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"Motivated Learners who"
think critically, creatively and independently.

PARENT NEWSLETTER

January 11, 2010

As you may have noticed this school newsletter is printed in black and white. The reason for this is to help our efforts in saving money for our school. Therefore, from now on, we will be printing the school newsletter in black and white. You may still view this and all previous newsletters in FULL COLOR at our school website. Just log on to www.saintcharlesschool.com and view calendar of events, many pictures for the different events, sports, PTG events, school happenings and links to Gradelink and Renaissance, and much more in FULL COLOR! We invite everyone to visit our website. Check it out!

We would like to remind you that Tuesday, January 19th is the end of the 2nd quarter and Report Cards will be sent home on Monday, January 25th. Also, as reminder, grades for students in 1st – 8th Grade are posted weekly on Gradelink. Please continue to view your child's progress and grades in Gradelink and if you should have any questions contact their homeroom teacher. If you have lost or misplaced your login and/or password information to Gradelink you may receive a copy for \$5.00 per student.

Our 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly will be held on Wednesday, January 27th at 1:30 pm, in the church. Staff will distribute 2nd Quarter Honor Roll, Christian Caring Awards and Homework Awards. See you there!!!

All students and parents are invited to attend the Thursday's 7:30 am morning Mass with Mr. Stutz. This will also give you an opportunity and time to reflect and come together as a school, a parish and family community and most importantly, a time to unite with God.

Our next school Mass will be tomorrow Tuesday, January 12th at 2:00 p.m. in the church, prepared by 1st grade. Parents are encouraged to join us. You may sit with your child (ren) if you escort them from his/her homeroom teacher and sit in the back of the church. However, you need to arrive prior to the entrance of the priest. If you arrive after the priest has entered, please take a seat toward the back of the church so that you do not distract the congregation. Please be aware that it is inappropriate to take pictures during Mass. This is a sanctimonious event not a performance; therefore pictures **ARE NOT ALLOWED**. As usual after a school Mass, parents will need to go over to traffic pattern to pick up their child(ren).

Please note: the next PTG General Meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. We are happy to announce that we will have a parent information night. You have asked to have presenters and information that is relevant and useful to you as parents and family. On this evening, Sister Sue

from the CSJ Network will present, "What we believe as Catholics." Sister Sue Dunning, CSJ, is bilingual and is currently the Formation/Novice Director for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. Sr. Sue's received her undergraduate degree in Psychology and teacher education training and credential from U.C. Irvine. She holds a Masters in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University, Omaha, NE and has a Certificate for Spiritual Direction and Retreat work from Creighton. Sr. Sue has taught grades 2-4 in Corona, Orange County, San Francisco and Mexico. For this PTG meeting we encourage you to leave your children at home if they are not taking part in any of the performances for the night. All parents in attendance will receive one Contributed Service Point if they sign in. At the end of the meeting we will issue "Homework Passes" to parents that are present, to be used to excuse their child(ren) from that evening's homework. See you there!

Registration fees for the 2010-2011 school year are due soon. The Advisory Council met on Monday, November 16, 2009 and set fees for the 2010-11 School Year. The 2010-11 Registration Fee for a returning student is \$300 and \$325 for new students. Book rental fees remain the same; \$200 per family. **Keep in mind: you will receive a \$50 discount, per registration if the fees are paid by the deadline dates. *The information is posted in this Parent Newsletter, so please be sure to read the newsletter in its entirety.***

School will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday.

God bless,

Steve Stutz and the St. Charles Catholic School Faculty and Staff

Mission Statement

St. Charles Catholic School strives to educate and develop the whole student so they may reach their potential as Catholic individuals. We integrate multiple cultures, embrace student learning styles, incorporate dynamic learning strategies and implement the use of technology.

Beatitude of the month:

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for justice: they shall have their fill.

This week's scripture passage:

"This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." (Nehemiah 8:9)

Prayer Corner

All military deployed overseas, especially our parents.

Mary Baker

De Anda Family

Gary Crumb

Carmel Mendiola Gonzalez

You may add someone to the Prayer Corner by dropping their name in the prayer box in the office.

ASC Scoop

Advent Toy Collection

The ASC would like to thank everyone who donated toys to the Annual Advent Collection. All items received were donated to many worthy organizations in the South County. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Weekly Newsletter in Spanish

Our weekly school newsletter "St. Charles Chronicle" is available in Spanish. The newsletter and its translation are located in our school website www.saintcharlesschool.com and are listed by date.

Website

We invite everyone to view our wonderful website. Log on to www.saintcharlesschool.com and view in color newsletters, calendar of events, many pictures for the different events, sports, PTG events, school happenings and links to Gradelink and Renaissance, and much more! Check it out!

PTG CORNER

MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

**CALLING ALL SAINT CHARLES ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIRED MILITARY---
PARENTS, GUARDIANS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS, ETC...!!**

Muster up and be advised... The Saint Charles PTG would like to invite you to attend **MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT on January 20, 2009 at 7pm sharp in the Parish Hall.** Grades 2, 5 and the Girl Scouts will perform!!!

We would like to Thank You for your faithful service to our Country!
We live in the Land of the Free, because of the Brave!!!

Refreshments will be served. **All Active Duty and Retired Military please come in military uniform, so that we may properly recognize you.**

****We also ask that **everyone else in attendance wear red, white and blue-** to show support and patriotic spirit.

God Bless America!

We look forward to seeing you there, in uniform.

IMPORTANT**Please bring a toiletry item (shampoo, toothpaste, soap...) to be delivered to the wounded warriors at Balboa Naval Hospital. Every student who brings a toiletry item to Military Appreciation night will receive a SURPRISE!!!! YAY!!!!**

ROOM PARENTS K-8

Reminder:

Gala Auction Baskets are due on **January 15th!!**

Baskets should be wrapped and ready to go... with a LIST of contents and estimated VALUE of the basket taped to the OUTSIDE of the basket (we will need this list to type up an accurate bid sheet). **Please bring your basket to the office on or before January 15.** Thank you in advance for all of your support in making the silent auction a huge success!!!

SERVICE POINTS

We are very grateful for all of the parents who contribute their time and volunteer at our many events and fundraisers, **but make sure you are receiving the points you deserve.** You must completely fill-out a Contributed Service Report Form and make sure it is verified by a Staff Member or a PTG Board Member. Also, if your child has a last name that differs from

your family name please include your child's last name on the report form.

Jeans and Charger Day

Once again 6th Grade will be having "Jeans Day" to raise money for camp. The cost will be \$1.00 per student who wishes to participate and wear jeans. Students may also add Chargers apparel to their uniform for free. All students who participate may wear jeans instead of their regular school uniform. Jeans must not be torn, or cut. In addition all students may wear Chargers apparel such as jersey, hat, socks, scarf, etc. as long as it follows school dress code. Money will be collected in the morning by the homeroom teacher. Jeans day will be this Friday, January 15th. The 6th Grade class would like to thank you in advance for your support. GO CHARGERS!!!

Drink Pouch Collection

Kindergarten is still collecting empty pouch drinks (i.e. Capri Sun). The money collected will be donated to our school. Please drink up and help Saint Charles while you are at it!



BOX TOPS

St. Charles' Girl Scouts counted and tallied all the box tops...and December's collection was a wonderful success!!! The winner of this month's box tops contest was.....8th grade!!!! 8th grade brought in 66 box tops. 8th grade will enjoy an "Ice Cream" party with delicious ice cold ice cream and cones!!! Yum!!!!

Congratulations and way to go Spartans!!!

The box tops numbers for all the classes this month are:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Collected</u>
Kinder	19	2 nd	30	4 th	18	6 th	31
1 st	33	3 rd	10	5 th	2	7 th	4

For a grand total of 213 box tops!!!

The prize for student who brings in the most box tops for the month of January' will receive a **\$10** gift Card to **Cold Stone Creamery!** Yum!! So... *who* will be the winner this month? Get out there and clip those box tops! Support our awesome school – and win some really cool stuff!!!

And remember, the Class that brings in the most box tops for the school year will have breakfast with the principal!

So, keep asking your friends, neighbors and relatives for those box tops!!!! Thank you and keep up the great work!

Did you know that you may be able to find box tops on selected Dixie brand disposable foam plates?

2010-2011 Registration

The Advisory Council met on Monday, November 16, 2009 and set fees for the 2010-11 School Year. The 2010-11 Registration Fee for returning students is \$300 and \$325 for new students. Book rental fees will remain \$200 per family. Keep in mind; you will receive a \$50 discount, per registration if the fees are paid by the deadline dates.

Returning Students:

Families will receive a discount if the Registration Fee is paid on or before the following dates:

- 1st Child – Tuesday, February 9, 2010
- 2nd Child – Tuesday, February 23, 2010
- 3rd Child – Tuesday, March 9, 2010
- 4th and 5th Child – Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Payment must be received before the office closes on these dates.

Once the school receives a Registration Fee, it is non-refundable. This is a deposit to hold your child(ren)'s space. If you change your mind the school may have turned away potential new students in the meanwhile.

All accounts must be up-to-date in order for your Registration Fee(s) to be applied toward registration. If your accounts are not up-to-date, money sent in for registration will be applied to accounts with a balance. These accounts include your tuition, extended care, hot lunch, etc. We expect you to complete half of your Service Point commitment by February 1st.

We will hold spaces for students currently enrolled at St. Charles Catholic School until March 23rd. If you are unable to pay the fees by March 23rd, you must make an appointment with Mr. Stutz before March 12, 2010 to discuss options; otherwise it will be assumed that you do not wish to re-enroll your child (ren). New students will be tested in March and empty spaces will be filled.



SPARTANS MARDI GRAS PAJAMA PARTY

Attention all St. Charles Students, grades K-8...

You are all invited to attend the Spartans Mardi Gras Pajama Party!!!!

Date: February 6, 2010

Time: 6pm

Place: Upstairs, Parish Hall!!!!

This fun-filled night will be a blast- hang out with your friends- **bring your DS and DSi's!** Bring your pillow! Wear your comfy pj's! Some games and snacks will be provided or you may bring your own!!

This event is free and open to all students whose parents are attending the Mardi Gras Bash in the parish hall ~ February 6, 2010, 6pm. Parents: tickets are on sale now for the Mardi Gras Bash.... Dinner, dancing, amazing auction, \$10,000 draw down, full bar---- wow!!!!!!!!!!!!

Party Down and Dance Dance Dance!!!!

Your kids will have a blast upstairs while you party downstairs!

All kids will be fully supervised by the youth group and staff of St. Charles! Everyone is sure to have an amazing time- !

Get your tickets NOW from Mrs. Araceli Lona!!!! Everyone is invited!!!

Please attach and return ASAP....

First & Last Name _____

Name & Ages of kids _____

Phone number: cell _____ home _____

Number of Mardi Gras tickets (\$40/person, \$75/couple) _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Parents-! We all need a night out, right? This is a fantastic opportunity for all of us St. Charles Catholic School Parents to get together and have a great time! Dress to impress in your Mardi Gras attire & bring your dancing shoes! (And, best of all, you can bring your kids and relax while they are upstairs having a blast in a safe, fun environment). This is a night everyone will remember..... SEE YOU THERE! (Tickets are first come, first serve. Kids are free, with a request for an optional donation to the youth group who will be supervising the kids ☺)

Development Draw-Down Raffle:

Draw down Raffle tickets were sent out last week for those parents who elected to pay their ticket in payments. Please pick three numbers and return the postcard to the office as soon as possible. It is a first come, first served basis, so please turn in your postcards as soon as possible to secure one of your number picks **or a number will be assigned to by lottery!** Remember you ***do not*** have to pay an additional \$100, unless you want to purchase an extra ticket.

Thank you to all parents who returned their Development Raffle Ticket postcard with your preferred three numbers "Draw Down Ticket." If you have not sent it in yet, please do so ASAP. Good luck!

There are still additional tickets available to purchase. **You can earn 10 service points for each additional ticket you purchase.** If you would like a purchase an additional ticket on your own or join a group or a "pool list" for purchasing additional tickets, please contact Mrs. Araceli Lona at (619) 423-3701.

Need Service Points:

St. Charles Catholic School families who purchase an additional \$100 Draw-Down ticket will receive 10 service points!!! In addition, if you purchase a Dinner – Dance ticket you will receive 4 service points per ticket!!! Deadline to receive points is at 3:00 p.m. on January 22nd 2010.

Any family who donates a wine bottle with an estimated value of \$10 will receive 1 service point per \$10 of value. (I.e. Donate one \$10 bottle of wine and receive 1 service point, a \$30 bottle of wine will receive 3 service points and so on. All bottles must be accompanied by receipt or verification of purchase price value).

Also, we will be accepting donations for the following items: 400 pcs. clear plastic spoons, 400 pcs 5 oz. salad bowl (Yoshi brand), color: bone/ivory Soup bowls, 8 oz Heavy duty plastic mugs, color: bone/ivory, 100 pcs., coffee regular and decaf (3 lbs. container) 1 bolt each of bright yellow, emerald green, and purple fabric or money to purchase these items. All donated items with an estimated value of \$10 will receive 1 service point per \$10 of value. And of course, you can also earn service points by helping to decorate, set up and clean up.



SPARTANS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The Fabulous 5th grade, Super 2nd grade and Great Girl Scouts need your support with a very important service project. We are collecting toiletry items for the wounded soldiers at the Naval Hospital here in San Diego. **We desperately need your donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant, lotion, etc...** (any/all toiletry items) for these brave men and women who will be in the hospital for months and months here in San Diego because of their severe injuries.

We will be giving out **FREE CANDY** next **Tuesday and next Friday** to **ALL students** who bring in an item!!! We will be at the lunch tables on your way to traffic pattern and we'll trade you FREE YUMMY CANDY for a bottle of shampoo, soap, or a toothbrush!!!

Please show your support, and get something yummy in return!!

Way to go Spartans!!! High-fives all around!!! See you at the lunch tables next Tuesday and Friday!

Soccer Schedule

January 16th

Kindergarten & 1st Grade *

1:30 St. Charles v St. Rose White @ St. Charles

Grades 1 & 2 *

No game scheduled

*All games will be played at St. Charles School.

Grades 3 & 4 **

10:30 St. Charles v St. Rose Yellow (A)

**All games are played at Santa Sophia Academy.

Monday, January 11

Blessed William Carter

Faculty & Staff Prayer – 7:35 a.m.

Administrative Team

Tuesday, January 12

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

School Mass (Prepared by: Grade 1) – 2:00 p.m., church

Wednesday, January 13

St. Hilary

Mr. Stutz out: CCHS Leadership Awards – 11:30 a.m., CCHS

SST Meeting - 1:00 p.m.

Faculty Meeting - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 14

Sevant of God John the Gardener

Morning Mass – 7:30 a.m., church

Friday, January 15

St. Paul the Hermit

Monday, January 18

St. Charles of Sezze

Martin L. King, Jr. Birthday – School Closed

Tuesday, January 19

St. Fabian

End of 2nd Quarter

Mr. Stutz out: South Bay Cluster Meeting – 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20

St. Sebastian

Leadership Team - 7:15 p.m.

SST Meeting - 1:00 p.m.

Faculty Meeting - 3:00 p.m.

PTG General Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Parish Center

Thursday, January 21

St. Agnes

Morning Mass – 7:30 a.m., church

Friday, January 22

St. Vincent

K-8 Dismissal - 12:00 p.m.

Schools Attuned Follow-up WS – 1:00 p.m.