



SCB Newsletter March 3, 2025

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains.
The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."
– William Arthur Ward

SCB Families,

It is that time of year when teachers discern what their next steps are in their careers for the upcoming fall, an exercise that is especially important for those of our teachers who are nearing retirement after many years of service here at St. Charles. So in that regard, it is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Mrs. Vecchiato, a beloved teacher, alum, and cherished member of the SCB community. At the end of this school year, after many years of service, Mrs. Vecchiato is stepping into a well-deserved retirement, and while we are excited for her new chapter, we will undoubtedly miss her immeasurably.

Mrs. Vecchiato's journey at SCB began long before she became a teacher. As an alumna, she returned to the school she loves to inspire the next generation. For over 27 years, she has not only imparted knowledge in the classroom but has shaped countless hearts and minds. Her commitment to education, her nurturing spirit, and her passion for fostering a love of learning have made her an integral part of our school community.

Mrs. Vecchiato's impact is felt in the hallways, the classrooms, and beyond. Whether mentoring students, volunteering at school events, or offering support to her colleagues, she consistently went above and beyond.



As we move into the end of the school year, we will certainly be celebrating her incredible legacy and time here at St. Charles. While she may be retiring from teaching, her influence will continue to inspire us all for years to come. (and of course.. I've already asked her to come back and sub with us. She can't get too far away!) Please join us congratulating and thanking Mrs. Vecchiato for everything she has done for our community. She's truly one in a million.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us.

Beth O'Reilly
Principal, SCB

PS This newsletter is a bit long today, make sure you expand it to get to the bottom and see all of the pertinent information.

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#scbgoesgatsby

School Happenings

Upcoming Events:

March:

March 4 - Prospective Family Open House
March 5 - Ash Wednesday - All School Mass
March 6 - Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
March 6 - Track Information Meeting @ 3:10pm
March 7 - No School - Faculty Retreat
March 11 - Prospective Family Open House
March 12 - All School Mass
March 14 - Spirit Shirt Day
March 14 - Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
March 18 - SCOPE Meeting @ 6:30pm
March 19 - Primary Division Mass
March 21 - 2nd Trimester Ends
March 21 - Procurement Free Dress Day - *Details Below in the Auction Section!*
March 21 - Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
March 21 - SCOPE Middle School Game Night
March 22 - SCOPE Mother Son Bowling @ Chalet Bowl
March 25 - Spelling Bee @ 9am
March 26 - Noon Dismissal
March 26 - Auction Shirt Day
March 26 - Intermediate Division Mass
March 28 - Report Cards Home
March 28 - Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
March 31 - April 4 - Spring Break



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

We are 89% of the way to our goal!
Have you made your gift to this
year's campaign?

Thank You!

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:

Our current total is:

\$178,785

for the 2024-2025 Annual Fund!



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 \$50 a month becomes \$250 after 5 months.

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

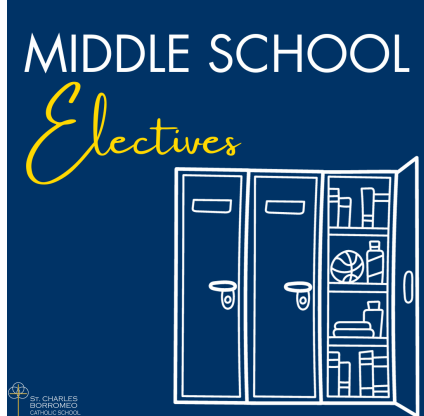
Donate to our Spread Joy, Give Hope Annual Fund
Campaign

More SCB News and Information

Quick Notes:

Middle School Elective Sign Up:

If you have a Middle School student, it is time to sign up for 3rd Trimester electives. Please see the choices and descriptions of each class here: [Third Trimester Elective Descriptions](#)



Please sign up using this Google Form: [Sign Up for Middle School Electives Here](#)

March Lunch Menu:

The March lunch menu is up. Please be sure to make your lunch orders! [March Lunch Menu](#)

8th Grade Student Spotlight:

If you are an 8th grade parent, please work with your student to fill this out for their student spotlight over the next couple of weeks: [8th Grade Spotlight Form](#)
We know high school decisions are still being made, so take your time!

In-Parish Scholarship:

If you are a St. Charles parishioner and would like the In-Parish Tuition Rate, you must complete the following form: [In-Parish Tuition Application](#). It is due by March 31st, 2025.

SCRIP:

How is your SCRIP purchasing coming along? We are about halfway through the school year.

SCRIP is sold at school during the following times:

Monday: 8:00am - 8:35am & 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Wednesday: 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Thursday: 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Friday: 8:00am - 8:35am

Other ways to purchase SCRIP:

1) Fill out a standing order form. If you want a form sent home with your child let us know.

2) Purchase SCRIP online through www.raiseright.com For an enrollment code, email scrip at scrip@stcharlesb.org.

If you have any other questions or would like your balance you've purchased so far, please email scrip@stcharlesb.org

Office Contact Information:

For attendance, please contact Cathleen Rieck at crieck@stcharlesb.org or attendance@stcharlesb.org

For billing questions, please contact Beth O'Reilly at boreilly@stcharlesb.org

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 We love highlighting our students!

FACTS Information

Upcoming Charges

To help with planning, please note the following charges are coming up:

- March 1 - Registration Fee for 2025-2026 school year

SCB Summer

We are excited for this year's summer offerings!

We will have:

- Art Camps
- Bricks for Kidz Camps
- Coding Camps
- Dance Camps
- Choir Camp
- Summer Day Camps



For more information, visit our website here: [SCB Summer Camps](#)

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, and meet new families. We would love for you to join us!



Date: Tuesday, March 18th
Time: 6:30 P.M
Location: SCB Library

This is open to all St. Charles' parents and guardians.
Remember, you get one volunteer hour for each meeting!



SAVE THE DATE!
Permission slips will be coming home soon!



SAVE THE DATE!

Registration forms will be coming home in Friday Folders this week!

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



SCOPE Volunteer Opportunities

[Used Uniform Team: Sign Up to Help the Used Uniform Team](#)

[Middle School Game Night: Sign Up to Help and Support Middle School Game Night](#)

Open Positions for the 2025-2026 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 for the UPCOMING school year!](#)

SCB Goes Gatsby Information

Presented by Patriot Fire Protection

Procurement Free Dress Day is coming up on Friday, March 21st!

There are many ways you can support the auction and earn Procurement Free Dress Day for your child!

- You can become an auction sponsor. Please see the following link for this year's sponsorship opportunities: [Sponsorship Opportunities](#)
- You can donate to Super Shopper using the following link: [Donate Super Shopper Funds](#)
- You can donate an item from our auction registry: [SCB Goes Gatsby Auction Registry](#)
- You can also donate an item of your choosing. We are in need of sports tickets, vacation homes, restaurant gift cards, etc. [Donate an item of your choosing](#)



*Our monthly donations for volunteer hours,
do not count toward Procurement Free Dress Day*

Class Project Help

Lego Minifigures

Do you have old Lego Minifigures you would be willing to donate to the auction?

One of our class projects are in need of any Minifigures you are looking to get rid of. They don't have to be complete; we are looking for heads, bodies, hair, or entire figures! We are also taking regular Lego Minifigures as well a Lego Friends Minifigures.

Please put them in a plastic bag and deliver them to the School's Advancement Office or Front Office. Thank you for your help!

NEEDED:
Lego Minifigures



Glassybaby Infusion Drinker

This year, the SCB Goes Gatsby auction is offering the Infusion drinker.

Cost: \$100 (including tax and delivery to SCB)
We currently have 34 Infusion Drinkers available.

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

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

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

Track Season will begin soon!

SCB ATHLETICS



If you are interested in participating in track, please see the sign up and details on our SCB Athletics page: [SCB Athletics](#) - *Registration will close on March 14th.*

Join us Thursday, March 6th at 3:10pm in Mrs. Hynes room to learn more about our Track Program. We will discuss parent expectations, the schedule, the difference in the K-5 and MS schedules and training plans, and volunteer opportunities.

We are in need of track coach support for grades Kinder - 5th grade. Please email cyo@stcharlesb.org.

Flag Football and Volleyball

We are exploring having flag football teams (Kindergarten - 6th grade) and volleyball teams (3rd/4th grade & 5th grade) this spring, however we are in need of coaches. If you would be interested in coaching either sport, please email: cyo@stcharlesb.org

Basketball information is posted [here](#).

2025-2026 Enrollment & Open House Information



Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is open!

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.



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.

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
- Advancement Office: Volunteer to Help in the Advancement Office



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.

Additional Opportunities

EXPLORING NUCLEAR SCIENCE

THREE LESSONS RANGING 45
MINUTES EACH

PREPARED FOR GRADES 6-8

WHEN:

AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: MARCH 24, 26, 28

TIME: 3:00-3:45

**Hosted by Bellarmine Preparatory
School's Physics Club**

Students will learn about about the pros and cons of
nuclear power and explore ideas such as fission through
hands on activities.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
AN ESSENTIAL FIELD OF SCIENCE FOR OUR
CHANGING WORLD.

Covers a wide range of topics
concerning nuclear science such as
Nuclear Energy and Atoms and Energy.

RESOURCES:

[HTTPS://WWW.ANS.ORG/NUCLEAR/NAVIGATINGNUCLEAR/CL
ASSRESOURCES/MIDDLESCHOOL/](https://www.ans.org/nuclear/navigatingnuclear/classresources/middleschool/)

CONTACT: 26CARNESSCARTER@BPREP.ORG



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