I am pleased to welcome everyone to St. Charles College for the 2013-2014 school year. To those returning, I wish you continued success in the pursuit of your goals. I extend a special welcome to students starting here for the first time.

Our staff consists of dedicated, committed and caring professionals who minister to your individual needs. The staff of St. Charles College is proud of our dedication, providing you with the best possible setting in which you can develop spiritually, academically, physically and emotionally.

This handbook contains useful information about St. Charles College, as well as a clear statement of expectations. We also recommend that this handbook be used as a daily organizer. Its use is mandatory in Grade 9 and strongly encouraged in all grades.

Expectations are summarized in the Letter of Commitment which is based on our motto. My signature on behalf of the staff is our commitment. We are requesting that parents and students new to our school make the same commitment by carefully reviewing the contents together.

I challenge all of our students to achieve to their potential. Realizing that there is a relationship between student involvement and achievement, I urge you to participate in some of the many clubs, activities and athletic teams available.

Work hard and enjoy school by participating and cooperating with your fellow Cardinals in making this the best possible year ever!

Mrs. P. Mardero
Principal
St. Charles College is a caring co-educational community that challenges all staff and students to ask God to “teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge.” We exist to inspire and reveal student potential and to provide an optimal environment for student learning where a living witness to God’s saving message is delivered through all our works including our academic and co-curricular programs. We dedicate ourselves to foster a supportive and personalized learning environment, understanding our special duty of care to all our students during times of need. We envision a school community rooted in Gospel Values that supports the well-being and learning of all.

PHILOSOPHY OF ST. CHARLES COLLEGE

GOODNESS
We believe that individuals are worthy of respect, dignity, service and love. It is our goal to promote Christian education and the principles of faith, hope and charity in developing Christian persons who respond actively to community needs. Essential to spiritual development is the understanding of the scriptures, the history and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church.

DISCIPLINE
The aim of discipline is to develop, within the individual, self-control and the ability to cooperate with others. It is our goal to develop self-discipline, and good citizenship.
It is our goal to develop tolerance and respect for societal differences.

KNOWLEDGE
The goal of education is for each student to achieve his/her full potential. The acquisition of knowledge requires effort. The acquisition of education or training is a partnership of parents, students and teachers.
3 Labour Day - No School
4 First Day of Classes
6 Grade Level Assemblies
11 Picture Day
13 Opening School Mass
17-21 Spirit Week
19 Grade 9 Day
21 Pep Rally
28 Professional Activity Day

5 Thanksgiving Liturgy
8 Thanksgiving Day
11 Interim Reports
17 Parent-Teacher Interviews

4 Feast Day of St. Charles Borromeo
7 Stepping Into Grade 9 Night
9 Remembrance Day Services
12 Semester I, Term 2 begins
19 Professional Activity Day
20-22 Graduation Photos
22 Mid-Term Report Cards Mailed
23-25 Antioch Weekend

2 First Sunday of Advent
7 Winter Pep Rally
9 Second Sunday of Advent
13 Christmas Arts Concert
16 Third Sunday of Advent
20 Advent Mass
21 Last day of School
23 Fourth Sunday of Advent
24 Christmas Holidays Begin

7 School Resumes
15 Grade 8 Open House
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### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
St. Charles College requires more of the students than minimal academic work. A specific standard of dress, and of student responsibilities are part of the St. Charles College philosophy. Students who enroll at St. Charles College accept this ideal and agree to abide by the St. Charles College Letter of Commitment and Uniform Policy.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY
All students are required to wear a uniform to school each day. Uniforms are to be worn coming to and from school during the day and while representing St. Charles College in an official capacity. It is expected that the school uniform be worn proudly and neatly.

### SUMMER UNIFORM
The summer uniform may be worn from May 1st until September 30th of each year. The summer uniform consists of:

- McCarthy black shorts or capri pant
- socks optional
- black sandals with ankle straps may be worn
- only sandals secured with ankle straps are permitted
### REGULAR UNIFORM

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<td>- must be worn at the waist</td>
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### N.B.**  Shoes **MUST** be black and low-heeled. **Boots are not allowed.**

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

T-shirts worn under the shirt/blouse must be solid white, grey, burgundy or black and short-sleeved. No logos on T-shirts are permitted.

Students are to be in uniform during work periods, including the cafeteria and library.

**Extremes in personal grooming are not permitted** ie. hair colour not considered natural, contact lenses not considered natural eye colour, excessive make-up, large bulky jewelry and wallet chains.

Extreme body piercing is not permitted. In addition, any piercing considered to by a safety concern is not permitted.

If alternate footwear is recommended for medical reasons, black orthopaedic shoes are permitted.

The school reserves the right to determine if a student is in compliance with the spirit of the dress code policy and the appropriateness of dress or piercing.
STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE
The Student Activity Fee of $40.00 is payable on the first day of school to the homeroom teacher. The cost for a family with two or more students at St. Charles College is $70.00.
The fee supplements the costs of:
• locks/locker maintenance
• co-curricular field trips
• student council spirit activities
• student recognition activities
• guest speakers

ATTENDANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

MORNING ROUTINE
A bell will ring at 8:15 a.m. The bell is an indication that it is time to conclude conversations, gather books and move to homerooms. During the day there will be a bell at the end of each period and the beginning of the next. Students must be in their homerooms for the opening exercises. The National Anthem and Prayer will be broadcast at 8:20 a.m. They will be followed by the announcements.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM
St. Charles College offers a Breakfast Program daily in each of the homerooms. This Breakfast Program is sponsored by The Human League, Better Beginnings/Better Futures and Breakfast Clubs of Canada. Staff and students enjoy beginning each day in sharing a community breakfast together.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Parents are to phone the school, the day before or morning of each day of absence. The student will present a note from his/her parent on the first day back following his/her absence if telephone contact has not been made. Notes are kept on file.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY IN THE DAY
Students who must leave during the school day must bring a note to the main office before 8:20 am. An excuse slip will be issued and the departure time recorded. Students returning from the appointment must check in at the main office before being admitted to class.

Students may leave the premises only under conditions mutually agreed upon by the office and the parent prior to the student departure from the school. Students must sign-out from school at the office upon confirmation of permission from administration and parent.

Unacceptable requests to sign-out include but are not limited to: studying for tests, completing work for other classes, missing evaluation or submission of evaluated materials because of lack of preparation, avoidance of study hall.

Grade 9 and 10 Students are not permitted to leave the school property at lunch.

LATE FOR HOMEROOM
Students who are not in homeroom at the start of the National Anthem, are late for homeroom. Students will stop all movement and conversation when the National Anthem and morning prayer begins. Students will then report directly to homeroom.
LATES
Students who are late for school, will report directly to the Main Office to sign in. When a student accumulates 5 lates, they will be referred to the Vice-Principal. Consequences at the discretion of administration will be as follows:

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When a student is late after returning from lunch, it results in an automatic lunch detention to be served the following day.

If a student skips or misses an assigned detention without prior verification from the Parent/Guardian, they will receive a warning and Parent/Guardian may be contacted. If the detention continues to be missed without verification, the student may be sent home and/or formally suspended.

TRUANCY
Any absence without prior authorization is truancy. Parents or guardians will be notified.
- Each offence will result in a 1 hour detention to be served after school from 2:15pm-3:15pm
- Miss the first 1 hour detention and the opportunity to serve is forwarded to the next day. Another missed detention will result in the student being sent home and/or formal suspension.

GRADE 12 SIGN-IN PRIVILEGES
Grade 12 students with at least 24 credits may be permitted to sign-in before period 2 if they do not have a scheduled period 1 class. The application for late sign-in privileges is available from the Vice-Principal. Late sign-in students are still subject to the same expectations and responsibilities of all other students with respect to the verification of absences.

TEACHER ABSENCES
Students may receive an occasional study period when their regular classroom teacher is absent. Students must report directly to the assigned location for a supervised study period. Teachers leave meaningful and required work for students to complete, often for evaluation. Grade 9, 10 and 11 students MUST remain in the assigned location and complete their assigned work. Parent/guardians are requested to NOT sign their son/daughter out of study halls where work completion, remediation, and studying can and should occur.
SMOKING
Our priority at St. Charles College is to provide a school environment that promotes healthy lifestyle choices for all our students.

Grade 9 & 10 students are not permitted to smoke. Smoking is strongly discouraged by St. Charles College. There is no smoking on school property by Ontario Law. Students that disobey that law will be subject to automatic school suspension and/or a possible substantial fine under the provincial law. School property includes the area to the West to Hawthorne Drive, to the East to Falconbridge Road, to the South to the tennis courts and to the North to the area beyond the football & soccer fields.

An area behind the school and off school property has been set aside for those seniors that do smoke. This is the only area that can be utilized for this purpose and is restricted to the following times: between 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. and during the lunch hour. By their use of this area, the students agree to maintain the area in a respectable manner.

St. Charles College expects its’ students to be respectful of the neighbours. The designated area is the only area in the vicinity of the school used for smoking. Students failing to adhere to this policy will be dealt with by suspension.

TEXTBOOKS
Textbooks used by all courses are on loan to students. They must return the text book issued to them in good condition. Students will be assessed the cost of replacement or repair if either is required. This will be done prior to admission to final examinations. The lending of textbooks for home use may be withheld until all books are either returned or paid for.

BACKPACKS
Backpacks are a necessary item to transport large amounts of equipment, supplies and/or laptop to and from school. However, these same items present a safety hazard i.e. trip and fall in the classroom. Students must leave their backpacks in their lockers during the school day. Slim line laptop bags are permitted. Students who fail to comply will be referred to Administration.

SICK ROOM
Students who become ill at school are expected to write any tests scheduled for that day or make alternate arrangements with their teacher(s). Once teachers are notified, students are then to report to the main office and call home for someone to come and get them. If parents are unavailable, only the main office can admit the student to the sick room.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES
Personal electronic devices are permitted before school, during lunch and after school. Personal electronic devices are permitted in class for academic purposes with the teacher’s permission. Students must always keep cell phones on silence to avoid disrupting the school environment. Cell phones may be temporarily confiscated and stored in the office if there is a noncompliance with these repeated policies. Parents are asked not to call the school to give messages to students during the day, unless it is an emergency. Classes will not be interrupted for student messages.

HATS AND CAPS
Baseball caps, bandanas and other headwear are not to be worn inside the school. These items may be confiscated and stored in the main office if students are not in compliance.

PARKING
Cars must be registered in the main office each school year. Students must park in the designated parking lot for students. Cars that are not registered, or that are parked in unauthorized areas will be ticketed. Maximum speed on school property is 25 km/hour. Students are not to loiter in the parking lot.
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
St. Charles College expects its students to be respectful of our neighbours. Our tradition is that our school community has a positive relationship with our neighbours.

Loitering and smoking while loitering in the neighbourhood are not permitted.

For safety purposes, the pool area behind the school and the tennis courts across the street are out of bounds to students. Furthermore, the railway tracks beyond the football and soccer fields are out of bounds. Trespassing on CN property is a federal offence under the Railway Safety Act which carries a substantial fine. Students failing to adhere to these policies may be subject to an automatic suspension from school.

LOCKERS
Students will be issued a locker on their first day in school. Lockers are loaned to students for their convenience but are the property of the school. The student is responsible for keeping it clean and presentable. Pictures or slogans kept inside must conform to the principles of St. Charles College. Locks are provided by the school. Any others will be cut from the locker. Students should not keep anything of significant value in their locker as they are not burglar proof. As well, no one else should know the combination to their locker. Students, not the school, are responsible for their personal lockers. At the end of the school year, students are responsible for cleaning out their lockers. The school is not responsible for any items left behind. Students should be aware that lockers can be opened and searched at anytime by an administrator or agent of the Board without notice.

VALUABLES
Students are asked not to bring items of value to school. Do not leave money or other valuables in your locker or the change room. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

CAFETERIA
The cafeteria is provided to students as a place to eat lunch. Light lunches and snack foods as well as drinks such as milk, juice and soft drinks are available. After completing lunch, each student is expected to put the garbage in the receptacles provided.

LIBRARY
The library is open between 8:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. A photocopier is available to the students.

A computer lab is located in the library. In order for students to use the computers, they must complete the Responsible Use Policy. The computers are to be used as tools to support student research and the completion of assignments. Social network and chat sites are not allowed.

Books are available to borrowers for a loan period of 21 days. The loan may be renewed at the discretion of the librarian. The student who signs the item out of the library is financially responsible for its prompt return in good condition. A problem with chronic overdue fines will result in the cancellation of library privileges. A fine for overdue books will be levied at 10 cents per day per book, to a maximum of $10.00 per book.

No food, beverages or backpacks are allowed in the library. This will keep the environment clean and protect books and equipment. The library is a work and study area. Students are expected to behave in an appropriate manner, limiting conversation so that it is a quiet place to study.
PASTORAL CARE
As a Christian community, St. Charles College is dedicated to the students in every aspect of their lives. The chaplain provides pastoral care to the St. Charles College community.

CELEBRATION OF FAITH
Celebrations of the Eucharist are available to all students and staff. School Liturgies and Masses are celebrated at many times during the year.

CHAPEL
The chapel is located in Room 109 and is always open as a place of quiet and private prayer.

COUNSELLING
Pastoral counselling is available at all times for students and staff. Problems and difficulties relating to school, home, and spiritual life can be discussed in confidence with the chaplain.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
A student at St. Charles is presented with a wide range of activities through which he/she may develop and express his/her individual talents. These activities which we consider to be co-curricular usually take place after normal class hours and take the form of clubs/organizations, student government or athletics. Students can find out about these by listening to the daily announcements and by checking the bulletin boards. We strongly encourage students to get involved.

STUDENT COUNCIL
The Student Council of St. Charles College consists of an elected five member Cabinet — five social conveners appointed by the Cabinet, two staff moderators and a representative from each homeroom.

Class representatives are elected by a majority vote of all the students in their respective homerooms at the school. The Class Representative represents and expresses the opinions and safeguards the interests of his/her respective homeroom at Student Council meetings, which are held once a week.

2013 - 2014 ST. CHARLES COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL

President: Carrington Ryan
Vice President: Paige Eastwood
Treasurer: Ava Danyluk
Secretary: Owen Krystia
Event Coordinator: Melissa Minor
Teacher Moderator: Mrs. Belanger & Mrs. Gutscher

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS
Clubs serve a variety of interests and their purpose will vary according to the type of activity. It may be to channel artistic self expression; to acquire an advanced understanding of specialized skills; to afford an opportunity for intellectual recreation and a pleasant form of intellectual exercise; to facilitate social interaction; to acquire a sensitivity or appreciation of the habits, customs of other peoples; or to afford situations to develop leadership abilities. The following clubs/organizations invite student participation:

- Liturgy Committee
- Yearbook
- Reach for the Top
- Choir
- Stage Band
- Rock Band
- Concert Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- Chess Club
- Art Club
- Computer Club
- Breakfast Club
ATHLETIC COUNCIL

St. Charles College’s Athletic Council is responsible for promoting and encouraging school interest in athletics.

2013 - 2014 ST. CHARLES COLLEGE ATHLETIC COUNCIL

President: Jacob Belanger
Vice President: Alessia Pastre
Council: Mathew Kuzenko
          Connor Chezzi
          Emily Rabski
          Julia Kinna
          Brittany Reinhart
          Brad MacKenzie
          T’Shiondo N’Galamulume
Teacher Moderator: Mr. D. Michelutti

The St. Charles Cardinals have a long history of outstanding achievement in sports. Each year new students come to join our teams to carry on our fine tradition. Our teams consistently fare well in competition as part of SDSSAA (Sudbury), NOSSA (N. Ontario), and OFSAA (Ontario). This is a reflection of the dedication of our coaches and our strong belief that the discipline, dedication and courage demanded in these activities will help to strengthen the character of each participant.

The following sports are offered:

Badminton  Golf  Tennis  Basketball  Hockey
Track and Field  Skiing  Volleyball  Curling  Soccer
Cross Country  Wrestling  Football  Swimming  Gymnastics
Rowing  Flag Football  Bowling

SHADOWING

Individuals who attend other schools and who are interested in pursuing an education at St. Charles College are welcome to accompany or “shadow” a student for the day. Students must seek permission through the Guidance Department and from parents or guardians.

EXCURSIONS AND FIELD TRIPS

Excursions and field trips are valuable learning experiences and are an important part of the school program at St. Charles College. In all situations, school rules and policies apply. Uniforms must be worn, unless the nature of the activity requires different clothing.
GUIDANCE SERVICES

The Guidance Program at St. Charles College focuses on student orientation, education, and career planning, linkages with post-secondary institutions such as universities and community colleges, as well as apprenticeship and workplace initiatives. The monitoring of student progress, and the development of special programs such as peer tutoring and remediation programs for at-risk students are also key programs. Large and small group sessions in guidance related topics are integrated into the total school program. Individual counselling is available to students and parents who may have concerns about social, emotional, and educational development. Referrals to school resource personnel and community and social services are facilitated by the guidance counsellor.

The Academic Services Department counsellors help students plan ahead by providing:
• individual counseling about courses, careers and personal matters, as well as interest and aptitude tests to assist students to discover their interests
• printed information, including Guidance news about colleges, universities, and workplace opportunities and computer services to assist students learn about careers
• information about scholarships and financial aid for further education and help in finding jobs
• referrals to School Board and community agencies for help with individual problems

Although Guidance counsellors attempt to contact students every year with regard to future plans, students should request an interview at a time best for themselves rather than waiting to be contacted.

THE CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

As part of their studies in secondary school, students may select Co-operative Education courses to assist them with their career planning. These courses allow students to explore chosen career fields and experience learning and working in the workplace. On-the-job learning opportunities must be accompanied by an in-school pre-placement and integration curriculum which prepares students for their new experiences and integrates the theory and application of the course to which the Co-operative Education experience relates. Students must apply and go through an interview process for Co-operative Education. The purpose of this initial interview with the applicant is to ensure that the student meets certain expectations in regards to attendance and punctuality, completion of compulsory courses, and to ensure that the applicant is ready to undertake learning in the workplace. Students and their parents or guardians will be required to sign the Co-operative Education Statement of Understanding to indicate their commitment to the program. Failure to adhere to the responsibilities and procedures outlined in this Statement may result in the loss of credits and dismissal from the program. The Co-operative Education Program offers students the opportunity to explore career opportunities through a regular co-op as well as through many new, exciting programs.

Level 1 In-School is available for:
• Welder
• General Carpenter
• Heavy Duty Equipment Technician

Students receive their Level 1 Apprenticeship. No secondary school credits are earned. Secondary school credits are earned if a Co-operative Education class is taken with the Level 1.

Dual Credit Courses allow students to earn a number of credits by participating in apprenticeship training and post secondary courses that count towards both their secondary school diploma and their post-secondary diploma or apprenticeship certification. Some dual credit options have a co-op component to them. The Dual Credit Programs are as follows:
• Apprenticeship Plus (College’s Chef Training Program, Basic Cook Apprentice Level 1)
• Baking and Pastry Arts - Baker Apprentice (College’s Baking and Pastry Arts Program, Basic Baker Apprentice Level 1)
• Exploring Business 14
• Automotive Technician Service and Management -Career Exploration
• Introduction to Mining (online)
- Energy Systems Technology Social Understanding (online)
- Precision Measuring (online)
- Introduction to Health Sciences Careers
- College Connection

**OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program)** is structured within the Co-operative Education program (some exceptions). A student is signed on when an employer agrees to sponsor the student. Students then have the opportunity to gain work experience in an apprenticeable trade, have their time count towards their apprenticeship hours, and have certain skill sets and competencies signed off. Students have an opportunity to pursue an apprenticeship while earning high school credits.

**SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJORS**

**“HEALTH AND WELLNESS”**
**“TRUCK AND COACH”**
**“SPORTS AND RECREATION”**

**WHAT IS A SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM)?**
The SHSM is a ministry-approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and assist in their transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace. An SHSM enables students to gain sector-specific skills and knowledge in the context of engaging, career-related learning environments, and helps them focus on post secondary goals.

*Ontario Ministry of Education, 2008. Reach Every Student*

**ADVANTAGES SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM)**

SHSM - enables students to build a foundation of sector-focussed knowledge and skills before graduating and entering apprenticeship training, college, university, or an entry-level position in the workplace.

**Pursuing a Specialist High Skills Major enables students to:**
- customize their secondary school education to suit their interests and talents while meeting the requirements for the OSSD;
- select a bundle of 9 required credits focussed on sector specific knowledge and skills that are:
  - valued by the related sector and post secondary educational institutions;
  - designed to help prepare students for a post secondary opportunity of their choice in the related sector;
  - designed with the flexibility to allow students to shift between pathways (e.g., switch from pathway leading to college to an apprenticeship pathway) or to discontinue the SHSM program should their career plans change in Grades 11 or 12;
  - provide evidence of achievement of the required components of the SHSM (e.g., sector-recognized certifications) for prospective employers and post secondary educational institutions;
- explore, identify, and refine career goals and make informed decisions about their post secondary options;
- take part in “reach ahead” experiences that will help them gain confidence in their ability to be successful, refine skills and work habits, and make an informed choice about future careers and next steps;
- identify and develop essential skills and work habits that are required in the sector, using tools connected with the Ontario Skills Passport;
- access resources, equipment, and expertise that may not be available in their secondary school.

**STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE**

This centre exists to help students learn more efficiently and effectively. This help may be provided on a one-to-one basis during short-term withdrawal from the classroom, during lunch or after school. Our homework club is from 2:15 - 3:15 pm Monday to Thursday. Some students will have a Learning Strategies period on their timetable. This program could help students with spelling, organizational and study skills.
THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM
The Comprehensive Program is part of Special Education Services at St. Charles College. Each student in the Comprehensive Program has an individual education plan and is working at his/her skill level. The evaluation and strategies used are modified to meet the individual student's needs.

THE LIFESKILLS PROGRAM
The mandate of the Lifeskills Program at St. Charles College is to prepare each student, as much as possible, to be an independent and self-fulfilled member of society.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS (CGE)
The CGE's are distinctive expectations that the Catholic community has for graduates. The knowledge, skills and values should be infused into the curriculum in each subject area to guide the education and faith development of students. The CGE’s enhance the expectations of the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum documents. Teachers will select those expectations from the list that apply to daily tasks and incorporate them in the lesson activities.

The following is a list of the overall Catholic Graduate Expectations. The graduate is expected to be:
● a discerning believer formed in the Catholic faith community
● an effective communicator
● a reflective and creative thinker
● a self-directed, responsible lifelong learner
● a collaborative contributor
● a caring family member
● a responsible citizen

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

COMPULSORY CREDITS (TOTAL OF 18)
Students must earn the following compulsory credits in order to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:
4 credits in English - 1 credit per grade
1 credit in French as a Second Language
3 credits in Mathematics (at least 1 senior credit)
2 credits in Science
1 credit in Canadian History
1 credit in Canadian Geography
1 credit in the Arts
1 credit in health and physical education.
.5 credit in civics
.5 credit in career studies

plus:

1 additional credit (group 1): additional credit in English, or French as a second language, or a Native language, or a Classical or an International language, or Social Sciences and the Humanities, or Canadian and World Studies, or Guidance and Career Education, or Cooperative Education
1 additional credit (group 2): additional credit in Health and Physical Education, or the Arts, or Business Studies, or French as a second language, or Cooperative Education
1 additional credit (group 3): additional credit in Science (grade 11 or 12), or Technological Education, or French as a second language, or Computer Studies, or Cooperative Education
OPTIONAL CREDITS (TOTAL OF 12)
In addition to the 18 compulsory credits, students must earn 12 optional credits. Students may earn these credits by successfully completing courses that they have selected from the courses listed as available in the school course calendar.

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST
As part of the diploma requirement, students must successfully complete the OSSLT. This test is first written in Grade 10. Unsuccessful students will have the opportunity to re-write the OSSLT or they take the Ontario Literacy Course to fulfill their requirement. The OSSLT will be administered on April 11, 2014.

PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT OF GRADE 9 MATHEMATICS
Students are required to write a provincial test in math during the semester in grade 9 in which they are taking mathematics.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES
As part of the diploma requirements, students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities. These activities may be completed at any time during their years in the secondary school program. Tracking sheets are available in the guidance office.

THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
The Ontario Secondary School Certificate will be granted on request to students who leave school before earning the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, provided that they have earned a minimum of 14 credits distributed as follows:

COMPULSORY CREDITS (TOTAL OF 7)
2 credits in English
1 credit in Canadian Geography or Canadian History
1 credit in Mathematics
1 credit in Science
1 credit in Health and Physical Education
1 credit in the Arts or Technological Education

OPTIONAL CREDITS (TOTAL OF 7)
7 credits selected by the student from available courses. The provisions for making substitutions for compulsory credits (described in Section 3.2: Substitutions for Compulsory Courses) also apply to the Ontario Secondary School Certificate.

THE CERTIFICATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT
Students who leave school before fulfilling the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma or the Ontario Secondary School Certificate may be Granted a certificate of accomplishment.

SUBSTITUTIONS FOR COMPULSORY COURSES
To meet individual student needs, principals may substitute up to three (3) compulsory credit courses with courses from the remainder of those that meet the compulsory credit requirements. A substitution will only be made if the student's educational interests are best served by such a substitution. Each substitution will be noted on the student's Ontario Student Transcript.

THE INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS PLAN
Each student in Grades 7 to 12 will prepare an individual pathways plan. Students in Grades 7 to 11 will prepare their plan with the assistance of their parents and guidance counsellor.
**French Immersion Certificate**
10 courses  
- 4 Courses in French Immersion  
- 6 Courses in other subjects taught in French  

**Extended French Certificate**
7 courses  
- 4 Courses in French Immersion  
- 3 Courses in other subjects taught in French  

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**What is Career Cruising?**

Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool used by your son or daughter to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Career Cruising can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever your son or daughter has access to the Internet. Features of the program include:

- Interest and Skills Assessment  
- Career Profiles  
- Multimedia Interviews  
- College and University Information  
- Career Portfolio  
- Communication Platform  
- Resume Builder  

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**What is the Parent Portal?**

As the parent or guardian of a child with a Career Cruising account, you can:

- View your child’s goals, interests, achievements, and experiences  
- Track your child’s plans and progress  
- Provide feedback to your child and his or her teachers and advisors  
- Receive messages from your child’s school  
- Explore Career Cruising to learn more about career and education options  

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**I don’t have an activation code. How do I get one?**

If your son or daughter has a Career Cruising account, you can obtain an access code in one of two ways:

- From your child: Your son or daughter can send you an email invitation with an access code (Please note: Some schools may have deactivated this option. If that is the case, please contact your child’s school for an activation code.)

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**ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

**COURSE REGISTRATION**

During the month of February, courses are selected for the following year. The school’s master timetable will be constructed based on these course selections.

All changes after the initial registration must comply with the master timetable in order to be accepted.

**Note:** It is imperative that students and their parents consider the initial course selections held in February with great care. Any changes instituted by students or their parents after this initial selection will not be guaranteed.
Students who attend Summer School and successfully complete their course(s) will be permitted to modify their requests. The students have the responsibility to contact the school during the last weeks preceding the opening of school in September or the first week of school to have any course changes effected. All changes must be made no later than 10 teaching days after the beginning of the semester.

**COURSE CHANGE PROCEDURE**

Students who wish to change courses are asked to consult with his/her Guidance Counsellors, and may only do so with the permission of the Principal.

**Note:** Dropping a course may only occur under rare circumstances and applies only to graduating students. *No course may be dropped after mid-term.*

**ADMISSIONS AND TRANSFERS**

**ADMISSIONS**

Students who transfer from an Ontario school to St. Charles College have their credits transferred and accepted. Students from outside Ontario will have their credits assessed by the principal who will be guided by “equivalent diploma requirements”, of Ontario schools intermediate and senior divisions.

**TRANSFERS**

Students are asked to inform their homeroom teacher and the office as soon as they know they are going to move from our school. On the last day of attendance, all school property such as musical instruments, library books, etc. must be returned. Make sure you pay all debts owed to the school for such things as lost texts and library fines must be repaid.

**ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION**

**EXAMINATIONS**

The school year includes the examination period and students must be present for each of their scheduled examinations. The examination period and final evaluations are taken very seriously and are of very high priority at St. Charles College. *Arrangements to re-schedule examinations will NOT be made, please keep this in mind when arranging family vacations.* Medical notes are required for students absent from exams. Textbooks and other material not previously collected by the teacher will be collected at the beginning of the examination. All notes, textbooks, electronic equipment are not permitted in the exam room unless prior arrangements have been made with your teacher. Students are not permitted in the hallways during exam periods. A reminder that the dress code and behaviour policies are in effect during the exam period. Buses arrive and depart at the regular time. It is the responsibility of each student to read their exam schedule carefully and be present and on time for each examination.

There are two sets of final examinations, one in January and one in June of each year. Students should be in the school fifteen (15) minutes before the start of examinations. The cafeteria will not be serving lunches. If you bring your lunch, it must be eaten in the cafeteria.

In the event of inclement weather, the exam schedule will be moved back one day. (e.g. If Tuesday’s exams were cancelled, they would be written on the Wednesday.)
GRADE 9 AND 10 FINAL ASSESSMENT

As part of the St. Charles College Student Success Program, our goal is to provide additional opportunities for at-risk students to experience success with the Ministry required 30% final assessment and place value on good school attendance.

For each semester and with each course, students will complete a culminating activity worth 30% of their final mark.

Upon completion of the culminating activity, students with an overall final mark of 75% and with 10 or less days of absenteeism, will not be required to write the final exam. The final culminating activity will serve to determine that the student has demonstrated most of the required knowledge and skills, and that the provincial standard has been met.

Upon completion of the culminating activity, students with an overall final mark under 75% and with more than 10 days of absenteeism, will write the final exam. The culminating activity for these students will then count as 15% and the exam will be 15%, giving them additional opportunity to be successful and attain the credit.

REPORT CARDS
A report of each student’s progress will be issued after the final exams. As well, interim reports (five weeks into the term), and mid-term reports will be issued in the fall and the spring. Students are encouraged to talk to their parents, their teachers and the Guidance Department about these reports.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Students who succeed in getting 75% or better become members of the “St. Charles College Honour Roll.

HOMEWORK
Homework is a vital part of school and a daily requirement for St. Charles College students. Academic success is affected by the way this responsibility is handled.

Home study program should include:
a) completion of daily assignments;
b) review of work previously taken;
c) preparation of projects; preparation for tests, and
d) previewing lessons to be taken.
e) use of student organizer.

A reasonable daily amount of homework for an average student in the various grades is as follows:

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LATE ASSIGNMENTS
Students are expected to submit all assignments by the established due date.

If the student cannot meet the deadline because of exceptional circumstances, the student must consult the teacher before the due date. Late assignments will be accepted after the due date if the teacher has agreed that the exceptional circumstances is legitimate. Regular submission of assessment is required for teachers to make a professional judgement on the final grade.
MISSED TESTS
Students who are absent for a test should make up the test on the first day they return. This should be the case unless other arrangements are made between the teacher and the student.

NON COMPLIANCE
Students are expected to be prepared for each class: to have notebooks, textbooks and materials required by the teacher, to have any assigned homework completed, to hand in all assignments to the best of their ability by the due date, to be prepared for tests and exams. If students do not come to class prepared, hand in work that is done in a haphazard manner, or refuse to hand in assignments, then a consequence may be imposed at the discretion of the teacher. Persistent cases of non-compliance may be referred to the office which could result in detention, suspension or exclusion from class.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
At St. Charles College, academic integrity is paramount in all programs. Academic integrity means that all assignments, tests, exams, reports, and other academic efforts are solely the product of the student. Students must assume responsibility for maintaining an honest position in all work submitted to teachers. There are a number of ways in which academic integrity is violated:

PLAGIARISM
Plagiarism is taking another person’s words (written or spoken), theories, facts (that are not considered general knowledge), statistics, artwork, etc. and passing them off as our own. Simply changing the language of the information you are using also constitutes plagiarism if you do not acknowledge your source.

To avoid plagiarism, every direct quotation must be identified by quotation marks, and it must be properly cited. Likewise, any material retrieved from another source such as a print or electronic medium that is paraphrased or summarized in one’s own words must also be properly acknowledged. In order to teach proper methods of documenting sources, students will be taught the proper style of documentation appropriate to the assignment, either (MLA or APA)

CHEATING
Cheating shall be defined as the impermissible use of materials, information, study aids, or conversations with others (verbal, written or electronic) in any academic assessment that would result in an improper advantage. In addition, students cannot submit identical work or portions of it for assessment in two different courses. This is known as “dual submission.”

FABRICATION
Fabrication is the falsification or invention of information or citations in an academic exercise. For instance, invented information, or fudged data, may not be used in laboratory experiments or other academic exercises.

FACILITATING ACADEMIC DISHONESTY
Students who knowingly or negligently allow their work to be used by other students or who assist others in academic dishonesty are in direct violation of this policy.

CONSEQUENCES OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY
Any violation of academic integrity is a serious offence and is, therefore, subject to consequences. The first offense will result in a student/teacher conference. As well, the teacher will contact the student's parents or guardians and the incident may be brought to the attention of the Vice-Principal. A subsequent offense will result in a referral to the Vice-Principal.
LEARNING SKILLS

The following learning skills will be assessed regularly and recorded on the report card.

RESPONSIBILITY
❖ fulfills responsibilities and commitments within the learning environment
❖ completes and submits class work, homework, and assignments according to agreed-upon timelines
❖ takes responsibility for and manages own behaviour

ORGANIZATION
❖ devises and follows a plan and process for completing work and tasks;
❖ establishes priorities manages time to complete tasks and achieve goals;
❖ identifies, gathers, evaluates, and uses information, technology, and resources to complete tasks

INDEPENDENT WORK
❖ independently monitors, assesses, and revises plans to complete tasks and meet goals;
❖ uses class time appropriately to complete tasks;
❖ follows instructions with minimal supervision.

COLLABORATION
❖ accepts various roles and an equitable share of work in a group;
❖ responds positively to the ideas, opinions, values, and traditions of others;
❖ builds healthy peer-to-peer relationships through personal and media-assisted interactions;
❖ works with others to resolve conflicts and build consensus to achieve group goals;
❖ shares information, resources, and expertise and promotes critical thinking to solve problems and make decisions.

INITIATIVE
❖ looks for and acts on new ideas and opportunities for learning:
❖ demonstrates the capacity for innovation and a willingness to take risks;
❖ demonstrates curiosity and interest in learning;
❖ approaches new tasks with a positive attitude;
❖ recognizes and advocates appropriately for the rights of self and others.

SELF-REGULATION
❖ sets own individual goals and monitors progress towards achieving them;
❖ seeks clarification or assistance when needed;
❖ assesses and reflects critically on own strengths, needs, and interests;
❖ identifies learning opportunities, choices, and strategies to meet personal needs and achieve goals;
❖ perseveres and makes an effort when responding to challenges.
St. Charles College is a caring Catholic co-educational community that fosters a positive school climate so that our students learn to become self-directed, responsible life-long learners. Appropriate student behaviour and early, ongoing intervention, along with preventative education is integral to ensuring the safety of our students. The code of conduct is enforced through a progressive discipline program which supports bully prevention, character education, student leadership and community partnerships.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
St. Charles College requires more than minimal academic work. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a positive manner as articulated in the motto: **Goodness, Discipline, Knowledge.**

To achieve this, students have certain rights and responsibilities which include, but are not limited to the right to:

**Students** are to be treated with respect and dignity. In return, they must demonstrate respect for themselves, for others and for the responsibilities of citizenship through acceptable behaviour. Respect and responsibility are demonstrated when a student:
- comes to school prepared, on time and ready to learn;
- shows respect for themselves, for others and for those in authority;
- refrains from bringing anything to school that may compromise the safety of others;
- follows the established rules and takes responsibility for his or her own action.

DUTIES OF STUDENTS
The Ontario Education Act, Regulation 298, Section 23 states:

1. A pupil shall,
   - be diligent in attempting to master such studies as are part of the program in which the pupil is enrolled;
   - exercise self-discipline;
   - accept such discipline as would be exercised by a kind, firm and judicious parent;
   - attend classes punctually and regularly;
   - be courteous to fellow pupils and obedient and courteous to teachers;
   - be clean in person and habits;
   - take such tests and examinations as are required by or under the Act or as may be directed by the Minister; and
   - show respect for school property.

2. When a pupil returns to school after an absence, a parent of the pupil, or the pupil where the pupil is an adult, shall give reason for the absence orally or in writing as the Principal requires.

3. A pupil may be excused by the Principal from attendance at school temporarily at any time at the written request of a parent of the pupil or the pupil where the pupil is an adult.

4. Every pupil is responsible for his or her conduct to the Principal of the school that the pupil attends,
   - on the school premises;
   - on out-of-school activities that are part of the school program; and
   - while travelling on a school bus that is under contract to a board.
STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

RESPECT, CIVILITY AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

All school members must:

- respect and comply with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws;
- demonstrate honesty and integrity;
- respect differences in people, their ideas and opinions;
- treat one another with dignity and respect at all times, and especially when there is a disagreement;
- respect and treat others fairly, regardless of their race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability;
- respect the rights of others;
- show proper care and regard for school property and the property of others;
- take appropriate measures to help those in need;
- respect persons who are in a position of authority;
- respect the need of others to work in an environment of learning and teaching.
- not swear at a teacher or another person in a position of authority.

SAFETY

All members of the school community must not:

- engage in bullying behaviours;
- commit sexual assault;
- traffic weapons or illegal drugs;
- give alcohol to a minor;
- commit robbery;
- be in possession of any weapon, including firearms;
- use any object to threaten or intimidate another person;
- cause injury to any person with an object;
- be in possession of, or be under the influence of, or provide others with alcohol or illegal drugs;
- inflict or encourage others to inflict bodily harm on another person;
- engage in hate propaganda and other forms of behaviour motivated by hate or bias;
- commit an act of vandalism that causes extensive damage to school property or to property located on the premises of the school.

ACTIVITIES LEADING TO POSSIBLE SUSPENSION

A principal shall consider whether to suspend a pupil if he or she believes that the pupil has engaged in any of the following activities while at school, at a school-related activity or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school climate:

1. Uttering a threat to inflict serious bodily harm on another person.
2. Possessing alcohol or illegal drugs.
3. Being under the influence of alcohol.
4. Swearing at a teacher or at another person in a position of authority.
5. Committing an act of vandalism that causes extensive damage to school property at the pupil’s school or to property located on the premises of the pupil’s school.
6. Bullying.
7. Any other activity that is an activity for which a principal may suspend a pupil under a policy of the board.

ACTIVITIES LEADING TO SUSPENSION AND POSSIBLE EXPULSION

A principal shall suspend a pupil if he or she believes that the pupil has engaged in any of the following activities while at school, at a school-related activity or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school climate:

1. Possessing a weapon, including possessing a firearm.
2. Using a weapon to cause or to threaten bodily harm to another person.
3. Committing physical assault on another person that causes bodily harm requiring treatment by a medical practitioner.
4. Committing sexual assault.
5. Trafficking in weapons or in illegal drugs.
6. Committing robbery.
7. Giving alcohol to a minor.
8. Any other activity that, under a policy of a board, is an activity for which a principal must suspend a pupil and, therefore in accordance with this Part, conduct an investigation to determine whether to recommend to the board that the pupil be expelled.

**Fair Notice to Parents/Guardians re/Violence Threat Risk Assessment Process**

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board aims to maintain a positive and safe environment in its schools for all students, staff, parents and visitors. Any violence or harassment of any kind is taken very seriously. As a result, when a student’s behaviour poses a serious threat to his or her safety or the safety of others, the Board reserves the right to activate a Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA).

When a VTRA is activated, parents/guardians will be notified. If a concern for safety still exists, and parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent to share information, the threat assessment process will proceed. In sharing personal information with community partners and agencies, each individual’s right to privacy will be balanced with the need to ensure the safety of all. Student safety is our first priority.

If you have any questions regarding the evaluation process for risks and threats, please refer to our Board website for more detailed information at [http://www.scdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.edu.on.ca) and/or contact the school principal.
PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE MODEL
SCHOOL BUS DISCIPLINE POLICY GUIDELINES

For all inquiries regarding routes, schedules and services, please contact the Transportation Consortium at 521-1234.

Students who have the opportunity to ride school buses may do so as long as they display behaviour that is reasonable and safe.
The responsibility for student supervision shall begin when the student boards the bus in the morning and is retained until the student leaves the bus at the end of the day.

NOTE: As stated in the Ontario School Code of Conduct the bus is an extension of the school day. The bus driver reports to the principal and has the authority to assign seats. School Board policies will be strictly enforced on the school bus as well as at school.

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<td>4. False identification;</td>
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<td>6. Eating or drinking on the bus;</td>
<td>10 days minimum suspension</td>
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<td>7. Profanity, verbal abuse, harassment, obscene gestures or possession</td>
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<td>Parent/Principal meeting</td>
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<td>10. Disobeying driver and/or monitor;</td>
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**Level 2 Offences**

1. Hanging out of windows;
2. Throwing/shooting of any object;
3. Physical aggression against any person;
4. Lighting of matches, lighters, firecrackers or any flammable object or substance;
5. Holding onto or attempting to hold onto any portion of the exterior of the bus;
6. Unauthorized entering or leaving bus through emergency door/tampering of the equipment;
7. Constant opposition to authority;
8. Riding or attempting to ride any bus after receiving a suspension;
9. Other offences as reported by the driver or principal and/or scenarios that impede safe school bus riding;
10. Bullying;
11. Any offence committed on any bus outside of regular transportation to and from school (activity, field trip, shuttles, etc.) will carry a minimum penalty of a level 2 offence.

a. First Offence
   Warning or 1-5 days suspension

b. Second Offence
   5-10 days suspension

c. Third Offence
   10 days minimum suspension
   Possible loss of all bus service
   Parent/Principal meeting

d. Fourth Offence
   Indefinite loss of bus service
### Level 3 Offences
As stated in the Ontario School Code of Conduct the bus is an extension of the school day. The school principal is therefore required to consult the mandatory suspension in the Ontario Safe Schools Act for the following offences.

1. Uttering a threat to inflict serious bodily harm on another person;
2. Possession of alcohol or illegal drugs;
3. Being under the influence of alcohol;
4. Swearing at a teacher or at another person in a position of authority (school bus driver);
5. Committing an act of vandalism that causes extensive damage to school property (extends to the school bus) – reinstatement may follow only once the damage is paid for by the student, parent or guardian) the school will also contact the police;
6. Engaging in another activity that, under a policy of the board, is one for which a suspension is mandatory. Indefinite or possible permanent suspension

### D. Level 4 Offences
As stated in the Ontario School Code of Conduct the bus is an extension of the school day. The school principal is therefore required to consult the mandatory expulsion in the Ontario Safe Schools Act for the following offences.

1. Possessing a weapon, including possessing a firearm;
2. Using a weapon to cause or to threaten bodily harm to another person;
3. Committing physical assault on another person that causes bodily harm requiring treatment by a medical practitioner;
4. Committing sexual assault;
5. Trafficking in weapons or in illegal drugs;
6. Committing robbery;
7. Giving alcohol to a minor;
8. Engaging in another activity that, under a policy of the board, is one for which expulsion is mandatory.
LETTER OF COMMITMENT

GOODNESS
a) All students will participate to the best of their ability in the community life of St. Charles College. This includes such activities as special projects, school activity days, school assemblies and involvement in homeroom, sports and club activities.

b) In maintaining our Catholic roots and traditions, all students, regardless of religious denomination, will attend Liturgies and Masses.

DISCIPLINE
a) All students will read their Cardinal handbook and abide by responsible and related disciplinary procedures.

b) All students will adhere to the school uniform dress code.

c) In demonstrating a respect for the school community, students will not harass others, use foul or abusive language or resort to physical violence. Students will help keep the school and its property clean and in good working order.

KNOWLEDGE
a) All students will work to the best of their ability in their academic role.

b) All students will attend classes regularly, will be on time for class, and will bring the required textbooks, notebooks and other learning materials as indicated by the teacher. Extra help is available in all subject areas and students are expected to seek assistance in order to reach their maximum potential.

c) All students will complete the required nightly homework as outlined according to grade level in the Cardinal handbook. Students will carry their Cardinal handbook to class and have it available for use as required in their individual classes.

St. Charles College Students are expected to review and obey the Code of Conduct. Grade Level assemblies during the first week of school will also emphasize the Code of Conduct and important school rules and procedures.

STUDENT SIGNATURE  _______________________________

PARENT SIGNATURE  _______________________________

DATE  _______________________________