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A Message from the President

For those of you new to St. Charles School my name is Andrea Krause and I am starting my fourth year as President of the Home & School Association. My husband (Kip) and I have one son (Nicholas) who is in grade 6.

I would like to welcome everyone back to school. During the summer the H & S board met, along with Mrs. Karpus, school principal, and planned some events in what we hope will be an exciting year. I will try and give you as much notice about up coming events as is possible. We hope this school year will be a fun year for both students and parents. I am always looking for new ideas so please be sure to email me if you have any fun activities that we could do through the H&S association.

I am looking forward to another great year of fun and fellowship with all of you. I encourage all of you to get involved in your child's school. The H & S meetings and events are a great way to meet new families and become part of the St. Charles School family.

A new thing for this year will be newsletters by email. For those of you who absolutely do not have any email I will try and get copies to Debbie for distribution. This first newsletter is being sent both by hard copy and email. So please if you have an email please send it to me so I can include you in my email list for H&S announcements. Please email me at akrause@co.montcalm.mi.us if you did not receive it by email and wish to. I will continue to send home the H&S calendar each month by hard copy. This will show the volunteers for pizza Fridays.

A few thank-yous to start out the school year are in order. This past summer we handled the Gus Macker registration for the Greenville Tournament that was held in July. Home & School made \$500.00 for doing this event. I would like to thank the following people: Christine Lee, Jennifer Hudson, Milne Hudson, Tara Pigorsh, Kris Martin, Amy Zdanowski, Jay Linton, Becky Bozung, Terry Callahan, Carol Doyle, Stephanie Doyle, Sandy Gregware, Steve Davis, Matt Cusack, Joe Albert, Mary Boni, Jennifer Cruz, Jeremy Neve, Nicole Neve, Drew Neve, Rose Ann Paulino, Danata Paulino, Shalom Paulino, Tammy DeWitt, Eric Remington and Kip Krause.

The next thank you goes out to all the people who helped clean up Veteran's Park during Danish Festival. A big thank you goes out to Mary Hamman who coordinates this for H&S. Those who helped include the Cripps Family, Snowden Family, Hogan Family, Sprague Family, Brockschmidt Family, Collins Family, Sage Family, Chris Hamman and the Krause Family. For handling this dirty job H&S made \$750.00.

This year H&S ordered solid cases of candy so that we could make our own variety packs that were more evenly distributed with different kinds of candy bars. Thanks to those who helped repack 150 cases of candy. They include Margaret Karpus, Kate Karpus, Mary Hamman, Amy Zdanowski, Laura Taylor, Kip Krause, Nick Krause and Stephanie Doyle.

All of these volunteer opportunities are what generate revenue for H&S and what allows us to provide back to our families the fun free events that we hold each year. Thank you all for your help.

Of course the H & S Association is your organization. As always if you have any questions, concerns or new ideas I would encourage you to call or email me. You know if help is needed I will be calling you!

Andrea Krause

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PS – I would like to continue “**Charlie's List**”. This is similar to Craig's List. If you have something to sell that you think someone in the school community would be interested in email me a description of the item and the contact information and I will have a section of the newsletter for these items. The items will only appear in the newsletter once so each month we will have new items listed. This will only work if you email me items you would like to sell.

Open House

The open house held on Wednesday August 24th was a great opportunity to meet new families and get reacquainted with old friends. I would like to thank everyone who helped make it a successful and fun evening especially, Mary Boni for selling pizza coupons, Carol Doyle for selling Scrip, Kristy Cusack, Michele Krick and Amy Zdanowski for helping with clothing and candy sales. Finally, thank you to all the families who are selling candy. We ordered 150 cases this year and distributed over 100 during the open house. Just a reminder that there are 50 candy bars per case this year. Please try and have your money in by September 30th. If you would like to sell additional candy please email or call Andrea.

Danish Festival/Veterans Park

Once again H & S did the clean up at Veterans Park during Danish Festival. Women's Action Network (WAN) who runs the park during the festival has been very pleased with our work over the past several years. I want to send a special thank you to Mary

Hamman who coordinates all the helpers during this week-end. She and her husband Chris spend many hours at the park as well cleaning up every last scrap of paper. This year we also received much support and help from St. Charles School Families. Thank you to all who helped. This is one of our fundraisers that helps provide money for our budget so we can provide free events throughout the school year.

First Home & School Meeting

Our first H & S meeting is Tuesday September 13th at 6:30pm in conference room 2. This year we will again be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. We also will again be offering an incentive to attend. This month every parent that attends will receive a voucher for a **free shorts day** (Weather Permitting) for your child(ren). The free shorts day will be on September 15th or the 16th for Kindergarten students. Please consult the school policy with regard to what type of shorts are appropriate. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Pizza Fundraiser

Our first pizza fundraiser will take place on Friday September 9th. Please send in coupons no later than Wednesday prior. This year we will be getting our pizza from BC Pizza. **Good News** – The cost of pizza to students did not go up this year.. The pizza coupon form can be found online at www.stcharleswarriors.org. then click on the Home & School link. **You must buy new coupons for the new school year 2011-2012. Coupons from the 2010-2011 will not be honored.**

Pizza helpers should arrive at school by 10:15am to set up for lunch. Pizza will arrive at 10:45am. The first lunch starts at 10:55am

We will hold pizza fundraisers on September 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Mary Boni who coordinates the helpers for pizza Fridays is in the process of reorganizing the help. We had a lot of people sign up for certain days and none for others. We only need 2-4 people per Friday. When Mary calls I hope you will help us out by volunteering for another Friday if necessary. Thank you for cooperation.

Wood Chips For The Playground

On Saturday September 17th starting at 8:30am we will be spreading a new load of wood chips (60 Yards) on the playground. We need volunteers to help do this. If you can help please bring wheel barrows, shovels and rakes. Students in grades 6th -8th can earn service hours for helping. Please email Andrea if you can help.

Family Movie Night

Movie Night is back again this year. On the 2nd Friday of each month we will show a movie in the gym. **Note a time change for September and October due to fall sports practices. Movies will begin at 7:15pm for September and October.** In November we will resume our 6:30pm start time. Concessions will be available to

purchase. 25 cents for a bag of popcorn, 25 cents for a bottle of water and 25 cents for a ring pop. Please bring your favorite blanket and pillow and come and enjoy a movie together as a family. The first movie will be shown on Friday September 9th. **Featured Movie of the Month: How To Train Your Dragon**

St. Charles Clothing

If you missed the clothing at the open house there is still time to submit an order. Order forms can be found online at www.stcharleswarriors.org. then click on the Home & School link.

Please fill out the form and return to Mrs. Kassuba or your child's teacher with your payment. Orders will be accepted until September 9th.

Candy Bar Fundraiser

We are using Gertrude Hawk candy bars again this year. We made our own variety packs this year so they have equal amounts of 10 different varieties of chocolate. One new flavor is a White Chocolate Truffle. We have 150 cases of candy to sell so if you can sell more than on box please call Andrea Krause at 754-0605. Please return all money from the candy bar sales to the school office or your child's teacher by Friday September 30, 2011. This is the Home & School Association's big fundraiser for the year. We need everyone's help to make it successful and maintain our budget for the year. Thank you to everyone who is selling candy.

If you are paying the \$25 H&S fee in lieu of selling candy and have not yet done so please send a check into school to my attention. This is the only mandatory fundraiser we have for the entire school year. Thank you for cooperation. This fee cannot be paid through the FACTS program.

St Charles Web Site:

Check out the St. Charles School web site at www.stcharleswarriors.org

The web site is a great place to check out the latest photos or read the minutes of the Home & School Association meetings to see what we have been doing. The monthly newsletter and calendar are also posted on the web. If you forgot what Friday you are scheduled to help for the pizza fundraiser you can always find it on the web.

Charlie's List

Nothing this month.
Please email me items that you would like to sell.

Up-Coming Events

Sept - Sell candy bars after all masses.
Sept 9 - Movie Night
Sept 13 - First Home & School Meeting
Sept 26 - Mancinos Fundraiser
Sept 30 - Candy Money Due