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We Are the Church

Dear Saint Charles School Families,

I begin this monthly newsletter with gratitude. I appreciate that most every family returned their re-registration by the due date and we are able to make some specific plans for the next school year. Thank you for cooperating with the time line and for entrusting your children to us. Thanks also for sending in your color yearbook orders on time. We are only getting the number of books ordered – which is about 350!

A letter went home recently regarding scholarship opportunities and Diocesan Tuition Assistance. Please be sure to complete a PSAS form and send it and the fee to the company by March 1 in order to be considered for diocesan tuition assistance in round 1. Also, as a side note, the Bishops' Scholarship is only for students entering seventh and eighth grade.

Congratulations to our students who had their art work submitted to the annual Padua High School Elementary Art Show. Twenty-four schools entered students and the Art Show was fantastic. Our entrants included Audrey Lang, Ashley Marchese, Anna Doucette, Andrew Shea, Brian Bowne, Patrick Brennan, and Jamie Stewart. Alexis Keltner received an honorable mention and Hannah Judson, second place in the fifth grade entries. Many thanks are extended to Mrs. Schaeffer for all her work.

Thank you also to everyone who was so generous during our recent Casual for a Cause Day. We were able to send a check for \$621.20 to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital. Our dress down days during Catholic Schools Week do not raise funds – they are just dress down days. Please remember that students in kindergarten through grade eight are asked to wear a specific color shirt on Tuesday to show class pride and the dress down day on Wednesday follows our school guidelines. Be sure to refer to the schedule of events that went home last week regarding Catholic Schools Week. We are so proud of our Saint Charles School. We are collecting money for relief for the people of Haiti during the entire Catholic Schools Week. Please be as generous as possible.

This is a reminder to all students to follow the dress code. Girls who chose to wear dress pants need to be sure they are wearing the correct pants. Please refer to the handbook for all details. Pants with pockets sewn on the outside of the pant are not considered uniform dress pants at Saint Charles. This information went home last May and is part of the handbook. Also, some girls may be receiving a reminder letter about the length of their skirt. No shorter than two inches above the knee is policy. It is a matter of modesty for our young women. Avoid the letter and let out the hem so that the skirt is long enough.

February is as busy as any other month at Saint Charles. Please be sure to keep your calendar handy for all the events and volunteering opportunities, especially PTU's Fish Fry. Please take special note of Spring Conference Week. If you would like to discuss any concerns or clarify anything with teachers, this is a great week to make an appointment. Contact your child's teacher and together make a plan for the remainder of the year. Also, plan to attend the parish Lenten retreat during the week of February 22.

Peace be with all of you,
Mrs. Eileen M. Updegrove