



# St. Charles Catholic School



## OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the month of October, our Catholic Schools will be celebrating the virtue of FAITH. Catholic schools have the unique educational purpose of presenting a Catholic view to our students. That means that in all we do, we share our faith looking at the world through a Catholic Church lens. Our faith also brings us together for we share a common belief in God and in the gospel of Christ. We are rooted in the Catholic faith and as a community, express our identity through living out gospel values. Our faith must be manifested in three interconnected directions: spiritual growth, community building, and outreach. As a caring community, we encourage our students to examine and evaluate their beliefs. We want them to make informed moral decisions, integrating faith with life.

The staff and I would like to encourage parents during the month of October to talk to their child(ren) about their faith and to help them and guide them with their questions. In your conversations, refer to the teachings of Jesus. Take opportunities to read the bible with them. Pray with your children for prayer brings us closer to God and we begin to know God as a friend. Opportunities to grow in faith come in every form.

Yours in Catholic Education,  
D. Soehner, Principal

### **October is Attendance Awareness Month**

School absenteeism continues to have a direct, negative effect on student achievement, graduation, self-esteem and employment potential. To this end, our school board attendance counsellors will be holding a poster contest. This contest will engage students from FDK to grade 12 and help to promote the importance of regular school attendance.

The contest opens October 2<sup>nd</sup> and closes October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be prizes for the top 3 winners in the Board. Please keep an eye out for the poster template with the rules etc. on the back in your son/daughter's backpack.

## September Student of the Month – Respect

Congratulations to all of the students who earned the title of Student of the Month in September:

<b>FDK FI</b>	<b>Blake Tuomi</b>	<b>FDK R</b>	<b>Emilia Lamothe</b>
<b>FDK FI</b>	<b>Sophie Elish</b>	<b>Gr. 1/2 R</b>	<b>Faith Gervais-Bellefeuille</b>
<b>Gr. 1FI</b>	<b>Mariah Lamour</b>	<b>Gr. 2/3 R</b>	<b>Sabastian Maka-Greening</b>
<b>Gr. 1/2 FI</b>	<b>Abbigale Golder</b>	<b>Gr. 3/4 R</b>	<b>Natalie Dowling-Dukelow</b>
<b>Gr. 2/3 FI</b>	<b>Rebecca George</b>	<b>Gr. 5/6 R</b>	<b>Gavin Garner</b>
<b>Gr. 3/4 FI</b>	<b>Emma Bodkin</b>	<b>Gr. 6/7 R</b>	<b>Madison Bosworth</b>
<b>Gr. 4/5 FI</b>	<b>Makenna Jollette</b>	<b>Gr. 8 R</b>	<b>Hannah Velkovski</b>
<b>Gr. 5/6 FI</b>	<b>Brianna Lessard</b>		
<b>Gr. 7/8 FI</b>	<b>Vanessa Lattie</b>		

**The October Student of the Month assembly will take place on October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m.**

## Individual Education Plans

What is an IEP? It is a working document in writing (a plan) describing the special education program and/or services required by a particular student, based on a thorough assessment of the student's strengths and needs. Within the month of October, individual student IEPs will be distributed. As part of the ongoing communication with home, we ask that the DRAFT document is reviewed, providing any comments and the last page signed and returned to the school before the end of the month.

## Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) - Parent Council

Thank you to the following parents who have expressed interest in the CSCC for the 2017-2018 academic school year.

Amanda Hayward - Co-chair  
Angelina Kasunich - Secretary  
Michelle LeDrew - Parent Rep  
Lyndsay Tuomi - Parent Rep  
Amanda Lanthier - Parent Rep  
Mrs. A. Polischuk - Vice-principal

Julie Brazier - Co-chair  
Roxanne Shebtschuk - Parent Rep  
Collen Morin - Parent Rep  
Jennifer Sime - Parent Rep  
Mme Raymond - Teacher Rep  
Mr. D. Soehner – Principal

If you have children that attend St. Charles and would like to be a part of the council, please feel free to attend our next meeting on Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm in the school library.

## Open House

On Thursday Sept. 21st a number of families came out to enjoy a hamburger, hot dog, and a piece of cake co-ordinated by Parent Council and school personnel. Thank you to all families for helping to make the evening a success!!!

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

### Chocolate Bar Sales

Our Annual Chocolate Bar fundraiser kicked off on Thursday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Chocolate bars were distributed to families on Thurs. Sept. 21st during our Open House. A reminder that the money must be returned before another box of chocolates can be signed out by the parent/guardian. The fundraiser ends Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>. Any unsold boxes at this time are to be returned to the school. Thank you to all families for helping to sell chocolate bars to help raise money for our school.

### Book Fair A Success!

Our first book fair was held in September and was a huge success! We raised over \$2400 in profits to be used for classroom libraries and school projects. The book fair would not have been possible without our volunteers to set up, run and pack up.

Thank you goes out to: Jennifer Carpenter, Tasha Norrad, Jessica Beland, Rhonda Harrison, Diana Sullivan, Julie Miron, Kristal Crick, Tamara O'Byrn, Elysia Demeter, Collen Miron, Bruna Dalcourt, Mr. and Mrs. Leclair, Tammy Castonguay, Roxanne Shebtschuk, Katreena Lepage, Carrie and Mandy, Diane MacLean, Lyndsey Serpell, Joanne Nurpin, Jen Bosworth and Stephen Hotson!!

Also, we would like to announce the winning students/class for our door prize draw.

Congratulations to Daynara Cyr for winning the \$25.00 prize and Ms. Swain who won \$25 in books for her class.

Thank you to the entire school community for your support! Our next fair will be during Education Week, the first week of May 2018.

# THANK YOU!



## School Safety

Everybody Working Together



In the morning, yard supervision begins at 8:40am.

Until this time there is no supervision.

When a student is dropped off at school we are respectfully asking that parents/guardians do not walk their child to the classroom, simply check in with the Office and make staff aware of the student's attendance.

At the end of the day, students in primary grades that are scheduled for pick up by parents/guardians will gather together in the library with supervision. We are asking that parents/guardians wait in the main front entrance between the blue doors and the library door to collect their son/daughter/child.

For the safety of our students, it is important that these procedures are followed. Finally, we are asking that parents/guardians do not simply 'take' their child without having contact with the teacher.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation. All visitors to the school are asked to report to the office. For safety reasons, all doors of the school are locked. Use the buzzer system to gain access to the school, daycare or Hub. On occasion, some children will say they don't have to take the bus because someone is supposed to pick them up at dismissal time yet they don't have a note, nor have we received a phone call. If the parent has not arrived by bus time, the child will be sent home on the bus. A reminder that walkers are to leave the building only after the 3:05pm bell rings.

If friends or relatives are picking up your children, parents are asked to advise the school prior to dismissal. Please note that our answering machine may not be checked after 2:00 p.m. If you know you or someone other than yourself will be picking up your child, please send a note to the classroom teacher that morning. This will avoid unnecessary interruptions to the classroom every day. As always, we ask adults to report to the main office where we will contact the classroom teacher to send the students to the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Safe Arrivals:** Parents are asked to call the school prior to 9:00 a.m. should children be late or absent. When placing a call, please provide a reason for your child's absence.

**Criminal Background Checks:** As per Board policy, all volunteers require a current Criminal Background Check. This can be obtained by going to the Police station (Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and takes 1 week to process. Please note that when paying the fee (\$25.00) at the Police station, you must have the exact change or you can use your debit card. Offence declarations can be sent home to volunteers for whom we already have Criminal Background Checks on file. Please contact the Principal for further details. Thank you for returning the required paperwork to the school so that our records are kept up to date.

**Please Note:** Parents/Guardians who want to pick up their son/daughter after school as opposed to them boarding the bus to go home, need to call the school no later than 2:30pm to make this arrangement. After 2:30pm, the student will be taking the school bus home. We thank everyone in advance for following this procedure, as the end of the day is very busy and we do not want the safety and accountability of our students at risk.

## Anaphylaxis Awareness and Safety



At St. Charles School, we are a Nut Controlled Environment. We have students and staff who are at risk for anaphylactic shock, in particular peanuts and strawberries. The Ministry of Education requires that we have a plan for these students, which we have put in place. We ask that parents refrain from sending peanuts or peanut products and products containing strawberries to school. There are a number of websites that offer excellent suggestions for peanut-free snacks and lunches. For example, [www.anaphylaxis.ca](http://www.anaphylaxis.ca), [www.safe4kids.ca](http://www.safe4kids.ca) and [www.sdhu.ca](http://www.sdhu.ca) If you would like to

bring food into the school and are unsure, please contact the Office for clarification.



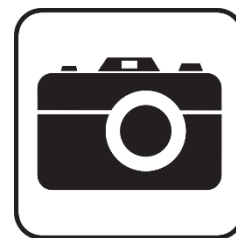
Please complete the ballot to win a free Toppers Pizza!!!  
Our Family read the St. Charles Catholic School "October" Newsletter!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT DATES

### School Photo Day

- On Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> the Edge Imaging Team will be at St. Charles for school photos. Smile pretty!!!



### Family Movie Night @ St. Charles!!!

- On Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> the Parent Council and staff at St. Charles will be hosting a double feature Family Movie Night!!
- 5:30pm - 7:30pm will be geared towards primary students and 7:30pm - 9:30pm geared towards intermediate students.
- Further details will be released soon!!



### Spirit Days in October

Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Students and staff are encouraged to wear an orange t-shirt because "every child matters" This is an opportunity to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children.

Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>

- NHL regular season begins and students and staff are encouraged to wear their favourite hockey jersey to school.

Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup>

- Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange and black. How awesome will it look when the entire school body comes together for the Student of the Month assembly on that day!



**Please refer to the monthly calendar for more details  
regarding specific grade activities and events!**