



## SCB Newsletter December 16, 2024

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"  
-Philippians 4:4

SCB Families,

As we enter the third week of Advent, the halls of SCB are filled with excitement and anticipation as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas. Our school community has been abuzz with celebrations from the Christmas pageant, to the choir performance at the Portland Grotto, and classroom parties aplenty... we are so thrilled to share in the joy of this beautiful season with all of you.



The Christmas pageant, a highlight of our Advent celebrations last week, was a wonderful opportunity for our students to bring the Christmas story to life, and the grade level classes to share their joy through singing. We are so proud of the hard work and dedication that our students put into this special performance, under the guidance of Mr. Lewis. A special note of thanks goes to our school choir, whose voices filled the air with beautiful carols during the pageant as well as in the joint performance with St. Patrick's in Portland. They did SCB proud!

As we move through the remainder of Advent, let us all continue to reflect on the great gift of Christmas, embracing the love and joy it brings. May the peace and hope of Advent fill your hearts with the joy of Christ's coming.

Blessings and prayers to you and yours,

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us.

Beth O'Reilly  
Principal, SCB

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# School Happenings

## Upcoming Events:

### December:

December 17 - SCOPE Christmas Gathering  
December 19 - School Commission Meeting @ 5PM  
December 20 - All School Mass  
December 20 - SCB Spirit Day  
December 20 - Noon Dismissal - No After School Care  
December 23 - January 3 - Christmas Break - No School  
December 31 - Financial Aid Applications Due



### January:

January 6 - Classes Resume  
January 7 - Enrollment Open House  
January 8 - All School Mass  
January 15 - Primary Division Mass  
January 20 - No School - MLK Day Holiday  
January 21 - SCOPE Meeting  
January 22 - Intermediate Division Mass  
January 23 - School Commission Meeting  
January 25 - Father Daughter Dance  
January 26 - Catholic School's Week Open House  
January 26 - February 1 - Catholic School's Week

Please see the following link for the detailed school calendar:  
['24-'25 Detailed School Calendar](#)

## Spread Joy, Give Hope Annual Fund Campaign

**Spread Joy,  
Give Hope-**

Supporting our St. Charles Students  
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION ANNUAL FUND 2024-2025

### Ways to Give:

- You received a donation/pledge card in the mail earlier this fall with a letter requesting your participation. Your contribution can be made at any time.
- We gladly accept cash, checks, credit cards, stock transfers, and company matched gifts.
- Do donate online, give the button below:



Every donation is important!

Many small donations become a large donation. You might also consider a monthly donation over the next 6 months; a donation of \$25 a month becomes \$150 after 6 months.

All donations, whether large or small, are needed and welcomed!

# Thank You!

Our current total is:

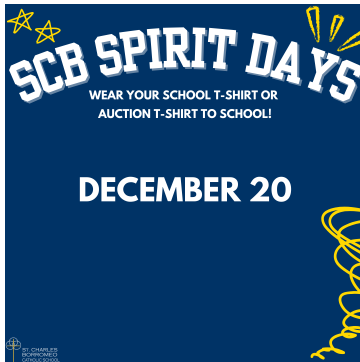
## \$136,150

for the 2024-2025 Annual Fund!



Donate to our Spread Joy, Give Hope Annual Fund Campaign

## More SCB News and Information



### Quick Notes:

#### Spirit Friday:

Wear your SCB school t-shirt or your auction t-shirt to school this Friday with your uniform bottoms!

#### Lunch Menu:

Please see the lunch menu online: [December Lunch Menu](#) and [January Lunch Menu](#)

### Office Contact Information:

For attendance, please contact Cathleen Rieck at [crieck@stcharlesb.org](mailto:crieck@stcharlesb.org) or [attendance@stcharlesb.org](mailto:attendance@stcharlesb.org)

For billing questions, please contact Beth O'Reilly at [boreilly@stcharlesb.org](mailto:boreilly@stcharlesb.org)

### Middle School Report Cards:

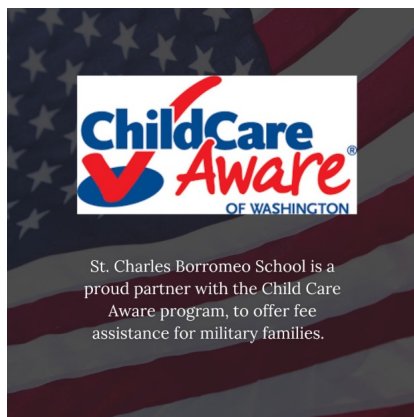
Middle School report cards will be delivered via email this trimester.

### Virtus (Safe Environment) Training:

In order to volunteer on campus, you must have completed the Virtus Training. If you have completed the initial training, be sure to log into your account to make sure you are up to date with the background check and all modules! Please visit the following link to get started: [Virtus Training](#)

### SCB Social:

Please also send us your photos/videos of your child participating in any school related events, extra-curricular activities or on an adventure to [scbsocial@stcharlesb.org](mailto:scbsocial@stcharlesb.org) We love highlighting our students!



## Childcare Aware

Exciting news! SCB is an approved childcare facility for ChildCare Aware which is a Fee Assistance Program for military families. If you're part of the military community, you may qualify for program eligibility based on military branch and/or deployment status.

This can be used for our Toddler Program, Before School Care and After School Care.

Apply today and let us support your family's childcare needs!  
For more information, please contact the front office.

## SCB Gives Back



### Snack Bars Donations

We are also collecting snack crackers for the month of December to support the St. Charles' and St. Leo's Food Banks.

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Help **St. Charles Borromeo Parish** and **Santa for Seniors** bring JOY to our senior communities through our

## Holiday Sock Drive!

We would love to receive soft, cozy socks to add to the holiday gift bags we share with isolated seniors!

**Socks that work best are:**



**Unisex Sized**

**Cozy and Stretchy**

**Non-Slip**



**Help us reach our goal of  
1,000 donated socks!**

Sign Up for Our  
Newsletter:



For more information about supporting isolated seniors in the Puget Sound, email: [SantaforSeniorsNW.org](mailto:SantaforSeniorsNW.org)



## P(L)AY It Forward

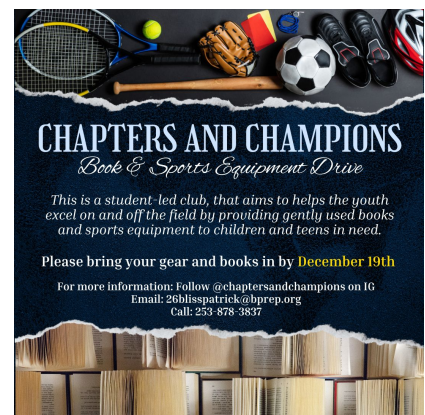
Have your kids outgrown their old sports gear?  
Moved on to the next reading level?

Chapters and Champions, a student-led club at Bellarmine is looking for all types of sports equipment and books to donate to those in need in our community.

Their goal is to inspire children and teens to succeed both on off the field and in the classroom and celebrate a love of learning.

Please bring your gently used or new donations, and place in the bin by **December 19th**.

For more information, check us out on Instagram @chaptersandchampions or contact Patrick Bliss at [26blisspatrick@bprep.org](mailto:26blisspatrick@bprep.org) or 253-878-3837.



## SCOPE

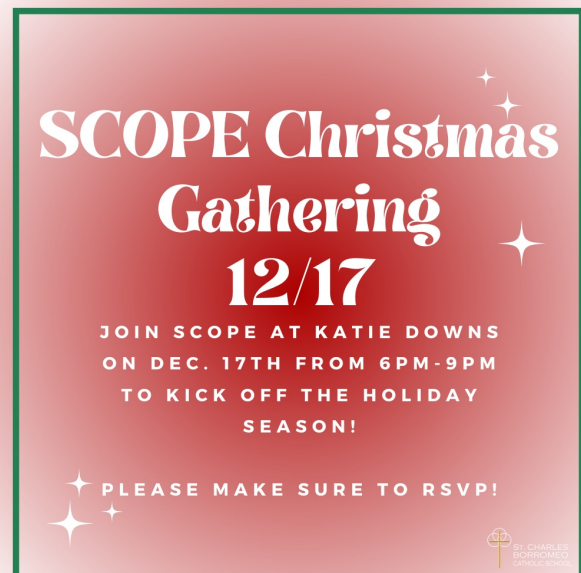
SCOPE is our parent/teacher organization.  
SCOPE stands for St. Charles Organization of Parents & Educators.

This is a great way to get involved in the school and community, find out about events,



**Brown Bear Car Wash Fundraiser is  
SOLD OUT!**

Thank you everyone for your support!



**Join us for SCOPE's Christmas Gathering  
at Katie Downs!**

Join us Tuesday, December 17th for our  
Annual Christmas Gathering

This is open to all St. Charles' parents  
and guardians.

Let us know you are coming by  
RSVP'ing [here!](#)

## Regal Movie Tickets

Get your Regal Movie Ticket Bundles to support St.  
Charles Borromeo Catholic School for \$30.00 per order!

Bundle Includes: 2 Movie Tickets redeemable at any  
Regal location nationwide.

**Order Regal Movie Ticket Bundles Supporting St.  
Charles Borromeo Catholic School!**



## SCOPE Volunteer Opportunities

Open Positions for the 2024-2025 School Year:

We have several ways to get involved. If you are interested in  
serving in any of the open positions, please sign up here:

**SCOPE Open Positions**



# SCB Goes Gatsby Information

Presented by Patriot Fire Protection

## Need Gift Wrapping??

SCB will wrap your gifts!

How it works:

1. Visit the following website: **Wrap my Christmas Gifts!**
2. Select how many gifts you would like wrapped and click "Next".
3. Answer the questions under "Additional Information" about when you would like to drop off and pick up your gifts.
4. Click "Next" and make your payment.
5. Drop your gifts off at the Advancement Office when you selected.
6. When you drop off your gifts, you will select the wrapping paper you would like from the options we have in the office. We have many to choose from! We will also take notes regarding who the gift is for and who you would like it to be from.
7. Come pick up your gifts when you selected. All gifts will be wrapped and ready to go by Friday, December 20th at noon!



If you are interested in helping with gift wrapping, please see our Sign-Up Genius: [St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School: Auction Gift Wrapping](#)



## The Auction Registry is now LIVE!

It is a great time to mark your auction donation off your list of things to do! With all the Cyber Monday deals, check out our Auction Registry and take care of your auction requirement before the holidays!

[SCB Goes Gatsby Auction Registry](#)

## Glassybaby Infusion Drinker

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? This year, the SCB Goes Gatsby auction is offering the Infusion drinker.

Cost: \$100 (including tax and delivery to SCB)  
We currently have 40 Infusion Drinkers available.

Purchases are available for pick up immediately in the Advancement Office!

[Purchase Your Infusion Glassybaby Drinker Here!](#)



**MOST WANTED:**  
Restaurant  
Gift Cards



## Auction Most Wanted Items for December Restaurant Gifts of \$100 value or more

We are looking for restaurant gift cards valued at \$100 or more.

Some ideas include: Anthony's, Bar Bistro, Brix 25, Copper & Salt, El Gaucho, Farm 12, The Koi, Le Sel Bistro, Moctezuma's, The Powder Room, Primo Grill, Stanley & Seaforts

If you are willing to make a donation, please complete our online form here:  
[Donate an Item](#) or email [auction@stcharlesb.org](mailto:auction@stcharlesb.org)

## Sanity Skin

Celebrate the season of giving with Sanity Skin!  
You get 15% off your order and Sanity Skin will give 15% to SCB. Orders will be delivered to St. Charles.

This makes a great Christmas gift!

<https://sanityskinproducts.com/>



## Thank you to our Auction Sponsors!



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## Auction Sponsorships are Available!

Auction Sponsorship Packets were sent home in Friday Folders. We have both Auction Underwriting Sponsorships and Event Night Sponsorships Available.

For more information, you can also visit our sponsorship page on the auction website: [Auction Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

## SCB Athletics



### Basketball Season is underway for all!

Middle School girls will begin January 6th, 2025. Rosters are closed and teams are created.

Middle School boys' uniforms should be returned to the front office in a zip lock bag with your student's name and team on it.

## Cheer Sign Ups are Open!

Join the SCB Cougars for the 2025 season and be a part of the fun!

Open to students in grades 1-4.

Sign up by using this link: [Click Here to Sign Up for Cheer!](#)



## 2025-2026 Enrollment Open House Information



Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is open for new students!

Applications have opened for new students for the 2025-2026 academic year. We will open reenrollment for current students after Christmas.

If you have a new student who you would like to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year, please be sure to fill out an application for them. This includes siblings of current students.

[Apply here!](#)

## Open House Information

If you know anyone who is interested in St. Charles, please encourage them to attend one of our Open Houses.

These are for students from Toddler - 8th grade.

2024	2025
OCTOBER 15TH	JANUARY 7TH
OCTOBER 29TH	JANUARY 21ST
NOVEMBER 12TH	FEBRUARY 4TH
NOVEMBER 19TH	MARCH 4TH
DECEMBER 3RD	MARCH 11TH
DECEMBER 10TH	
DECEMBER 17TH	

Join us!

ALL OPEN HOUSES ARE FROM 9AM-11AM. EVENING TOURS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

## Financial Aid Applications are open for the 2025-2026 School Year

All applicants for tuition scholarships must complete the online [FACTS Grant & Aid](#) application by December



## FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS FOR 25-26 ARE OPEN!



31, 2024 for the 2025-2026 school year for Fulcrum scholarships.

The application will be posted on the Fulcrum Foundation's website on October 1, 2024. Please click [here](#) to be directed to the online application.

## SCB Volunteer Opportunities

### 2024-2025 Volunteer Opportunities

- **Playground:** Volunteer to Help on the Playground
- **Tot Lot Playground:** Volunteer to Help on the Tot Lot Playground
- **Health Room:** Volunteer to Help in the Health Room
- **Lunch Room:** Volunteer to Help in the Lunch Room
- **Auction Gift Wrapping:** Volunteer to Help with Christmas Gift Wrapping
- **Parish Office Help:** If you are interested in helping in the Parish Office, please contact Cathy Lamet at 253-564-5185 ext. 3011



## Counselor Corner



If you would like your student to spend time with Mrs. Nelson, please fill out the [Counseling Request Form](#)

If you are interested in getting a referral through our Care Solace partnership, please contact Mrs. Nelson.



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