

St. Charles Preparatory School News and Upcoming Events: January 2018 Edition

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The Annual St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, February 18; Volunteers and hungry diners needed!

Tell all your friends!!! The 2018 Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for **Sunday, February 18**, in the school’s Robert C. Walter Student Commons. Dinner will be served from 1:00-6:30 p.m. and all proceeds from the event will go towards supporting student financial aid.

Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream and a beverage. The dinner is a great bargain! \$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 for senior citizens; \$5.00 for children 4-12; free for those 3 and under; and \$40 for a special family rate (dine-in and immediate family up to six members only, please). Carry out orders will also be available.

The St. Charles Alumni Association – with the expert assistance of Berwick Party House and its owners, the Susi family – will team up with volunteer alumni, friends, students and parents of students to host this event. The St. Charles Jazz Ensemble will play from 3-4 p.m. and again from 5-6 p.m. for the enjoyment of diners and volunteers alike.

Would you like to volunteer to work one of the shifts with fellow alumni and friends of St. Charles??? While there is some work involved, it has proven to be an enjoyable time during which you can renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. Best of all, workers receive a free meal!!

Shift #1 runs from 12:45-4:15 p.m.; 2nd shift runs 3:45-7:15 p.m. **NOTE: The last shift is where we need help most; traditionally, it is the most difficult to staff.**

If you’d like to help or have any questions, please contact Louis J. Fabro ’83 in the Alumni and Development Office by e-mail at lfabro@cdeducation.org.

We look forward to seeing you!!!!

--- After the Spaghetti Dinner on February 18th, what is the next great activity being planned by the St. Charles Alumni Association? ---

The 10th Annual Father-Son Mass and Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, April 28, 2018**. The event, which continues to grow in popularity, includes Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel at 9:30 a.m. followed by a complimentary buffet breakfast in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons.

This event is open to alumni and their fathers, alumni fathers and their sons, current students and their fathers, and incoming and prospective 8th grade boys and their fathers. If you would like to sign up, please contact Louis J. Fabro '83 in the Alumni and Development Office by e-mail at lfabro@cdeducation.org.

--- Silent Auction; Great Success ---

The **CARDINAL CHRISTMAS AUCTION** was held on Saturday, December 2nd in the Walter Student Commons – it was a sparkling, spectacular evening for all! **THANK YOU** to all who have contributed in every way – those who've so kindly and generously donated, coordinated, attended and volunteered. Your efforts helped St. Charles raise \$163,000.

Visit our Facebook page and view more than 150 photos of the event and our guests at: <https://www.facebook.com/stcharlespreparatoryschool/photos/a.1589775237732021.1073741864.201474136562145/1589776117731933/?type=3&theater>

--- 2018 Class Reunion Combined Reunion to take place Labor Day Weekend in August; Organizational Committees being organized electronically

Alumni director Louis J. Fabro '83 is working to identify volunteer leaders for class organizational planning committees to help coordinate activities for the 2018 Combined Class Reunion Weekend which has been scheduled for August 31 & September 1, 2018 for the Classes of 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013. The Class of 1963 (55-year) and Class of 1958(60-year) will also be invited to join!

On Friday night, September 1st, all reunion alumni are invited to the weekend's main event: The All-Classes Stag "Beer-n-Brats" gathering from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. On Saturday, September 2nd, there will be a morning bike ride along the Alum Creek Bike Trail at 9:00 a.m., a campus tour from 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. and an All-Classes Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel at 4:30 p.m. for alumni & spouses/guests. Afterward, classes will organize their own private dinner gatherings.

If you would like to represent your class, help organize a Saturday Night private class gathering, help the school locate “lost” alumni and reach out to classmates to encourage their attendance, please contact Louis by e-mail at lfabro@cdeducation.org or by phone at 614-252-9288 ext. 21

--- '17-'18 Annual Fund; Consider making a tax-deductible gift ---

The 2017-2018 Annual Fund goal is to raise \$1.7 million from St. Charles alumni, friends, parents of current students and parents of alumni. The school is blessed this year with the leadership of Alumni Fund chairman, Alex Loehrer '94, and of Parents Fund Chairpersons, Ken and Mia Marshall.

The gifts given to the Alumni and Friends phases of the Annual Fund will help the school provide scholarships for needy students, support for recruitment and retention programs, and funding for the school's daily operating expenses.

Our goal for the 2017-2018 Parents Annual Fund is to raise \$200,000 with a focus on the furnishing of our new Robotics and Mentoring Center, being constructed just west of the West Campus on Long Street.

Please consider giving generously, perhaps with a Cardinal Society gift of \$1,250 or more, to help the school properly outfit this very important space on our ever-growing campus.

Through your gifts, St. Charles is able to provide a faith-based Catholic college preparatory education of the highest level each year to our students. We encourage you to continue to discover how you can collaborate with us by sharing your time, talent, and treasures to keep St. Charles strong.

A heartfelt thank-you to all who have made a gift thus far and also to those who are considering Annual Fund support! If you would like to make a gift online, please go to www.stcharlesprep.org/01_support/gift_online_sc.php

---- School Dates & Items of Importance ----

--8th Grade Scholarship Test on January 27

St. Charles will offer its annual Scholarship Test to prospective students at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018 in the school's Robert C. Walter Student Commons. The test results are used to help determine who will receive merit-based scholarships and grants offered by the school to its students in the 2018-2019 school year.

For the 2017-2018 school year alone, St. Charles is providing more \$340,000 in academic scholarships and an additional \$1.4 million in tuition assistance to its students. The test is open to all 8th grade boys who are currently enrolled at any of the public, parochial, and private elementary or middle schools in Franklin or the other surrounding counties that

comprise Central Ohio. Anyone interested in sitting for the St. Charles scholarship test must register by calling Laurie Berndt in the school office at 614-252-6714 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

8th Grade Visits During January

8th grade boys are also being given the opportunity to spend a half day at St. Charles in the second, third, and fourth weeks of January. They will be sitting in on regular classes and meet with school administrators, teachers and students. The boys are also treated to lunch prepared and served with love by Dixie Foley, her staff and the numerous SC volunteer moms! Once again, you are invited to call Laurie Berndt in the school office (# above) for more information or to learn the day your son's school has been schedule to participate.

--Drama Department's Upcoming Winter Production: *The Odyssey*

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department is proud to announce its winter production, *The Odyssey* by Mary Zimmerman. Performances will be presented Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 22, 23, & 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Campus Theatre. Adult tickets are \$10 each, and student tickets are \$5 each. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at 614-252-6714 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This dramatic adaptation of Homer's myth begins with a modern young woman who is struggling to understand Robert Fitzgerald's translation of *The Odyssey*. A classical muse appears, and the young woman becomes the goddess Athena—a tireless advocate for Odysseus in his struggle to get home. With her trademark irreverent and witty twist on classic works, acclaimed playwright Mary Zimmerman brings to life the story of Odysseus's ten-year journey, depicting his encounters with characters such as Circe, the Cyclops, Poseidon, Calypso, the Sirens, and others. The St. Charles Drama Department presented the Central Ohio premiere of this award-winning epic in the fall of 2007.

--- Special Team and Group Events to Support ---

--Cardinal Casino Night to benefit St. Charles Basketball Team Jan. 13th

The St. Charles Basketball program is hosting its "2nd Annual" Cardinal Casino Night on Saturday, January 13, 2018 in the St. Charles Gymnasium. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Your \$50 ticket (if purchased by Jan 5th) includes casino games, beer, wine and Hors d'oeuvres. There will be a cash bar for mixed drinks.

In addition, there is an opportunity to buy into a game of Texas Hold'Em Poker. The first deal is at 7 p.m. The game is limited to the first 100 players who sign up and there are guaranteed minimum prizes of \$1,000 (1st place), \$500 (2nd place) and \$250 (3rd place).

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 5th. Visit www.sccardinalcasino.com for the event's online RSVP and Payment Page. For more information, please e-mail CardinalCasino@gmail.com.

---Thomas Knox Endowment Fund Benefit set for January 27th ---

The second annual *Evening Anchored in Education* will be held at St. Charles on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Proceeds from the event will benefit *The Thomas James Knox Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund*. Thomas was a St. Charles student who passed away unexpectedly in December 2015. Thomas' parents have shared how Thomas felt the brotherhood of St. Charles immediately upon getting involved with the hockey program the summer prior to his freshman year. This brotherhood fostered growth in Thomas' self-confidence and he flourished the months up to his untimely passing. Thomas' family established the endowment fund in memory of Thomas to help other young men experience what Thomas did while at the school.

The inaugural event in January 2017 raised more than \$110,000 for the memorial scholarship fund. The fun-filled evening will be catered by Berwick Manor and include entertainment by Bluewater Kings Band as well as live and silent auctions with fantastic packages!

Don't miss out! Click <https://cbo.io/bidapp/index.php?slug=thomasknox> to review details of the event, purchase tickets, preview some of the exciting live auction packages, and view a short video of the 2017 event.

--Wrestling Team Hosting 6th Annual Spring Social on February

Join us Friday, February 9, 2018, as the St. Charles Wrestling Team hosts a Spring Social for parents, alumni, and friends of St. Charles from 8:00-11:00 p.m. in the Campus Theater's Cavello Center. The feature event of the evening will be a beer tasting presented by Heidelberg Distributors with an opportunity to experience **20 unique American Craft Beers**.

Also included: appetizers, good company, great conversations, and a Silent Auction. Don't forget to try your luck with the purse auction, and 50/50 wine event. Space at this event is strictly limited; so please respond SOON to reserve your spot! The cost is \$35.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple paid in advance; \$40.00 per person or \$65.00 per couple at the Door. That includes: 12 tickets to sample 12 beers in 3-ounce tastes, a commemorative beer tasting glass, appetizers, and desserts. Additional Beer Tasting tickets may be purchased at the event for \$1.00 a piece or six for \$5.00.

To sign up or for further information, please contact Mike Noonan at noonanm@msn.com or call 614-203-6531.

-- Other activities on the school calendar

January 9: Tuesday; Eighth grade students' visits begin.

January 11: Thursday; Early Dismissal. 2:13 p.m. Faculty Meeting.

Four-Day Weekend:

January 12: Friday; Staff Development. No Class

January 15: Monday; Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No class.

January 17: Wednesday; Sophomore College Planning Night, 7:00 p.m.

January 27: Saturday; 8th Grade Scholarship test for 8th grade boys; 9:00 a.m.
or 1:00 p.m.; Walter Student Commons.

February 7: Wednesday; Freshman Retreat.

February 9: Friday; Early Dismissal. 2:13 p.m., Faculty Meeting

February 14: Wednesday; Ash Wednesday Mass 8:40 a.m.

February 16: Friday; Staff Development. No Class.

February 18: Sunday; Spaghetti Dinner.

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Please help us keep the school's database as accurate as possible by contacting the Alumni and Development Office with any changes to your home address, e-mail address, and home/work phone numbers. You can E-mail changes to lfabro@cdeducation.org or call Louis at 614-252-9288 (ext. 21).

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