



## SCB Newsletter - January 2, 2024

"Why should you stand on one leg on New Year's Eve?"  
*To start the new year on the right foot.*  
- 8th grade daily Dad joke

SCB Families:

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all enjoyed much needed downtime over the holiday break with family and friends. The halls of SCB were quiet, but it's nice to see everyone back rested and recharged and ready for 2024.

During December, 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. We are asking for your re-enrollment to be completed by **Tuesday, January 16th**.

ENROLLMENT FOR  
THE 2024-2025  
SCHOOL YEAR  
IS OPEN FOR  
CURRENT  
FAMILIES!



ST. CHARLES  
BORROMEO  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



One change to note for next year for our in-parish families: for 2024-25, we will be changing how we designate in-parish tuition from Kindergarten through 8th grades. We realized that the current process can be confusing and in order to simplify your parish designation, we are changing to having a single form application that is signed off on by the parish financial office for the entire school year. The forms can be found [here](#). Please note that the parish has updated the tithing suggestions as you fill out the in-parish form. For our Catholic families who belong to other parishes, a similar one page form can be found [here](#) and will be required as well.

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.

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.

St. Charles Borromeo, Pray for us.

Beth O'Reilly  
Principal, SCB

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## School Happenings

### Upcoming Events:

#### January:

January 2: Classes Resume  
January 2: Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year opens for current students  
January 3: Enrollment Open House  
January 5: All School Mass  
January 5: SCOPE Coffee Hour  
January 10: Enrollment Open House  
January 15: No School - MLK Day  
January 16: Currently Family Re-enrollment closes  
January 16: SCOPE Parent University  
January 17: Enrollment Open House  
January 18: School Commission Meeting at 5pm  
January 20: SCOPE Father Daughter Dance  
January 24: SCOPE Boosterthon Kicks Off  
January 26: Intermediate Level Mass  
January 28 - February 3: Catholic School's Week  
January 28: Catholic School's Week Mass & Open House  
January 30: Auction Shirt Day





January 30: Noon Dismissal

## February:

February 2: All School Mass

February 2: Boosterthon Event

February 3: Spaghetti Feed & Bingo Night

## Serving Through Generosity Excellence in Education Annual Fund Campaign

### Goals:

Participation: 100% of SCB Families

Financial: \$200,000

### Every donation is important!

Many small donations become a large donation. You might also consider a monthly donation over the next 10 months; a donation of \$20 a month becomes \$200 after 10 months.

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

We are 61% of the way to meet our Annual Fund goal of \$200,000.

We very much need your help to accomplish this!

If you have not donated yet, please consider making a donation here:

**Serving Through Generosity Annual Fund Campaign**



## More SCB News and Information

### Quick Notes:

#### LAST CHANCE FOR YEARBOOKS:

This year we are doing a pre-order for yearbooks. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, please fill out the following form:

[Yearbook Order Form](#)

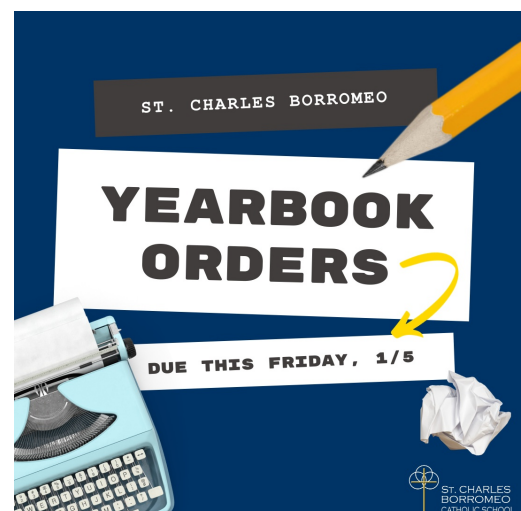
Yearbook Order Forms are due this Friday 1/5.

#### Dance Class:

If your child is interested in Dance Class in January, please sign up here: [Dance by Creative Kids Dance Sign-Up!](#)

#### Parking Lot Safety:

Please take extra precautions in our parking lot to maintain the speed limit (5 MPH), stay off cell phones, and always yield to the students during drop off and pick up.



We have placed extra crossing guards outside to minimize traffic issues. The safety of our students is our number one priority.

### 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)

## SCB Health Room Update



### Cold and flu season is upon us as well as other childhood bugs and viruses

We are now in the thick of cold and flu season. If your child is ill and running a fever, please be sure to keep them home.

In addition, we have seen a handful of cases of head lice and hand, foot, and mouth disease. These are normal occurrences in early education classrooms, but, please be sure to check your child!

If you have any questions, please call the front office.

## SCB Athletics



### SCB Basketball

- 3-4-5th grades Basketball and Middle School boys Basketball is underway.

- MS Girls basketball to begin in January. All rosters are closed.

Game schedules can be found on <https://stcharlesb.org/cyo-athletics> for MS girls

Any questions, please email [cyo@stcharlesb.org](mailto:cyo@stcharlesb.org)

### SCB MS Boys Basketball Uniform Return

Please return all Middle School Boys Basketball Uniforms to the front office. Please put them in a Ziplock bag labeled with the student's name.

## *Off to the Races Applause Auction*

The Off to the Races Auction Registry is up! Buy any of the items on our list [here](#), and they will be sent straight to the



school, and you can easily take care of your auction item donation.

Families who donate to the auction, whether by procuring, donating to our Super Shopper Fund, or purchasing items off of our registry, will get Procurement Free Dress for their students on March 29th.



## Sponsorship Opportunities

We have many sponsorship opportunities available for this year's *Off to the Races* Applause Auction!

Sponsorships range from \$10,000-\$500. Sponsoring the auction will take care of all your auction requirements!

### Auction Sponsorship Opportunities

## Help us with our Lucky You Game!

Help keep the Lucky You game going!

Sign up to help us move the Lucky You signs from house to house each week. This is a great way to build community and get some volunteer hours!

We have two sets of signs moving around, one in the Tacoma area and one in Gig Harbor. You can sign up for the area that is most convenient for you! Signs will be picked up from the current home and dropped off at the next home on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays at any time convenient to you! The Advancement Office will let you know where the signs are and where they need to be moved.



### Sign Up to Help with the Lucky You! Yard Game

## Loving God Through Serving Others

January Food Bank Donations:  
Fruit Cups



For the month of January, we will be collecting fruit cups for the St. Charles food bank.

Please drop them off in the large white bins in our main hallway.

## January Service Project: Club Vinny

This will be an on-going SCB organization! If you are interested in participating, please fill out the following form: [Club Vinny Interest Form](#)

Our Middle School students will complete their first service project on January 25th before school from 7:15am - 8:15am. They will be making sandwiches for our community.

### Coming January 2024 to St. Charles School **CLUB VINNY** St. Vincent de Paul youth Conference

Mini Vinnies: Kindergarten - 3rd grade  
Youth Club: 4th - 8th grade

#### Youth Conferences

- Gain a deeper understanding of the Society
- Socialize with other children their age
- Take a more active role in their spirituality
- Participate in various service projects
- Interact with adult SVdP Conferences
- And more!

"I want all young people with both head and heart to assemble for some charitable work." – Frédéric Ozanam



For more information, please contact:  
Beth O'Reilly - boreilly@stcharlesb.org



#### MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule.

Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.



"Be Careful not to overdo it... The spirit of God leads us on gently to do the good which we can reasonably accomplish so that we can do it consistently and for a longer period of time. Act thus and you will be acting according to the spirit of God."  
– St. Vincent de Paul



"To be involved in the service of Jesus is a sacred trust to which we have been invited."  
– St. Vincent de Paul



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## SCOPE News & Information

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, and meet new families.

We would love for you to join us!





## SCOPE Coffee Hour

Join us Friday, January 5th, right after drop-off in Feist Hall for coffee!

This is a great to connect with other SCB parents!



## SCOPE Meeting

Join us Tuesday, January 16th for our January SCOPE Meeting.

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

## Father-Daughter Dance

Join us for our Annual Father-Daughter Dance!

**Date:** Saturday, January 20th

**Time:** 6pm-8pm

**Location:** Feist Hall

**Cost:** \$50 per family

### Father-Daughter Dance RSVP Form

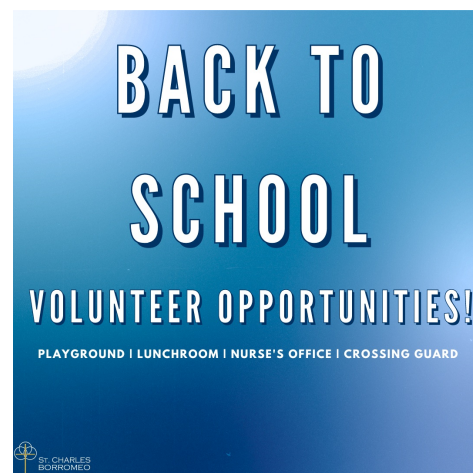


## Volunteer Opportunities

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We have a couple of ongoing volunteer opportunities for families:

- Playground Volunteers: [Sign Up to Help on the Playground](#)
- Nurse's Office Volunteers: [Sign Up to Help in the Nurse's Office](#)
- Lunch Helper: [Sign Up to Help with Lunch & Milk Distribution](#)



- Lucky You! Game Help: [Sign Up to Help with the Lucky You! Yard Game](#)

## 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.

## 2024-2025 Enrollment Information



### Open House Dates 2023-2024

Every Wednesday starting in November!

<b>November</b> 1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th	<b>December</b> 6th & 13th
<b>January</b> 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st	<b>February</b> 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

All open houses are from 9am-10am.  
Evening tours available upon request.



## Parish News



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

# MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Every 2nd Tuesday beginning October 24th

Dear Friends,

Middle School Youth Group begins Tuesday, **October 24th**. Each month, the youth will be learning about one the pieces of the "armor of God" as described by Saint Paul in Ephesians 6, exploring the meaning of truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Holy Spirit. There will also be activities, fellowship and opportunities to brainstorm and explore service projects. As preparation for each meeting, adult and high school volunteers and I will read and ponder each verse, providing a wonderful opportunity to study the bible. **To signup your child up, or to volunteer, scan the QR Codes below**

Peace,

Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry  
St. Charles Borromeo Parish  
253-564-5185 x3029



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Meeting Dates:

October 24th

November 28th

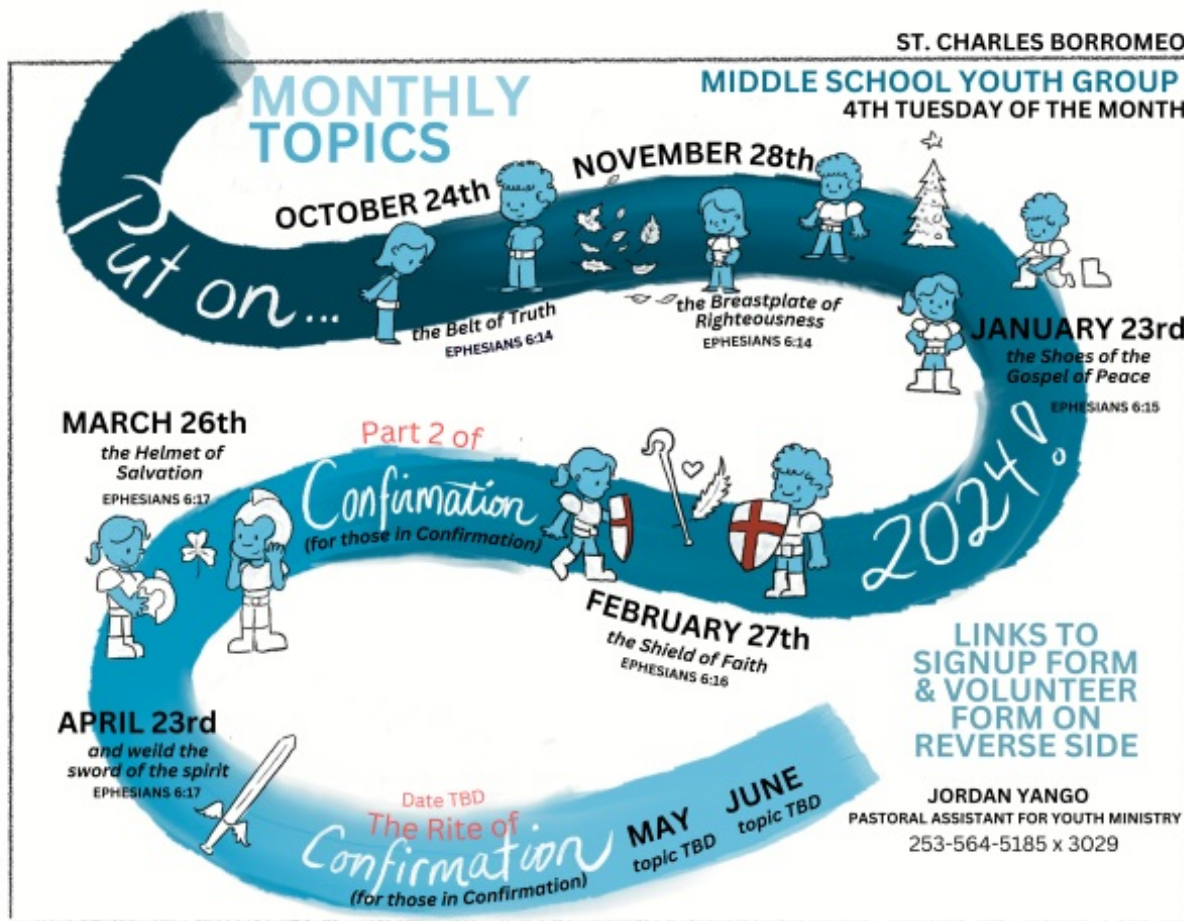
January 23rd

February 27th

March 26th

April 23rd

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[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)



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