

St. Charles Chatter

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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that almost half of the school year has passed and Christmas is upon us. The students and faculty have been busy this school year and Advent Season preparing for the birth of our savior. We began this Advent season with our traditional Advent wreath blessing. Classrooms have been reflecting on the season of Advent through the lighting of their wreaths and readings about the symbols on the Jesse Tree during morning prayer.

The schoolchildren have also been working on helping others during this joyous time of the year. Our Faith Family activity this month involved making Christmas cards for the Veteran's Hospital. Students are also collecting items for Christmas to be given to residents of Michael's House and St. Vincent DePaul. The eighth grade students participated in an auction of items to raise money for some of these gifts.

Many of our students and show choir assisted with and performed during the parish Live Nativity. I enjoyed seeing all of the families that came out that evening despite the rainy weather.

A wonderful performance was had this week to celebrate the holidays. "The Bethlehem Chronicle" and the "Reflections of Christmas" shows spotlighted our talented second, third and fourth graders, fifth graders performing with their recorders, our school show choir and junior high musicians. Thank you to Mr. Samudio and everyone involved in this festive evening.

I hope that you and your family have a relaxing and wonderful Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing everyone return safe to school on January 3.

Merry Christmas,

David Bogle

December 8, 2011

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Karen,

On behalf of the Monsignor Breslin K of C Council 14995 here at St. Charles, the Dayton area Knights of Columbus Veterans Chairman, and the staff at the VA hospital, we express our sincere thanks for the 187 Christmas cards that were made by the St. Charles Grade School students. These Christmas card will be given to the patients at the Dayton VA on Thursday evening, December 17, 2011. These cards will be included in a gift bag that will be given to the patients in the hospital. Some of the patients do not have any family and the gift bag may be the only thing that they will receive at Christmas. Many of the patients are permanently disabled. This is very small gesture that we do to thank the men and women who sacrificed to defend our country and preserve the freedom that we take for granted.

Please thank the St. Charles students for making the gift giving at the VA hospital a success.

May the peace of Christ be with you and your students.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Thank You Knights of Columbus!!

Many thanks go to Ron Resch, John Kahle, Dick Topp, Cliff Thorstenson, and Don Coty for painting our new preschool classroom. I know the new preschool students will enjoy the newly painted room next school year. Please feel free to visit their handiwork during our open house on January 29.

Future Events:

Dec 16- St. Charles Spirit Day!
Dec 20- All School Mass led by the 6th gr.
Dec 21- Jan 2 No School
Jan 3 – School Resumes
Jan 4 – In House Registration for 2012-2013
School Year Begins
Jan 12 – Geography Bee
Jan 29 – Open House
Jan 29 – Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week

Hello Mr. Bogle,

My name is Tim Shafer. I am a parishioner at St. Charles and the St. Charles St. Vincent de Paul Conference President.

I am also a co-coordinator of the collaborative food pantry (Oak Creek UCC, Fairhaven Church, St. Charles SVdP) working out of Oak Creek UCC. I wanted to extend to you, the St. Charles School Staff, and the students and their families our sincere thanks for the recent Thanksgiving food drive as well as the St. Vincent de Paul feast day food drive.

The number of families visiting our pantry each week has increased by 50% over the past 4 months. We visit the local Foodbank every two weeks and the amount of food available at the Foodbank has been significantly lower in recent months.

The food St. Charles School provided has helped us tremendously. This food donation has allowed us to provide each family that visits the pantry a week's worth of meals.

Please extend our thanks to the St. Charles Staff, the students and their families.

Sincerely,
Tim Shafer

Happy Birthday

A. Brown
A. Grunenwald
R. Rushing
N. Harris
S. Nycz

SCRIP ORDERS

If you placed an order with SCRIP, no worries they will be in for the holidays!
They will either be coming home on Tuesday or you will be able to pick up in the Church Wednesday.
Thank you for your continued support of SCRIP!

GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS!

Could you have answered these questions???

The Bighorn Mountains straddle the border between Montana and which other state- Wyoming or Minnesota?

Which state covers a larger area – Arkansas or New Mexico?

Barrier islands, such as Padre Island, lie parallel to the coastline of which state – Texas or Oregon?

Baffin Bay and the Beaufort Sea lie to the north of which continent?

Congrats to our Geography Bee winners!

4th grade – D. Dunphy and H. Shaw
5th grade – E. Aulner and K. Mescher
6th grade – R. Priest and A. Miller
7th grade – N. Groene and N. Sprauer
8th grade – D. Morrison and N. Dashewich

Championship Round held and School Winner announced on January 12th!