



# ST. CHARLES

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

AUGUST 2025

## Welcome Back STC Bulldogs!



Dear St. Charles Community Schools Family,

With heartfelt enthusiasm and a profound sense of purpose, I welcome you to the 2025–2026 school year! It is an absolute honor to serve as your new Superintendent, and I am truly excited to become a part of the Bulldog family.

I was born and raised in Saginaw and am a proud product of Saginaw Public Schools. My educational journey led me to Michigan State University – Go Green! – and later to Saginaw Valley State University, where I earned my master’s degree in Educational Leadership. These experiences, both academic and personal, have shaped the leader I am today.

My greatest blessings are my family. I met my wife, Anesha, in high school, and we’ve shared 17 wonderful years of marriage. Together, we are the proud parents of our 10-year-old daughter, Sinai, and we honor the memory of our five angel babies who are always in our hearts.

We reside in Saginaw Township and are deeply committed to giving back to the community that raised us. Through our nonprofit organization, Keys of Hope, our family works to uplift and support others – because we genuinely love our community and believe in its potential.

As I step into this new role, I do so not only as an educator and leader but as a neighbor, parent, and advocate. I look forward to serving, connecting, and growing with you in the years to come.

My journey to this role has been shaped over the past 14 years through a wide range of experiences in education and leadership. I began my career as a paraprofessional and substitute teacher in Saginaw Public Schools from 2009 to 2011, followed by four years as an elementary PE teacher through the Bridgeport-Spaulding Youth First program. I then served for five years as a high school Dean of Students and assistant football coach in Saginaw Township. Most recently, I’ve had the privilege of leading at the K–8 level as both Assistant Principal and Principal at Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy in Lansing. In addition to my educational work, I’ve held leadership roles across various professional sectors, each adding to my understanding of how to build strong teams and systems.

As a former college football captain and professional athlete, I’ve learned the value of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance—qualities that continue to shape my leadership philosophy. At the core of everything I do is a deep passion for student success, a commitment to building strong community partnerships, and a belief in cultivating leadership at every level of our district.

As we reflect on the past school year – the “Year of Advancement” – we should take pride in the progress that was made. Through dedication and collaboration, our district laid the groundwork for lasting impact and positive change. That momentum has set the stage for what comes next.

This year, we step into a season of New Beginnings – a time to embrace fresh starts, renewed purpose, and a bold, united vision for the future. With revitalized energy, I am committed to listening, learning, planning, and partnering to build and deliver results. Together, we will create the best possible learning environment for our students, uplift and empower our dedicated staff, and strengthen our bond with the St. Charles community.

I am incredibly proud to be part of this extraordinary district, and I look forward to all that we will achieve together in the years ahead.

Welcome back, Bulldogs! Here’s to new beginnings and an outstanding 2025–2026 school year.

### NEW BEGINNINGS IS DEFINED AS...

“New beginnings” conveys a fresh start or a renewed phase, full of potential, growth, and opportunity. It often symbolizes hope, change, and progress, especially after a period of transition or preparation.

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL ON August 26th!

We are very excited to welcome everyone back for the 2025–2026 school year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our school system, please do not hesitate to contact the Central Administration Office at **989-865-9961**.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer vacation, and we look forward to seeing all of our students on **Tuesday, August 26th**.

## – 4th ANNUAL – **BULLDOG** Day WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20th, 2025 3:00pm – 7:00pm

### START YOUR BULLDOG DAY EXPERIENCE!

#### ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:

**Use the front entrance of the Elementary School**

#### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

**Use the performance gym entrance**

*Information will be provided to help guide you through the Bulldog Day experience once you arrive at these entrances.*

During your visit, families will have the chance to:

- 🐾 Meet the teachers, principals, bus drivers, the Board of Education, the Superintendent, and support staff
- 🐾 Complete the required paperwork
- 🐾 Receive a locker, handbook, student photo ID, Chromebook (MS/HS), and class schedule (MS/HS)
- 🐾 Visit the classrooms and tour the buildings
- 🐾 Make bus assignment arrangements and take a tour of a bus
- 🐾 Have refreshments with friends

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ST. CHARLES MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Highlights



**A FRESH START:  
Welcome Back to School**

As the summer winds down and the school doors swing open again in a few short weeks, I want to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all students, families, and staff as we begin a new academic year at St. Charles Middle/High School.

Back-to-school season is always filled with excitement, anticipation, and possibility. This year is no different. Whether your child is walking through our doors for the very first time or returning as a familiar face, our entire school community is ready to support them on their journey.

Students will notice many new faces in our classrooms. We have welcomed several new teachers and staff members who bring with them fresh perspectives, new ideas, and a shared commitment to helping every student succeed. I encourage students and families alike to introduce themselves and help make our newest team members feel right at home.

At St. Charles Community MS/HS, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where every student can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dedicated educators have spent time preparing classrooms, reviewing curriculum, and planning meaningful experiences that will both challenge and inspire.

We know that strong schools are built on strong partnerships between home and school. I encourage

families to stay engaged by attending events, joining our parent organizations, and maintaining regular communication. Together, we can ensure that every student thrives.

This year, we will continue to emphasize not just academic achievement, but also the importance of kindness, empathy, and resilience. Our shared goal is to develop curious learners and responsible citizens who contribute positively to their communities.

Let's make this a year filled with discovery, connection, and success. I look forward to seeing our hallways filled with energy, our classrooms buzzing with ideas, and our students growing in confidence each day.

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

The school day will begin at 7:50 am and end at 2:35 pm. Students will be able to enter the building beginning at 7:40 am for breakfast, which will be available to all students. As a reminder, student schedules are available in Skyward. If students are unable to access their schedule, please have them contact the guidance office so we may assist them.

The **4th Annual Bulldog Day** will take place on **Wednesday, August 20th**, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the entire district. This community-wide event welcomes all students and their families to our facilities, providing essential information for the start of the year. (See page 1 of this newsletter for detailed information on what to expect.)

All students will need updated student information and permission forms, acknowledged by both the

student and their parent(s), for the 2025-2026 school year. These digital forms will be available to students and families on our district website at [www.stccs.org](http://www.stccs.org) and during Bulldog Day.

The student handbook has **IMPORTANT** updates, so please read it thoroughly. Please review our attendance, discipline, dress code, and technology policies as we begin the year.

**Digital information and permission forms must be completed by Friday, September 5th.**

Our hometown sports teams are gearing up for another successful season. The football, volleyball, sideline cheer, and cross-country teams will begin practice to get ready for their upcoming seasons. Questions regarding athletics may be directed to Ashley Schlager, Athletic Director. Visit our athletics page on the website for more information on game times and dates.

Beginning August 4, 2025, the Middle/High school office will be open from Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming school year, please don't hesitate to contact the office at 989-865-9991.

Here's to a great year ahead!

Warm Regards,  
**Tom White**, Principal  
St. Charles Middle/High School



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BULLDOG DAY

On August 20th, the St. Charles Community School District will host a special event called Bulldog Day to welcome all students and parents to the buildings. During the event, students and parents will have the opportunity to tour the building and complete many tasks typically done during the first few days of school. Students will be able to receive their schedules, check out their Chromebooks (MS/HS only), and will be provided with their locker assignments. Additionally, during this visit, they can speak with various staff members, including their classroom teachers, support staff, food service personnel, administrators, bus drivers, and members of the Board of Education. The schedule and details for the event will be shared with families and will also be available on our school website at [www.stccs.org](http://www.stccs.org).

FINANCE

We are beginning our annual 2024-2025 year-end audit with the accounting firm Yeo & Yeo, which will continue throughout September. The preliminary figures were presented at the June Board of Education budget meeting. This fall, the District will focus on addressing identified needs from the Strategic Plan, primarily including the replacement of the MS/HS boilers, the addition of a vestibule to provide a secure entrance at the MS/HS, and the enhancement of technology, curriculum, and athletic needs. You will also notice renovations to the lower elementary playground area taking place this summer to help support our growing GSRP program.

CHARACTER STRONG

The St. Charles Community School District strongly emphasizes helping students consistently demon-

strate core values that will enable them to succeed in school, in relationships, in the workplace, and as citizens. During the 2024-2025 school year, the district implemented the Character Strong Program across all grade levels. This program teaches students positive character traits and how to apply them in their lives. The staff will continue to implement the program into the 2025-2026 school year. This curriculum will have a powerful and positive impact on our school's climate and culture. We hope that families will join us in working to build a kinder school culture and, ultimately, a kinder world.

TECHNOLOGY

The St. Charles Community School District is proud to be a 1:1 technology district, with all students having access to a Chromebook to allow them to perform academically at their highest potential. This technology improvement was initially supplied through a bond project and through funds attached to Title I at the elementary level. Each year, funds are allocated to purchase new devices, while older ones are phased out, ensuring students have access to cutting-edge technology.

KINDERGARTEN & YOUNG FIVES REGISTRATION

We are still accepting registrations for new kindergarten and young-five students, and school-of-choice applications are being accepted for grades K-12 until Friday, August 29th. If you still need to register your young five- or kindergarten student, or if you or someone you know is interested in the school of choice for our district, please contact our offices at your earliest convenience at 989-865-9961.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE

St. Charles Community Schools is accepting applications at all grade levels (Y5-12) from non-resident students wishing to enroll under the schools of

choice. Apply before Friday, August 29, 2025. For more information, contact the district at 989-865-9961 or visit [www.stccs.org](http://www.stccs.org)

GSRP/DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) will again be offered at St. Charles Elementary School. We offer a preschool program (Sunshine Center) for 3 and 4-year-olds and a daycare program (Bulldog Kids Care) for school-aged children. Additionally, we have an infant room within the Bulldog Kids Care program. If you need preschool or daycare for your family, please contact St. Charles Elementary School.

FALL ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

We are heading into the fall season of athletics and extracurricular events, and encourage your student's participation. Becoming involved in extracurricular events and teams is one way to fully embrace the school spirit and experience the collaboration and work ethic that come with making something your own. We had an outstanding athletic season during the 2024-2025 school year, with several teams winning league titles and many excellent performances by individual athletes and teams.

WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK

Over the past few years, we have made some exciting changes to our District Website and increased our use of the program to share essential news and updates. We will continue using this effective tool again this coming school year. Be sure to check out our "Live Feed" and "News" sections, where we share a variety of student and staff achievements, as well as current school events. You can access the website at [www.stccs.org](http://www.stccs.org) and locate the Facebook page by searching "St. Charles Community Schools."



ST. CHARLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!



**Dear St. Charles Elementary Families,**

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2025–2026 school year! Our team has been diligently preparing over the summer to ensure the building is ready and everything is set for an exciting first day on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

As the principal, I look forward to welcoming our returning families and meeting new members of our school community. It’s a privilege to lead a school that educates students from PreK through 6th grade—crucial years in a child’s growth. My experience includes teaching at the elementary and middle school levels, serving as Dean of Students in the MS/HS building, and the Virtual School Principal here in St. Charles. I am dedicated to supporting students and families and sharing a love of learning in this role.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

We are excited to welcome several new members to our Bulldog family this year. Joining our team are Ms. Addison Stimac, our new 4th-grade teacher, and Mrs. Tina LaFrance, who will be teaching 3rd grade. Mrs. Jennifer Prince will also be teaching 3rd grade as she transitions from her previous role in 6th grade. We are pleased to have Mrs. Julia Dittenber and Ms. Emma Mellott join our 2nd-grade team. Additionally, we are happy to welcome Mrs. Katie McQueen back to our district to teach Upper Elementary Special Education. Ms. Jessica Farmer will support students in Lower Elementary Special Education, and Ms. Emily Yoder has joined us as the new Behavior Consultant. Our newest hires include Mallorie Lemanski, a 6th-grade teacher, and Jon LeFevre, who is joining us as the Homeschool Coordinator. We are proud to have such passionate and talented educators join our dedicated team.

SCHOOL THEME & POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

This year, we continue with our building theme, “Bulldog Strong.” This message encourages students to take pride in their school, actions, and words. We also continue our Character Strong program, which promotes kindness, responsibility, and community across all grade levels.

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR ALL

We are pleased to continue offering free breakfast and lunch to all students! Breakfast will be served in the classrooms at the start of the school day, with staff guiding students through the process during the first week. Lunch will operate as it has in the past. Please notify our food services department of any food allergies.

**Important:** Although meals are free, all families must still complete the Education Benefits Form, as this supports essential school funding. Forms will be available during Bulldog Day.

KINDERGARTEN & YOUNG FIVES FAMILIES

We are excited to host a two-day Kindergarten Camp on August 12th and 13th for our incoming

Young Fives and Kindergarten students. This camp provides students with the opportunity to meet teachers and experience the daily school routine. To register, please call the Elementary Office at 989-865-9210.

HOME-SCHOOL FOLDERS

Please review your child’s folder daily. It is a crucial tool that helps us maintain communication with you and provides updates on events, classroom news, and other important school information.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A supply wish list can be found on our website and Facebook page. Donations are welcome but not necessary! Each child should bring a backpack every day (kindergarten students should not use rolling backpacks). Please label all personal items, such as coats, lunchboxes, and sweaters. Lost belongings are kept in the Lost and Found.

PARENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

We encourage all families to participate in our Parent Leadership Team. Your time and support enable us to create valuable experiences for our students. Please consider volunteering for events or fundraisers during the year!

SPECIAL SERVICES & SUPPORT

We are proud to offer targeted support for students through various programs. These include NWEA Assessments in reading and math conducted three times a year, Title I small group instruction for students requiring additional help, and Special Education Services for students with IEPs. Our goal is to ensure every child is successful and supported throughout the year.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We place a strong emphasis on daily attendance and timely arrivals, as school hours are from 7:50 a.m. to 2:35 p.m., with entry beginning at 7:40 a.m.

Regular attendance helps set students up for academic success and fosters strong routines.

BULLDOG DAY & CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Join us for Bulldog Day on Wednesday, August 20th, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., where teacher/class assignments will be available. On Monday, August 18th, teacher/class assignments will be posted online via Skyward. Several factors are taken into account when placing students in classrooms, including their academic needs, social dynamics, and teacher input. As a result, class changes are not typically possible.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 12th & 13th – Kindergarten Camp
- August 18th – Class/Teacher Assignments Posted to Skyward
- August 20th – Bulldog Day (3:00-7:00pm)
- August 26th – 1st Day of School (7:50am-2:35pm)

We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to partnering with you to make it a great one! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the elementary office at 989-865-9210.

Enjoy the rest of your summer – we will see you soon!

**Bulldog Proud,**  
**Heather Selich,** Principal  
St. Charles Elementary School  
selichh@stccs.org





# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Virtual Back to School News

### HELLO, AND WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are excited and look forward to welcoming our students back to school. While some students will be working hard in the classroom, others will be working hard from home. The students who pursue their education virtually work closely with the St. Charles Virtual School staff throughout the school year. The virtual classroom benefits some students due to their lifestyle and learning styles. Students have expressed gratitude for the flexibility of their schedule and the freedom to work at their own pace.

The St. Charles Virtual School has a combined team of staff members that help the program run efficiently. Heather Selich, the virtual school principal, has been with the program since the beginning and approaches each school year with a positive outlook. Her desire to learn something about each of her virtual students is inspiring. Mary Jo Skiendziel, the virtual school secretary, is in her 4th year with the program. Her duties will not be limited to secretarial tasks, as she will spend most of her workdays connecting with students, parents, and support staff within the school building. She will be

available to support students with their assignments and serve as a valuable resource when parents need assistance or information.

Since 2013, St. Charles Virtual School has offered students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from St. Charles Community Schools and walk during the commencement ceremonies. The virtual program had 25 graduating seniors meet the graduation requirements for the 2025 year. The program was highly pleased with these accomplishments and strives for the same success in the upcoming school year. Watching our virtual students participate in graduation is a highlight for students, staff, and administration.

Students who hold virtual student status are scheduled with six classes each semester. They are required to work on all six classes they are assigned during each school day. They are expected to keep their work on track in all six courses at all times, and attendance is enforced. The primary responsibility of being a virtual student is to concentrate on due dates and to stay highly organized. Virtual students at all grade levels are also required to communicate with the virtual school team. Communication is facilitated through participation in “Communication

Wednesday.” Communication Wednesday is a day each week when the virtual team connects with each student and addresses any needs the student may encounter. Students can email, call, or visit the virtual team in person. We focus on educational conversations that motivate and encourage students to reach their full potential. An open line of communication is vital in the virtual learning environment and instills a life skill in each student that they carry with them long after they leave our school.

The virtual school is anticipating another great school year, and we are excited to welcome new students and reconnect with our previous students. The most important information we want to express is that we are here for our virtual students and parents. The virtual team will go to great lengths to ensure that every one of our students succeeds.

**Heather Selich**, Principal  
selichh@stccs.org

**Mary Jo Skiendziel**, Secretary  
skiendzielm@stccs.org

**Virtual Team** selichhV@stccs.org



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# SCHOOL OF CHOICE

## ENROLL NOW!

St. Charles Community Schools are accepting applications at all grade levels (Y5-12) from non-resident students wishing to enroll under Schools of Choice. Apply before **FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025**. For more information contact the district office at 989-865-9961 or visit [www.stccs.org](http://www.stccs.org).

## ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2025-2026 STAFF

### ELEMENTARY STAFF

Linda Adams.....	Childcare
ZsaZsa Browne.....	Elementary Secretary
Crystal Buckner.....	Childcare
Alley Burgess.....	Sunshine Learning Center/GSRP Assoc. Teacher
Sienna Chase.....	Childcare
Shaylyn Coleman.....	Kindergarten Teacher
Christie Crawford.....	MTSS Parapro
Joe Cribbs.....	3rd Grade Teacher
Erica Decker.....	4th Grade Teacher
Julia Dittenber.....	2nd Grade Teacher
Jessica Farmer.....	Special Education Teacher
Sarah Fisher.....	Lunch/Recess Monitors
Gabrielle Frost.....	Health/PE Teacher
Katie Geyer.....	Speech Therapist
Shelby Grunas.....	Sunshine Learning Center GSRP Lead Teacher
Cameron Hafner.....	1st Grade Teacher
Valerie Housey.....	MTSS Parapro
Andrea Jamrog.....	St. Charles Children's Center
Emily Jamrog.....	St. Charles Children's Center
Tina Jones.....	Childcare
Tina LaFrance.....	3rd Grade Teacher
Sara LaPorte.....	Lunch/Recess Monitors
Tiffany Lavato.....	Childcare
Jon LeFevre.....	Home School Agency Coordinator
Madeline Lemaire.....	Kindergarten Teacher
Mallorie Lemanski.....	6th Grade Teacher
Michelle LeMieux Diem.....	School Resource Officer
Rachel LeVan.....	1st Grade Teacher
Shana Lisik.....	MTSS Parapro
Christine Martin.....	MTSS Parapro
Katie McQueen.....	Special Education Teacher
Michelle Meier.....	6th Grade Teacher
Emma Mellott.....	2nd Grade Teacher
Dasha Moore.....	Attendance Specialist/Paraprofessional & St. Charles Children's Center
Maddison Moore.....	St. Charles Children's Center
Chrissy Newton.....	St. Charles Children's Center
Kayla Petz.....	Mental Health Practitioner
Bethany Powlus.....	MTSS Parapro
Jennifer Prince.....	3rd Grade Teacher
Sharon Pumford.....	5th Grade Teacher
KellyAnn Rodriguez.....	Childcare
Sabrina Sheldon.....	St. Charles Children's Center
Nancy Spaeth-Foreman.....	MTSS Parapro
Emily Stenger.....	Childcare
Ashlee Stephens.....	Art Teacher
Addison Stimac.....	4th Grade Teacher
Nathan Swain.....	Music, Technology Teacher
Tori Swarthout.....	Childcare

Alyssa VanWormer.....	St. Charles Children's Center
Jennifer Van Tiem.....	Literacy Specialist
Lindsey Webb.....	Sunshine Learning Center Lead Teacher
Matthew Wicke.....	Music Teacher
Courtney Wright.....	Special Education Social Worker
Emily Yoder.....	Behavior Interventionist

### MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Alexis Adams.....	Special Education Paraprofessional
Corey Derop.....	MS/HS Social Studies Teacher
Jason Dinninger.....	Special Education Teacher
Kris Docken.....	Special Education Paraprofessional
Justin Garno.....	Paraprofessional
Janee Gerding.....	Science Teacher
Michelle Hall.....	MS ELA Teacher
Sandy Hart.....	College/Career Readiness Counselor
Aaron Hemgesberg.....	Special Education Teacher
Jill Hendrickson.....	Events Coordinator/Internal Funds Manager
Fran Hunt.....	HS Science Teacher
Stacie Karow.....	Paraprofessional
Tonya Keilitz.....	Paraprofessional
Sarah Kenyon.....	Special Education Teacher
Katrina Hamilton-Kraft.....	ELA Teacher
Marcie Kushion.....	Pupil Accounting Specialist/Secretary to the Guidance and College/Career Counselors
Michelle LeMieux Diem.....	School Resource Officer
Amanda Lorencz.....	Social Worker
Stacey Nelson.....	MS/HS Secretary
Michael Nesbit.....	Social Studies Teacher
Jennifer Pence.....	MS/HS Art Teacher
Danielle Samyn.....	MS Math/Spanish Teacher
Ashley Schlager.....	Athletic Director
Amy Schultz.....	7th Grade Science & Social Studies Teacher
Ashley Short.....	Math Teacher
Carrie St. John.....	English Teacher
Jetta Stimac.....	Special Education Teacher
Cassie Stone.....	FFA & Science Teacher
Fayth Temple.....	MS/HS Math Teacher
Matthew Wicke.....	Music Teacher
Courtney Wright.....	Special Education Social Worker

### VIRTUAL SCHOOL STAFF

Heather Selich.....	Virtual School Principal
Mary Jo Skiendziel.....	Athletic/Virtual School Secretary

### ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Jessica Bluhm.....	Special Education Director
Kelly Cornford.....	Finance Director
Larry Fath.....	Custodial, Building & Grounds Director
Shannon Grunas.....	Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Beth Harger.....	Student Achievement Coordinator/Curriculum Director
Brad Lorencz.....	Transportation Director
Pam Maike.....	Finance Assistant
Ashley Schlager.....	Athletic Director
Christy Sheldon.....	Childcare Director
Heather Selich.....	Principal of Elementary/Principal of Virtual School
Ronald Stanley.....	Superintendent
Kris Sullivan.....	Food Service Director
Jill Sunderland.....	Payroll Director
Thomas White.....	MS/HS Principal

### KITCHEN STAFF

Kristine Hart.....	Food Service Head Cook MS/HS
Cindy Hedrich.....	Food Service Cook/Cashier Elementary
Lily Jastrzebowski.....	Food Service Head Cook Elementary
Ashley Johnson.....	Food Service Cook MS/HS
Diana Koch.....	Food Service Cook MS/HS
Dilma Kubik.....	Food Service Cook Elementary
Kristine Sullivan.....	Food Service Director
Tiffany Young.....	Food Service Cook Elementary

### TRANSPORTATION/CUSTODIAL STAFF

Victor Brick.....	Custodian
Tiffany Dorey.....	Custodian
Larry Fath.....	Head Custodian/Maintenance
Aubree Griffus.....	Bus Driver
Sara Hilden.....	Bus Driver
Jamie Kinsey.....	Bus Driver
Tammie Krantz.....	Bus Driver
Craig Levan.....	Custodian
Brad Lorencz.....	Head Custodian/Maintenance/Transportation Director
Heather Pease.....	Custodian
Paul Stevens.....	Custodian

### TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Mary Deguise.....	IT Director	ISD STAFF
David Howe.....	IT Director	ISD STAFF

### BOARD OF EDUCATION 2024

Allison Brady.....	Trustee
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## Guidance & Career Center

**Welcome to the Guidance and Career Center,** your one-stop destination for a wide range of services. Located across from the middle/high school office, you will find Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Lorencz, and Mrs. Kushion, ready to assist you with everything from class schedules to counseling and college and career advising. These services are not limited to students who attend St. Charles High School daily; they are also available to our students enrolled in the St. Charles Virtual School.

Mrs. Hart is our College and Career Advisor. She will work with students in grades 7-12 on their Educational Development Plan (EDP), exploring their interests and helping them acquire the necessary skills to succeed in their chosen area of interest. She will provide the students with the required resources, schedule speakers and college visits, arrange events promoting college admissions, implement career planning and development, and other post-secondary options. Mrs. Hart will disseminate information to students about scholarships and other opportunities that will help them post-graduation. This position is funded through the Saginaw Community Foundation and St. Charles Community Schools.

Mrs. Hart is also our Academic Advisor. As the student academic advisor, she collaborates with

dual enrollment, the Saginaw Career Complex, and work-study programs to provide students with classes and experiences in their field of interest while in high school. Students are also informed about their graduation requirements through individual yearly check-ins.

Mrs. Lorencz is our School Social Worker. She supports students in grades 7-12 concerning their social and emotional health. This may involve providing individual and group counseling to students, communicating with students and staff about the specific needs of students, providing information to families, and helping families access community resources. Additionally, Mrs. Lorencz is the coordinator for the Personal Curriculum process for high school students and the District's 504 Plan case manager.

Mrs. Kushion is the secretary for both Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Lorencz. She assists them with office duties and is responsible for entering student schedules, confirming grades, printing report cards, creating transcripts, forwarding them to colleges, and maintaining up-to-date and filed student records. Mrs. Kushion also oversees work permits for students interested in working while in school. Once work permits are completed, they can be returned to Mrs. Kushion. Mrs. Kushion is also the district-wide enrollment coordinator and is responsible for completing

state reporting for student count periods. This office is also responsible for calculating GPAs, identifying the Top Ten graduating seniors, and organizing Senior Honors Night, as well as collaborating with additional staff to plan the graduation ceremony. Mrs. Hart, along with Mrs. Kushion, completes the schedules for each student to ensure they receive all the classes needed to meet graduation requirements.

Stay tuned for the exciting events and information that the Guidance and Career Center is planning. Some of these include Financial Aid Night and information about the trades, as well as other job and career placement opportunities. Keep an eye out for these and more!

If you would like to schedule an appointment with the Guidance and Career Center at any time, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Kushion at 989-865-2415 or [kushionm@stccs.org](mailto:kushionm@stccs.org), Mrs. Hart at [harts@stccs.org](mailto:harts@stccs.org), or Mrs. Lorencz at [lorencza@stccs.org](mailto:lorencza@stccs.org). After-hours appointments are available on a scheduled basis.

On any given day, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Lorencz, or Mrs. Kushion will be ready to welcome you into the office and assist you with your needs. Don't hesitate to stop in and say hello or seek their help.

# BULLDOG KIDS CARE

## & Sunshine Learning Center

**Bulldog Kids Care** offers before- and after-school care, as well as full-day, year-round childcare for infants through 5th grade. Registration is now open for limited spaces in childcare and preschool (the infant room is currently full with a waiting list).

**Sunshine Learning Center** offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of our community, located within St. Charles Elementary School. We offer a three-year-old program that your child may attend 2 or 3 days a week (Monday/Wednesday/Thursday or Monday/Wednesday). The three-year-old program is a half-day program, running from 7:30am-11:30am.

We also offer a four-day tuition-based preschool program. Your child will attend Monday through Thursday, 7:40am-2:40pm. This program is specifically designed for children who will be four years old by September 1st and will begin elementary school in the 2026-2027 school year.

We are also excited to have expanded our pre-school program to offer additional **GSRP (Great Start Readiness Program)** services. The GSRP program is income-based, and children must be four years old on or before December 1st. Families must

submit the online application through the website [www.miearlychildhood.org](http://www.miearlychildhood.org), and be sure to choose Sunshine Learning Center. This program also runs Monday through Thursday, 7:40am-2:40pm. We also offer busing for any child four years of age and older.

If you are interested in learning more about our GSRP program or any of our early childhood programs, please contact Christy Sheldon at (989) 865-7961 ext 3.

Child care and pre-school will be open during Bulldog Day on Wednesday, August 20th, for anyone interested in our programs. Parents who have already enrolled their children may pick up their enrollment packets that night.



# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Transportation Department

The transportation department aims to make sure that every bus ride to and from school is safe and enjoyable. Riding the bus is considered a privilege. To keep on schedule, students and parents should follow these guidelines.

- Students are limited to two designated pick-up and drop-off locations.
- Elementary students require an adult/sitter during drop-off. If an adult/sitter is not seen, the student will remain on the bus and be taken back to the school to be picked up by a guardian from the school.
- Students must wait outside and be visible during morning pick-up, even in inclement weather. Please be sure to watch closely for the bus.
- If your child misses the bus or you are not home to receive your elementary student, the bus cannot stop at non-established bus stops, such as a grocery store.
- Playdate bus changes will no longer be accepted. For your child to change buses, it must be recorded as an alternate bus drop-off/pick-up with the transportation department.

- If your child misses the school bus for three consecutive days without prior notification to the school, it will be assumed that transportation is no longer needed. You will need to contact the school to reinstate the need for transportation, as transportation services will not resume until then.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the transportation department at 865-6331. Thank you for your patience and for trusting us with your children.

### BUS GUIDELINES AND RULES

- Stay seated with your feet facing forward. Stay seated while the bus is moving.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects inside the bus (nothing hanging out the windows).
- Keep the bus clean. Keep all papers and trash in your backpack or pockets.
- Do not damage seats or any parts of the bus. The buses are school property, and parents are responsible for any damage that occurs.
- Emergency windows and exit doors are not to be played with; they are to be used only in emergencies or at the discretion of the bus driver.

- No cigarettes or vape devices are allowed.
- No yelling or profanity.
- No throwing objects. No spit wads

Each driver will have their own policy on cell phones, electronics, and eating on the bus. Failure to follow these guidelines may lead to written conduct reports or bus suspension, based on how serious the violation is.

## SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

- No Experience
- CDL Paid Training Provided
- Flexible Schedules
- School Break Periods & Summers Off



# THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## Welcome back, Bulldogs!

### We hope you had a great summer!

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, the sports participation fee for the 2025-2026 school year will remain at \$80 (HS) and \$60 (MS) per year per athlete, with a \$200 family cap. These fees are used to offset the cost of official fees and transportation. The sports participation fee must be paid in full by the first contest of the first sport played. Fees can be paid online through FinalForms or by checks/cash (please make checks out to St. Charles Community Schools), which can be brought to the MS/HS office or the athletic office.

We are always looking for volunteers to monitor our admission gates, sell 50/50 tickets, assist with setup and cleanup for games, and help with scoreboards. Please contact us if you are interested in being included in any of these opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ashley Schlager, Athletic Director, at schlagera@stccs.org or (989) 865-9941.

#### SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for fall, winter, and spring sports for the 2025-2026 school year. Please note that both the parent and the student-athlete must sign into FinalForms, complete their respective forms, and select the sports for which they or their child plan to sign up.

You can obtain a sports physical form from the High School office or Central Administration if needed. Please turn in your form to the athletic office or the main high school office, Attention: Athletic Department. All physicals are due by the start of practice and MUST be signed and dated by a doctor after April 15, 2025.

#### FALL SPORT START DATES

- Football: Monday, August 11, 2025**
- Boys Cross Country: Monday, August 11, 2025**
- Girls Cross Country: Monday, August 11, 2025**
- (Middle School Boys & Girls CC: Wednesday, August 13th)**
- HS Girls Volleyball: Monday, August 11, 2025**
- (Middle School Volleyball: Monday, August 25th)**
- Equestrian: TBD**
- Sideline Cheer: Monday, August 11, 2025**

The FinalForms instructions link for athletic registration is available at: <https://stcharles-mi.finalforms.com>. The link for FinalForms can also be found on the school website, [www.stccs.org](http://www.stccs.org). All student-athletes who compete on a school-sponsored team in grades 6-12 must be registered in FinalForms.

Please follow the prompts to create your account, create your child's account, and sign your forms. If you already have an account created, please log in using your email and password to update your forms. Both the parent/guardian and the student must complete this step before Monday, August 11, 2025, or they will not be allowed to try out for their sport.

#### SPECIAL NOTE FOR ALL PARENTS OF NEW STUDENTS

For all incoming freshmen, transfer students, and first-time STC student-athletes, a parent/guardian must first create an account for the student-athlete using their STC email. Please review the FinalForms Parent Playbook for first-time users. For all transfer students, please ensure that you complete the MHSAA Transfer Form, which can be found on the MHSAA website ([MHSAA.com](http://MHSAA.com)). To determine eligibility, this form MUST be filled out and submitted before the start of the season. If making a full and complete move, an MHSAA Residential Change Checklist must also be submitted. This form can also be found at the [MHSAA.com](http://MHSAA.com) website.

Please visit our athletic page on the school website at [www.stccs.org](http://www.stccs.org) to view all athletic information. The fall competition schedules have been uploaded to the athletic page. A great new feature we have on our athletic website is the ability to view the sports schedules and download them to your calendar. It is a great tool to have access to as a student, parent, or community member.

Thank you for your assistance in streamlining our athletic paperwork processes at St. Charles Community High School.

*With Bulldog Pride!*  
Your STC Athletic Department,  
**Ashley Schlager**, Athletic Director  
([schlagera@stccs.org](mailto:schlagera@stccs.org))



## St. Charles Community School Athletics

#### PAY TO PARTICIPATE:

- High School: \$80**
- Middle School: \$60**
- Family Cap: \$200**

#### ATHLETIC PASSES:

- Family (Household): \$200**
- Adult: \$75**
- Non-STC Student (K-12): \$30**

#### ST. CHARLES MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

**FREE entrance to all regular season sporting events with student ID.**

#### ST. CHARLES ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:

**FREE entrance to all regular season sporting events with student ID.**

*(Must be accompanied by parent.)*

## Spotlight on the St. Charles Community Foundation

**What is the St. Charles Community Foundation, and what does it do for our St. Charles Community Schools staff and students?** Please allow us to introduce you to a fantastic Board of Directors that provides educational funding and a great sense of pride for St. Charles Community Schools staff, students, and the community.

The St. Charles Community Foundation was established in 1984 when the St. Charles Community Schools Board of Education authorized its creation. The Foundation primarily focuses on providing annual grants to teachers and scholarships to students. The Board is composed of eight members, including past graduates, former teachers, former principals, former superintendents, and community members from St. Charles. The current Board members are: Ron Gonzales, Gail Hawley, Dave Mayer (President), Paul Parson, Duane Reyhl (Treasurer), Jim Slick, Stephine Zelinko, and Mike Wallace (Vice President). With the dedication of these members, the St. Charles Community Foundation has made significant progress over the years.

For nearly three decades, from 1984 to 2013, the St. Charles Community Foundation concentrated its efforts on providing grants to teachers. Initially, teachers were eligible for \$500 grants upon application. However, as the Foundation's funds grew, the number of grants offered also increased.

In 2006, the St. Charles Community Foundation began collaborating with other groups and organizations, which substantially grew its funds from around \$30,000 to half a million dollars. This allowed the Foundation to offer larger grants and mini-grants to the staff of St. Charles Community Schools. Each spring, the staff can apply for available grant dollars.

Between 2013 and 2024, in addition to the STC staff grants, the Foundation was able to extend opportunities to graduating seniors due to its growing stability. The Foundation was overjoyed with the growth potential that enabled it to offer scholarships to numerous graduating senior students.

Teachers apply for teacher grants to fund innovative classroom projects and supplies. The application process requires information about the proposed projects, which must meet the guidelines set by the St. Charles Community Foundation. Some of the guidelines for the proposed projects include:

- Cover academic enhancements not generally funded through the general district budget;**
- Not exceed the Mini-Grant (\$500) or the Large Grant (\$2,000);**
- Reflect current "best practices" in education;**
- Be creative - demonstrate "out of the box" thinking.**

St. Charles Community Foundation members review applications and award funds to the teachers at the annual May meeting of the St. Charles Community Foundation. This past May, four mini-grants were awarded, each with a maximum amount of \$500, and two large grants, each with a maximum amount of \$2,000. Teachers and support staff applied for items such as mental health supplies, Spanish class programs, website subscriptions, broadcasting equipment, eSports equipment, and supplies for student professional development days. All applicants were awarded funds this year to improve their classrooms' learning environment.

Over \$200,000 has been granted to STC teachers and staff throughout the years. Thanks to the fund balance, the Foundation was able to offer more than \$4,000 in teacher grants for the 2025-2026 school year.

As mentioned previously, the St. Charles Community Foundation provides student scholarships to graduating seniors in addition to teacher grants.

Annually, graduating seniors from St. Charles Community Schools are awarded scholarships from the scholarship fund managed by the STC Community Foundation. Fundraising for this

student scholarship fund officially began in May 2013. By the end of 2014, the fund had accumulated \$144,205 from contributions and investment earnings. In 2015, the first scholarship for \$1,250 was awarded.

This past year, the St. Charles Community Foundation awarded six student scholarships, each worth \$1,500, to graduating seniors from the Class of 2025. The Foundation has provided \$80,000 to \$90,000 in student scholarships over the past years.

For the St. Charles Community Foundation to succeed, it must maintain a strong Board of Directors that diligently works hard to collect donations throughout the year. Donations typically come in at all times, but May and June are great times to donate if you can.

End-of-year donations for tax purposes are an excellent opportunity to make a charitable gift as well. In the past, donations have been received from parents of students who received scholarships, past and present STC staff members, STC alums, past and present community members, St. Charles Community Foundation Board members, friends and family of Board members, and St. Charles Board of Education members. Donations can be made to memorialize or honor a person.

To donate to the St. Charles Community Foundation, you can contact the St. Charles Community Schools Central Office by calling 989-865-9961. The St. Charles Community Foundation members meet approximately three times a year in the St. Charles Community Schools Central Office.

If you are interested in becoming a St. Charles Community Foundation member, you can submit a letter of interest to Dave Mayer ([dmayerasi@gmail.com](mailto:dmayerasi@gmail.com)) or Mike Wallace ([wallacemlw@gmail.com](mailto:wallacemlw@gmail.com)). You can also mail a letter of interest to St. Charles Community Schools, Attn: Shannon Grunas, 891 W. Walnut St., St. Charles, MI 48655.



# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Food Service News

**WELCOME BACK, BULLDOGS!**

The STC kitchen staff hopes everyone had a fun-filled summer. We are excited to welcome everyone back to the 2025-2026 school year.

Once again, St. Charles Community Schools is considered a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) district. This means every student enrolled will receive free breakfast and lunch. For the meal to qualify as free, students will be required to include fruits and vegetables on their meal trays.

We encourage all students to share their menu ideas and suggestions with us. We are always open to trying new things and will strive to fulfill suggestions while adhering to the state guidelines of the food program.

This coming school year, middle/high school students will continue to enjoy a full salad bar and many other menu favorites. The elementary school will also continue with its salad bar on a smaller scale. The students loved making their own fruit and

vegetable choices this past school year, and our staff was impressed with the students’ desire to eat healthier during the school day.

As in previous years, middle/high school students can purchase à la carte items like chips, drinks, and ice cream. Students can either pay cash during meal times for these items or have money deposited in their accounts beforehand.

Money can be deposited for each student through the Family Portal to purchase à la carte items, a second entrée, extra milk, or milk if lunch is brought from home. To do so, follow this link: <https://stcharles.familyportal.cloud/> Note: The portal does have a fee associated with it.

You can find additional information about all meal services, including menus, by visiting our website at [www.stccs.org](http://www.stccs.org) > Departments > Nutrition and Food Services.

It is important to us to have up-to-date information on each child. If your child has allergies or has

had a change in their allergies or restrictions, please print the medical form on our menu page and return it to the school on or before the first day of school. Unfortunately, the parent/guardian cannot fill out the form. Your child’s Doctor, Physician Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner must complete the form.

We kindly request that all families complete the Education Benefits Form. This information helps us qualify for grants and other programs that benefit our district. You only need to fill out one form per family. Please include all students in the household before you submit the form. The form is available on our website: [www.stccs.org](http://www.stccs.org) > Resources > Parents > Food Service Household Information Report (Printable).

You are welcome to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing our students on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025**, for the first day of school.

*Kristine Sullivan*  
Food Service Director

# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Annual Notifications

**FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT [FERPA]**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) gives parents and students over age 18 certain rights with respect to the student’s educational records. They may:

1. Inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the district receives their request to do so. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record they wish to review. The principal will arrange for the review and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the record may be inspected.
2. Request an amendment of the student record that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate or misleading by writing the school principal, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specifying why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the district decides not to change the record as requested, the parent or eligible student will be so notified and advised of their right to a hearing regarding their request for amendment. Additional information regarding hearing procedures will be provided when the parent or eligible student is notified of their right to a hearing.
3. Consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a School Board member, a person or company under contract for a specific task, or a parent or student serving on an official committee or assisting another school official in performing a task. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill their personal responsibility. Upon request, the district discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks to enroll.
4. File a complaint with U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with FERPA requirements:  
Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
600 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

**STUDENT DIRECTORY**

FERPA allows our school district to publish or otherwise disclose “directory information” relating to a student without the consent of the parent or eligible student, unless the parent or eligible student expressly objects to such disclosure. “Directory information” includes information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.

It includes the student’s name, address, telephone listing, picture, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially-recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletic team members, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous school attended, and other similar information.

If parents or eligible students object to publication of any of the above information, they must notify the superintendent’s office in writing.

**TITLE VI OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964  
TITLE IX OF EDUCATIONAL AMENDMENTS OF 1972  
TITLE II OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990  
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973  
AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMPLIANCE**

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title II of Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, it is the policy of St. Charles Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, gender, age, national origin or ancestry, religion, height, weight, marital status or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any applicable program or activity or in employment.

If any individual believes they have a valid basis for a complaint, they shall raise the concern with the district’s Grievance Officer/ Compliance Coordinator: Mark Benson, Superintendent; 891 W. Walnut Street, St. Charles, MI 48655. Telephone (989) 865-9961. The complainant may receive a copy of the grievance procedure upon request.

**ASBESTOS - AHERA 40 CFR 763.80**

St. Charles Community Schools are required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) to make annual notification of the Asbestos Management Plan for your review.

The school district completed the twice-yearly inspection. These are filed in the Central Administration Office. Re-inspection is completed. Periodic surveillance will continue.

Documents are available for review during normal business hours. A personal copy will be furnished within 7 working days after receipt of a written request for a nominal charge of ten cents per page.

For the protection of “outside workers”, any short-term worker (ADT, telephone, plumber, etc.) requiring access to nonpublic areas of the buildings where the exposure to asbestos fibers is probable, is required to sign a Notification of Potential Hazard Form before access is granted. Forms are on file in the principal’s office in each building.

A management plan has been completed and submitted to the State of Michigan for approval and is currently available for your review at any school office. The management plan contains information regarding the locations of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in our school buildings, the current condition of the ACM, and our plan for dealing with the ACM.

At least annually, we will inform residents about asbestos re-inspection and periodic surveillance as well as any response actions or post-response actions that are planned and/or in progress.

The district’s designated contact person for matters relating to AHERA is Mark Benson, who can be reached at 891 W. Walnut St, St. Charles, MI 48655. Telephone (989) 865-9961.

**REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION, SEX ED INSTRUCTION  
STATE AID ACT, 1766.a.**

The Board of Education has established a program of health instruction, which includes reproductive health and other sex education instruction as well as serious communicable disease prevention education.

According to applicable law, parents/guardians have the right to review materials and curriculum content to be used for such education. If you wish to review the materials or observe classroom instruction, please contact your student’s school principal.

This statute also allows you to excuse your child from participation in classes, which include such instruction, if you choose. If you wish to exercise your right to excuse your student from this instruction, please send written notice to your student’s school principal.

**DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT OF 1986  
(AMENDS MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH CODE)  
PUBLIC ACT 174 OF 1994**

The “drug-free zone” surrounding school property is 1000 feet. Any individual 18 years or older who delivers cocaine, narcotics, or certain other illicit substances to a minor student within the 1000-foot drug-free zone around the school property shall be punished by at least two years in prison and up to three times the term of imprisonment and fine or both- that would otherwise apply. “School Property” is defined as a, “...building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children in grade kindergarten through 12, when provided by a public, private, denominational, or parochial school, except those buildings used primarily for adult education or college extension course.”

**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**

Please be advised that St. Charles Community Schools and day care center utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school or day care grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school / day-care center, which is located at central administration at 891 W. Walnut Street, St. Charles Elementary School and Bulldog Kids Care at 801 W. Walnut Street, Thurston Middle School at 893 W. Walnut Street, and St. Charles High School at 881 W. Walnut Street, St. Charles, Michigan. Other methods of notification are:

- Posting in a public, common area of the school or day care center - in the hallway near the entrance to the school gym or cafeteria; and
- Posting information on the school or day-care center’s website.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or day care center are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please complete a Request for Advance Notification by First Class Mail form and return it to our office.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school’s Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.



# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

# 2025 Fall Sports Schedule

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

August 27	Morrice	Home	7:00pm
September 5	Breckenridge	Away	7:00pm
September 12	Montabella	Home	7:00pm
September 19	Byron	Home	7:00pm
September 26	Merrill	Away	7:00pm
October 3	Carson City	Away	7:00pm
October 10	Coleman	Home (Homecoming)	7:00pm
October 17	Fulton	Away	7:00pm
October 24	Webberville	Home (Senior Night)	7:00pm

### JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

August 27	TBD	TBD	TBD
September 3	Breckenridge	Home	6:00pm
September 10	Montabella	Away	6:00pm
September 17	Byron	Away	6:00pm
September 24	Merrill	Home	6:00pm
October 1	Carson City	Home	6:00pm
October 8	Coleman	Away	6:00pm
October 15	Fulton	Home	6:00pm
October 22	Vestaburg	Away	6:00pm

### FRESHMAN, JUNIOR VARSITY & VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

August 20	Tri @ Carrollton	Away (Varsity Only)	5:00pm
August 26	Quad @ SV	Away (Varsity Only)	5:00pm
August 28	Vestaburg*	Home	5:30pm
September 3	Fulton*	Away	5:30pm
September 9	Montabella*	Away	5:30pm
September 13	MLS Tourn.	Away (Varsity Only)	8:30am
September 16	Carson City*	Away	5:30pm
September 18	Quad @ NL	Away (Varsity Only)	5:00pm
September 23	Sacred Heart*	Away	5:30pm
September 27	JV Tourn. @ SV	Away	8:30am
30	Coleman*	Away	5:30pm

### FRESHMAN, JUNIOR VARSITY & VARSITY VOLLEYBALL, cont.

October 7	Ashley	Home (Varsity Only)	7:00pm
October 14	Breckenridge*	Home	5:30pm
October 16	Hemlock	Away	4:30, 5:30, 6:30pm
October 18	St. Louis Tourn.	Away (Varsity Only)	9:00am
October 21	Merrill*	Home	5:30pm
October 29	MLS	Away	TBD
October 30	Carrollton	Home	5:30, 7:00pm
November 3,5,6	MHSAA Districts	Home	TBD

\*Games JV will play first at 5:30pm, Varsity will follow.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

September 8	Montabella	Away	4:30pm
September 10	Sacred Heart	Home	4:30pm
September 15	Carson City	Away	4:30pm
September 17	Merrill	Home	4:30pm
September 22	Sacred Heart	Away	4:30pm
September 24	Carson City	Home	4:30pm
September 29	Coleman	Away	4:30pm
October 1	Merrill	Away	4:30pm
October 7	Ashley	Home	*5:30pm
October 8	Fulton	Away	4:30pm
October 13	Breckenridge	Home	4:30pm
October 15	Fulton	Home	4:30pm

### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

August 15	Hemlock Huskie Classic	Away	3:30pm
August 21	Birch Run Early Inv	Away	4:30pm
September 3	Shepherd John Bruder Classic	Away	5:00pm
September 6	Trent Carter Windmill Inv	Away (Breckenridge)	9:00am
September 11	Lansing Catholic Inv	Away	5:30pm

### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY, cont.

September 13	51st Annual Don Baese Inv	Away (Carson City)	10:00am
September 17	MSAC Jamboree #1	Away (Sacred Heart)	4:30pm
October 1	MSAC Jamboree #2	Away (Merrill)	4:30pm
October 4	Heritage Hawks Inv	Away (Delta College)	TBD
October 11	Bill Agresta Inv	Away (Hemlock)	9:00 AM
October 15	MSAC Championship	Away (Montabella)	4:30pm
October 24	MHSAA Region 30-4	Shepherd HS	TBD

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

September 9	Montabella	Away	6:00pm
September 16	Coleman	Home	6:00pm
September 23	Merrill	Away	6:00pm
September 30	Carson City	Home	6:00pm
October 7	Potterville	Away	6:00pm
October 14	Webberville	Home	6:00pm

### MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

November 3	Montabella	Home	4:30pm
November 5	Fulton	Away	4:30pm
November 10	Breckenridge	Home	4:30pm
November 12	Ashley	Away	4:30pm
November 17	Carson City	Home	4:30pm
November 19	Sacred Heart	Away	4:30pm
November 24	Vestaburg	Home	4:30pm
November 25	Coleman	Home	4:30pm
December 1	Merrill	Away	4:30pm
December 3	Fulton	Home	4:30pm
December 8	Breckenridge	Away	4:30pm
December 10	Ashley	Home	4:30pm



## FITNESS CENTER

Our Fitness Center is open to the public 24 hours a day. While utilizing the facility please use gym etiquette when sharing time with the weights/machines. Swipe key cards are needed to gain access to the room. You can visit the high school office to fill out the necessary paperwork to obtain a swipe key card. The fitness center offers a variety of free weights and cardio equipment. If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Ashley Schlager at schlagera@stccs.org or at 989-865-9941.

### Community Center

The public is able to use the Community Center for small personal events. Please contact Jill Hendrickson at hendricksonj@stccs.org or at (989) 865-9991 for more information or to schedule your events.

### TRANSPORTATION



For information, contact  
**Brad Lorencz,**  
**Transportation Director at**  
**lorenczb@stccs.org**  
or call **989-865-6331.**

### Interested in working for St. Charles School District?

We are always looking for sub custodians and kitchen workers, bus drivers, para pros... Come to Central Office to fill out an application!

## 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

<b>Monday, August 18</b>	Teacher Work Day- no students
<b>Tuesday, August 19 &amp; Wednesday, August 20</b>	Staff PD Days – No Students
<b>Tuesday, August 26</b>	First Student Day of School
<b>Friday, August 29 &amp; Monday, September 1</b>	No School
<b>Wednesday, October 1</b>	Fall Count Day
<b>Friday, October 10</b>	Homecoming
<b>Thursday, October 16</b>	End of 1st Marking Period
<b>Friday, October 17</b>	No School for Students – Teacher Professional Development
<b>Thursday, November 13</b>	Student Half-Day – Parent-Teacher Conferences
<b>Friday, November 14</b>	No School for Students – Teacher Professional Development
<b>Wednesday, November 26 thru Friday, November 28</b>	No School – Thanksgiving Break
<b>Thursday, December 18 &amp; Friday, Dececeber 19</b>	½ Days – District-Wide Teacher Work Days

<b>Friday, December 19</b>	End of 2nd Marking Period
<b>Monday, December 22 thru Friday, January 2</b>	No School – Christmas Break
<b>Monday, January 19</b>	No School
<b>Wednesday, February 11</b>	Spring Count Day
<b>Friday, February 13 &amp; Monday, February 16</b>	No School – Mid-Winter Break
<b>Friday, March 13</b>	No School for Students – Teacher Professional Development
<b>Friday, March 20</b>	End of 3rd Marking Period
<b>Monday, March 30 thru Monday, April 6</b>	No School – Spring Break
<b>Monday, May 25</b>	No School – Memorial Day
<b>Thursday, June 4 &amp; Friday, June 5</b>	½ Days – District-Wide / June 5th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (Teacher Work Day)

If necessary, makeup days (due to weather, power outages, etc.) may be made up after the last scheduled day at the end of the school year.

