



St. Charles Catholic Parish and School

Mission: "to form the Catholic faith through knowledge of spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, social and cultural awareness"

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Newsletter, September 1, 2026

Campus Opens: 7:30 AM, Class Begins: 8:00 AM

Campus Closes: 4:00 PM, Class Ends: 3:00 PM

Wednesday Half Days: Class Ends: 12 Noon

Drop Off/Pick Up - All Students: Back Gate, Mohave Avenue

Free Breakfast 7:30 - 7:55 AM

School Mass: Fridays, 8:30 AM—Traditional Dress or School Uniform; Readings—5th Grade

Popcorn Wednesdays: \$1 /bag; Orders due by 9 AM

NO Dress-down Wednesdays; they begin *after Labor Day* with 90% or better on conduct chart.

Stay Informed: Please read and get familiar with your St. Charles' Family Handbook, and this Newsletter!

5th-7th Grade Girls Volleyball - Go Angels!

Waiting for Cibecue...and possible special challenge
Game Schedule

9/10 - SCMS, Rice Gym, 4 pm (Adults \$5, Children \$3)

9/24 - Destiny, Trinity Baptist-Globe, 5 pm

9/29 - MJHS, Lee Kornegay, 4 pm (Entry Fee)

10/1 - SCMS, Rice Gym, 4 pm (Adults \$5, Children \$3)

MAP Testing Make-Ups This Week

MAP Growth, developed by NWEA, is part of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) family of assessments. It is designed to help educators and parents understand how students are performing and how much they are improving, not just their current level. It is widely used as a universal screener to help teachers target instruction for students. St. Charles assesses every student. Make-up testing for all grades this week. Make sure your students get plenty of rest so they can do their best.

First Communion Classes to Begin Soon

We will be sending home registration forms for those students who are eligible for the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion. Sr. Manju and Sr. Nikitha instruct and prepare our students enrolled at St. Charles School for the sacraments. Look out for the forms sent home today. If your child didn't receive one, please contact the office.



REMINDER: Registration fees are now due. Monthly tuition payments begin in September.

Girls/Kids Who Game!

This program is running during the school day for our junior high students in grades 7-8. At the end of the school year, all participating students will enjoy a celebration hosted by sponsors at Hesperus and Dell Corp. Please turn in permission packets ASAP. They are waiting to begin!

St. Charles Pageant Meeting, TODAY-Tuesday, 4:30-5:30!

Mrs. Lucia Cole, Mr. and Miss St. Charles Pageant Coordinator has called the first meeting for any parents and students interested in participating this year. Registration forms were distributed, but will also be available at the meeting. For years, the St. Charles Pageant has emphasized active encouragement and support of Apache traditional values within a Christian community. The pageant also fosters leadership, stewardship and character-building. If you are interested in helping with the pageant, please come to the meeting. The pageant is scheduled for October 21st and our annual raffle will begin after Labor Day. Please support the pageant and encourage your children to be part of our annual St. Charles tradition.

Circle of Grace Safe Environment Program

All students will receive their Circle of Grace and Protect Young Eyes lessons tomorrow, September 2nd. Please see the back of this newsletter for more information. Parents may choose to present the lesson at home by opting out of the program. Please call the school office to report your child will be absent for this date stating your reason, and materials will be sent to your email on file for you to teach your child(ren). We do encourage all students to be present for in-school lessons.



**PAGEANT RAFFLE TICKET SALES BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 8TH!**

**No school on
Monday,
September
7th.**

**School
resumes
Tuesday,
September
8th.**

St. Charles Kitchen

8/31 Breakfast: Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans, Fruit, Juice, Milk	9/1 Breakfast: Waffles/Syrup, Bacon, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Sub Sandwich, Chips, Fruit, Juice, Milk	9/2 Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Pizza, Veggies, Fruit, Juice, Milk	9/3 Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Bean & Cheese Burrito, Corn, Fruit, Juice, Milk	9/4 Breakfast: Yogurt, Graham Crackers Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Mac & Cheese, Veggies, Fruit, Juice, Milk
9/7 Labor Day; No School!	9/8 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Carrots Fruit, Juice, Milk	9/9 Breakfast: Oatmeal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Ham Sandwich, Chips, Fruit, Juice, Milk	9/10 Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk	9/11 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cheesestick, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Grilled Cheese, Tater Tots, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Circle of Grace Safe Environment Program

What is a Circle of Grace?

The Catholic Church teaches that God has created each of us as unique and special. Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created “male and female in God’s image” and that God saw this as “very good.” In that goodness, we are meant to respect ourselves and everyone else as persons created and loved by God. Adults assist children to recognize God’s love by helping them to understand that each of us lives and moves in a Circle of Grace. You can imagine your own Circle of Grace by putting your arms above your head then circle down in front of your body including side to side. This circle, front to back, holds who you are in your body and through your senses. It holds your very essence in mind, heart, soul, and sexuality.

Why is it important to help our children understand the Circle of Grace?

God intends our relationships in life to be experiences of divine love. Respectful, nurturing, loving relationships increase our understanding of our own value and help us to love others. It is never too early to help children understand how very special they are and how relationships in life are called to be sacred. Understanding this can help them to protect the special person they are and to be respectful of others. Adults, as they strive to provide a safe and protective environment, hold the responsibility to help children understand and respect their own dignity and that of others. A truly safe and protective environment is one where children recognize when they are safe or unsafe and know how to bring their concerns, fears, and uncertainties to the trusted adults in their lives.

How is the Circle of Grace Curriculum different from other safety programs?

According to research, one in four girls and one in seven boys will be sexually abused by age eighteen. Many protection programs focus on “stranger danger,” however, up to ninety percent of the time the perpetrator is a relative, family friend or other person known to the child/young person. Circle of Grace goes beyond just protection by helping children understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help through their relationships with trusted adults.

Goal of the Circle of Grace Curriculum - Grades K-12

The goal of the Circle of Grace curriculum is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.