



SCB Newsletter December 30, 2024

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
— C.S. Lewis

SCB Families,

Happy (*Almost*) New Year!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in 2025, but until then, I hope that this finds you enjoying fun downtime with family and friends.

As per our usual process, one of the key things we do here at SCB is finish the next year's budget as well as set our **new tuition rates** for the fall. One of the things that we have worked on extensively is having a multi-year plan that sets us up for long term financial viability.



During budgeting we take into consideration our key value of having an Accessible Catholic Education, while balancing the reality of what it takes to financially run our school. Compensating our teachers, having high quality programs, and continuing our financial aid and scholarship programs are the guideposts to our planning exercises. All of this was completed in parallel to managing expenses as closely as possible, understanding increases in current business costs.

The true cost of educating each student is significantly higher than our tuition rates charged. Through parish subsidy and fundraising we are able to cover the gap. This is why community support in our annual campaigns and fundraising efforts is crucial; they allow us to offer our programs and keep Catholic education accessible.

Today, we will be sending existing families emails to confirm enrollment for next fall of 2025. We are asking for your re-enrollment to be completed by Tuesday, January 21st, 2025. After that time, we will begin enrollment for new students who are in our application queue. Due to many grade levels already being at capacity, it is important to complete your re-enrollment in a timely manner to ensure your student's spot is held for next year.

Similar to last year, for our K-8 in-parish families and neighboring parish

families to receive the in-parish or neighboring parish tuition rates, we require an application to receive those discounted rates via a parish scholarship. In order to further streamline this process, we are changing to having a single online form application that is signed off on by the parish financial office for the entire school year. The form can be found [here](#). This application is due by the end of March 2025. Please note that this is not to be confused with the financial aid via our Endowment or Fulcrum, this is to be considered for in parish and neighboring parish rates.

As you discern your next steps, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I am glad to answer them. We'd love to have you all back here at SCB next fall. As always, my many thanks to our School Commission and our parish leaders for supporting us through the planning process. Their guidance and leadership is allowing SCB to plan for many successful years to come.

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 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 21 - Re-enrollment due for existing students
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](#)

2025-2026 Enrollment Open House Information

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS FOR 25-26 ARE OPEN!



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 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.



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

Applications have opened for new students for the 2025-2026 academic year.

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.



OPEN HOUSE DATES

2024

OCTOBER 15TH
OCTOBER 29TH
NOVEMBER 12TH
NOVEMBER 19TH
DECEMBER 3RD
DECEMBER 10TH
DECEMBER 17TH

2025

JANUARY 7TH
JANUARY 21ST
FEBRUARY 4TH
MARCH 4TH
MARCH 11TH

Join us!

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



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