



September 8, 2019

Good Sunday morning!

MAP testing begins this week - and we need your children to be present and do their best. MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress and these September tests give us a benchmark for the start of the year. The teachers have scheduled the tests throughout this week and next. Unless your child is sick, please make sure they are in school and on time. As much as possible, do not schedule any appointments in these two weeks. The only way to prepare for these tests is a good night of sleep, healthy breakfast, and a positive attitude regarding doing his/her best.

Adoration in Merici Chapel began on Friday and continues each Monday and Friday - from 2:45-3:00pm with Mrs. Updegrave. Your child(ren) are invited to spend 15 minutes in silent prayer before the Eucharist each Monday and Friday. Students just have to meet Mrs. Updegrave outside of the chapel by 2:45pm.

Students are invited to begin a lifetime habit of saving money - each Monday morning at 8am in the school library. Our eighth grade student bank tellers will be there to record your child's deposit and add your child's name to the savers board outside of the office. Thanks to Unity Catholic Credit Union for this Student Savers program.

High school test preparation sessions - for those who have registered, will begin this Monday from 2:45-4:45pm in room 8. The sessions continue on Mondays until September 30.

Eighth graders will be on retreat on Tuesday - at Camp Christopher. Trinity High School provides the ride TO the camp, families are invited to the outdoor Mass at 6pm and are responsible for taking their children home at the end of a day filled with music, witnesses, and prayer. Please pray for our eighth graders. They will have the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday afternoon.

Mass at 7am on Wednesday mornings - with Mrs. Hamer continue each week. Mrs. Hamer mentioned that if your child wants to bring a small, simple breakfast snack to eat after Mass, he/she is welcome to eat in her classroom. Remember that all are invited, but have to be in church by 6:55am so that no one is arriving once Mass begins.

Wednesday marks 18 years since the 9/11 attacks on the US - and is known as Patriot Day - To show our pride in our country and thank God for our freedoms, it is a red, white and blue DRESS DOWN DAY. Originally it was supposed to be an accent day, but looking at the weather forecast and and considering that it is going to be a pretty warm day, let's do a dress down day.

Choose Life - a program by LifeWorks Ohio - will be at Saint Charles for the junior high students beginning this Wednesday. It is a program that reinforces the Catholic teaching regarding our respect for all life. A separate e-mail will be sent to junior high parents with the letters explaining the program details.

Scrabble Club - will meet on Wednesday from 2:40-3:30pm. Students will be dismissed through the main office door on Wilber Ave. at 3:30pm - thanks for being on time to pick up your child.

The first PTU meeting of the year is on Wednesday - at 7pm in lower parish hall. Come hear about current plans and add your own ideas! See you there.

Are you the parent of a student who is returning to instrumental band this year?

- There is a meeting for you on Wednesday at 7pm at Padua High School.

Orchestra is NEW at Saint Charles this year - and all 4th through eighth graders are invited to join. There will be a meeting for the students during the day.

Teachers are scheduling a time with the instructor on Thursday to hear details.

Have you heard of The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People? - It is a compilation of seven habits that will help us to be happier and healthier people. We are going to focus on one habit a month as a school. To kick off the first habit, we will have an all school assembly on Friday at 1:30pm in the gym.

Parents/grandparents are always welcome to join us for school assemblies. The first habit is Be Proactive and focuses on less complaining and more on our reactions to things that happen in life. Here's a challenge for you - Go 24 hours without complaining. (Not even once). Then watch how your life starts changing.

The first junior high dance of the year will be on Friday - from 7:30-10pm at Saint Thomas More. A separate e-mail was sent last week with the details about how to register. If your child needs to show up after 7:30pm, that is fine. There are adults at the door all evening. Thanks to Saint Thomas More for including us, Mary Queen of Peace and Saint Leo students in the dance.

Have you cleaned out your closets yet? - You still have time until Saturday morning. The PTU/Savers clothing fundraiser is on Saturday from 9am-noon in the large Wilber Ave. parking lot. Clothes in good repair, belts, purses, shoes, curtains, sheets, towels, cushions, etc. The more you donate, the more money we make. You get to clean out unneeded items and organize your home and PTU earns funds and those who are in need can purchase clothes at a great low price - win-win-win!

Picture Day is NEXT Monday, September 16 - and the order forms went home on Friday. You can order online or with the paper form. If sending in the form, make sure that you have those in by 8:15am on Monday.

Have you scanned your receipts yet? - I have and it is so easy. Box Tops is phasing out the clipped Box Tops and going to the scan of a receipt. I know I have contributed 40 cents in the past two weeks just by scanning the receipt with my phone. (Note, you have to scan within 14 days of purchase!) No more cutting and gluing or taping, etc. See the attachment for more details. Meanwhile, Box Tops is allowing and encouraging a "double dip." For products that still have Box Tops that you can clip, you can do that AND scan the receipt. Whoo hoo! In that spirit, we are having a contest for Box Tops that will last until October 24. The grade level with the most Box Tops sent in will earn a dress down day on October 29. If you are having difficulty with scanning your receipts, just send them in and Mrs. Bowne or I will scan them for you.

Attention 6th – 8th Grade Parents: Announcing a NEW St. Charles Middle School Ministry:

ROCK ON! Faith in Action Service Team

An informational flier went home with your child last week and is also attached to this e-mail. Rock On! Faith in Action Service Team incorporates fun, faith-filled activities & prayer, Catholic devotions, and a Big Buddy / Little Buddy year-long service project with Catholic Charities preschool. Registration opens on September 16. Questions? Please e-mail Mrs. K. at akwiatkowski@saintcharlesschool.org or Mr. Pelcin at bpelcin@stcharlesonline.org.

Wow - these are a lot of awesome events and plans for our school after just 12 days of school!

Go Browns!!!

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