us get all children home quickly and safely.



Attendance and Lates-

If your child is late or will be absent, please use School Messenger to record their absence. This is **a new system** for all of us, so if you are having challenges, please call the office and let us know of the absence or lateness. If your child arrives late, they will need to come into the office for a late slip before heading to their class.



New Lunch Time Procedures-

- If you are dropping off lunch, please take a sticky note from the office and label your child's lunch with their name and grade. We will call them down to the office at the appropriate time, so as to not disrupt instructional time.
- We do not permit the use of Skip the Dishes or other delivery services to enter our building. Please understand that the safety of our school community is important, and we will not permit entrance to the school.



Parking, Construction/New Roof-Update

Work on replacing the roof is well underway. The roofing company is currently working on the section of the roof that is over the gym and music room. Until this is completed we will have limited access to the gym and our music classes will happen in our Library/Learning Commons.

The company will not finish the job entirely. They plan to work until mid October, then return again in the spring.



In case you missed it last week, please read the letter, <u>Device Rules</u> <u>Letter to Families</u> Please know if you need to reach your child throughout the school day, you are welcome to call the office at 780 456-5222

Volunteers at St. Charles-

All people wishing to volunteer with us will need to complete a volunteer form for the year. Some parents will require a police record check and child welfare check if they are going on field trips or working with students. More details will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

Website and Monthly Calendars-

Upcoming Events

There are no upcoming events.

VIEW FULL CALENDAR

As we look to update our website, you will be able to click on the calendar, see what is happening and even print it off if you wish. We hope to have everything entered soon. Thank you for your patience.



St. Charles is on Instagram! This is where you will find a snapshot of the upcoming week and some great photos of what is happening. Follow us at:

stcharles_ecsd



This Week at St. Charles

Fire Drills and LockDown Practices-

Throughout the year we will be conducting practice safety drills for Fire, Severe Weather and Lock Downs.

We will be giving students directions prior and dates for the first few so they will know what to do and feel less stressed. We will send messaging out the day before so you can help to reassure your child at home. Our first fire drill will be on **Wednesday September 11 in the afternoon**. Later drills will be spontaneous. Every effort is made to reduce stress and anxiety for all of our students.

School Opening Liturgy and Grade 4 Bible Presentation-

September 12 at 9:00AM we welcome Fr. Marc and Linda from St. Charles Parish as well as Mrs. Sandra Palazzo, our School Board Trustee to our first celebration. Parents are also welcome to attend.

CAAWLS Therapy Dog Visit-

Starting this Friday, **September 13** we will welcome our first visit from our therapy dog. Over the course of the year, all children will have an opportunity to engage in a very special visit with a four legged friend. They will be here every Friday morning for 1 hour. Look for pictures and smiles as we create an environment of wellness in our school.

Family BBQ/SAC/Meet The Staff -

SAVE THE DATE- **September 25**, 2024- This week we are working on setting up our Family BBQ orders on PowerSchool. Once we have the menu confirmed a message will be sent out. Parents who choose to not attend are still welcomed and encouraged to come and attend the School Council and Meet the staff portion of the evening.



Upcoming Important dates

Focus: Kindness	SEPTEMBER 2024 Truth & Reconciliation
September 11	First Fire Drill @ 2:15 PM
September 12	School Opening Liturgy at 9:00 and Grade 4 Bible Presentations Early Dismissal
September 13	Therapy Dog @9:00am visits Grade 1B, 6B, SPACE classroom
September 19	Early Dismissal
September 20	School Spirit Day & Hot Lunch- Edo
September 23	Elementary Cross Country Run Rundle Park
September 25	Family BBQ 5:30 & SAC & Society AGM @ 6:15 PM, followed by Meet the Staff @ 6:30PM
September 26	Early Dismissal Terry Fox School Run Kindergarten Program
September 27	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day – Classes canceled

Please visit our school website <u>www.st.charles@ecsd.net</u> or follow us on Instagram <u>stcharles_ecsd</u> for updates and announcements, and do not hesitate to reach out to us at (780) 456-5222 or email us at <u>8057PublicEmail@ecsd.net</u> if you have any questions or need assistance.

Yours in Catholic Education,

~The School Administration



St. Charles School Educational Society/ Association September 2024

Notice of upcoming elections for the positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

Dear Parents.

This letter is to inform you that at the St. Charles School General meeting to be held In September 2024, an election will be held for the positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

If you or you know of anyone that would be interested in holding these positions please forward their name and contact information to Melissa Giaccobo ... President of the St. Charles Educational Association.

Please email Melissa at: msgiacobbo@hotmail.com
Nominees will be contacted to confirm their interest.

Treasurer Position

- Be responsible for any non-gaming accounts, including maintaining records, invoices, receipts, bank reconciliation and balancing expense statements.
- Handle any money raised through non-gaming avenues including chip sales etc.
- Handle any money raised through gaming avenues including casinos, raffle tickets, 50/50's etc.
- Present a detailed, itemized statement of income and expense at each regular meeting for each account held.
- Shall prepare an audited Statement of Financial Position of the Society for the Annual General Meeting and provide a copy to the Secretary for the Society records. This shall include a detailed income / disbursement of each account, a consolidated statement and a balanced assets/liabilities.
- 6. Change bank accounts only in consultation with the board and require formal motion.

This is a 2 year term position.

Secretary Position

- Keep accurate records (including minutes) of all Society meetings (annual, general, board and special).
- Make copies of minutes and agendas available to the Society members in good standing prior to any Society meeting.
- Maintain updated records of all committees and boards.

This is a 2 year position.

Thank You,

St. Charles School Society / Educational Association

