



SCB Newsletter September 23, 2024

"Focus on the journey, not the destination.
Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it." - Greg Anderson

SCB Families,

Someone shared something with me recently, and that is that as a principal you can plan your day and by 8:30 that plan is out the window. Sometimes that is more true than I care to admit. Today I started with a very specific plan and got about 5% of that work done.



So, as I sit here this evening writing the newsletter while taking a Zoom class at Gonzaga (and paying very little attention to the class), I celebrate all I got to do today! I got to hang out with Kindergarteners at recess, get ready for a new classroom being set up, see the new toddler room while they were sweetly napping, and enjoy being at St. Charles. There are so many unplanned joys it is hard to count them all.

In addition to all of that, it is hard to believe but we opened enrollment for our 2025-26 school year today. Our waiting list for early education programming is large, and so we are opening enrollment to start our littlest learners through the application queue. Do not worry - we will start current family re-enrollment in December and January as per usual, and the current students spots are all yours! We just want to note that if you have younger children and want them to join SCB in our early education classes next fall, do take the time to apply so we can get you in the process early. We anticipate the programs being filled very quickly.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me and I am glad to assist in any way.

We'll see you in the morning at drop off - I'm sneaking back to class and turning my Zoom back on. :)

St. Charles Borromeo, Pray for us.

Beth O'Reilly
Principal, SCB

School Happenings

Upcoming Events:

September:

September 23-27 - Book Fair
September 25 - Auction Shirt Day
September 25 - Noon Dismissal
September 25 - Middle School Mass
September 25 - MOD Pizza Takeover
September 26 - School Picture Day
September 27 - Spirit Friday (Details below!)
September 30 - October 4 - Spirit Week! Stay tuned for details!



October:

October 1-11 - SCOPE Coat Drive
October 2 - SCOPE Coffee Social @ 8:30 AM
October 2 - All School Mass
October 3 - Auction Soiree Meeting
October 4 - Blessing of the Pets
October 4 - Boosterthon Kick Off - Stay tuned for details!
October 5 - Middle School Dance from 7 PM - 9 PM (DATE CHANGE)
October 9 - Primary Level Mass
October 11 - Parents Night Out Auction Party - Details below!
October 15 - Boosterthon Event - Stay tuned for details!
October 15 - SCOPE Meeting @ 6:30 PM
October 16 - Intermediate Level Mass
October 17 - School Commission Meeting @ 5 PM
October 17 - SCOPE Movie Night @ Blue Mouse Theater - Stay tuned for details!
October 18 - Spirit Friday (Details below!)
October 23 - Middle School Mass
October 24-25 - No School - Fall Parent Teacher Conferences
October 25 - Bellarmine Visit Day for 8th grade students
October 27 - SCOPE Trunk-or-Treat (DATE CHANGE - Details to come!)
October 28 - 31 - 7th Grade Mount Rainier Camp
October 30 - Noon Dismissal
October 31 - Black & Orange Day

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 will receive a donation/pledge card next week 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:

Annual Fund Goals

100%

PARTICIPATION SUPPORT

\$200,000

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Donate to our Annual Fund
Campaign

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!

More SCB News and Information



Quick Notes:

Auction Shirt Day:

Our first auction shirt day is THIS Wednesday, September 25th. If you would like to purchase a shirt, you can do that here: [Auction Shirts](#)

Lunch Menu:

Please see the lunch menu online: [October Lunch Menu](#)

Blessing of the Pets:

October 4th is the Blessing of the Pets. Due to our pick-up procedures, we will be doing the blessing in the Courtyard at 3:30 PM this year. Please pick up your students as normal. We will need to get all students picked up and then we will

reopen the west parking lot to park in at 3:20 PM. You may then enter the school with your pet and make your way to the courtyard for the blessing. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Altar Serving:

If you have a student in 4th - 8th grade that is interested in becoming an altar server, there will be a training after school on October 2nd from 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM. Please see the following link for more details: [Altar Serving Information](#)

Weather Bug:

Did you know SCB is a weather station? You can always check the weather using our online weather center: [SCB Weather Center](#)

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!

Picture Day: Thursday, September 26th

Individual Picture Day will take place Thursday, September 26th. All students (ages 2 and up) will have their photos taken.

If you are ordering your photos online, please see the code below and order at mylifetouch.com

School Name: St Charles Borromeo Catholic School
Picture Day ID: EVT68C38X



SCB Spirit Fridays!

Once a month we will be having SCB Spirit Fridays! On these dates, your students will be able to wear either their SCB shirt they received at the beginning of the year or their auction shirt with their uniform bottoms.

Our first SCB Spirit Friday will be THIS Friday!

Spirit Week

September 30th - October 4th

Spirit WEEK

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 5

MONDAY, SEPT. 30TH

Career Day

TUESDAY, OCT. 1ST

Oldie But a goodie

(Imagine yourself 70 years from now)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2ND

Crazy Sock Day

THURSDAY, OCT. 3RD

Homeroom Teacher's Choice

FRIDAY, OCT. 4TH

Dress To Unimpress (Pajama Day)

SATURDAY, OCT. 5TH

Middle School Dance @ 7pm



Get Ready for Spirit Week!

We will be celebrating Spirit Week from
September 30th - October 5th!

See the flyer to see details on how your
students may dress each day.

Please remember, if they choose not to
dress up, they are always welcome to
wear their uniform!

Note to Middle School Families:

We have changed the Middle School
Dance date due to Bellarmine's
Homecoming Football game.

The dance will take place on Saturday,
October 5th from 7pm-9pm.

SCB Athletics

Middle School Basketball Registration is Open

If your middle school student is interested in playing basketball,
please be sure to register them here:

[Middle School Basketball Registration](#)

Middle School Boys must be registered by October 10th

Middle School Girls must be registered by November 29th



SCB Goes Gatsby Information

**Auction Made Easy is your one stop to complete all
your auction requirements!**

Auction Made Easy Includes:

- 2 Auction T-Shirts or 1 Auction Sweatshirt
- \$200 donation to Super Shopper
- 1 Tuition Raffle Ticket
- 1 Digital or Printed Auction Photo
- Your child(ren)'s participation in Procurement Free Dress Day on March 21, 2025
- Your child(ren)'s participation in Auction Free Dress Week - May 19 - 22, 2025



[Click here to purchase Auction Made Easy!](#)

Upcoming Auction Party:

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

October 11, 6:30pm-8:30pm



Auction Party: Parents' Night Out
Friday, October 11th from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Drop off your students at SCB for a movie night and games, and you can go out on the town.

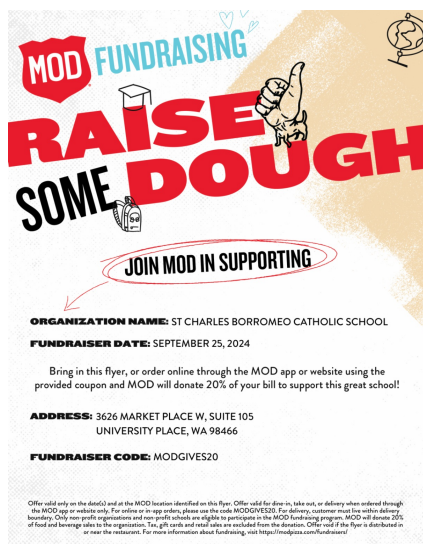
Cost: \$20 per family

Purchase your ticket here!

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!



Boosterthon Glow Run

SCOPE's largest fundraiser is coming soon! Look for more details in this week's Friday Folder about our Boosterthon Glow Run.

This fundraiser allows us to support our teachers each year!

SCOPE Coat Drive

October 1st-October 11th



Coats will benefit local charities in Tacoma.

All sizes are welcome!

Place your clean, gently used coats in the white bin in the main hallway or at designated areas during drop-off and pick-up times.

We will be collecting coats here at school on weekdays, and at the church during all weekend Masses.

Thank you for helping our community!



SCOPE Coat Drive

October 1st - 11th

We are collecting coats for local Tacoma charities.

All sizes are welcome!

We will be collecting during drop-off & pick-up each day at school, as well as at weekend masses!

Order MOD Pizza THIS Wednesday, September 25th & earn money for SCB!

THIS Wednesday, September 25th, 20% of each MOD Pizza order in University Place will come back to St Charles!

When ordering online use code: MODGIVES20

Flyers went home in last week's



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 Club Corner

SCB Clubs & Activities

St. Charles offers so many extracurricular clubs and activities for our students. To learn more, click on the links to find out how your student can get involved in these activities:

- [Bellarmino Parochial Band](#)
- [Bricks 4 Kidz](#)
- [Cheer](#)
- [Chess](#)
- [Choir](#)
- [Coding Club](#)
- [Creative Kids Dance](#)
- [Dungeons and Dragons Club](#)
- [Rainbow Parrot Art](#)
- [Robotics Club](#)



SCB Gives Back

September Service Project

This week we are continuing to support one of our students working on his Eagle Scout project. In order to help him, we are collecting pet food for the Puget Sound Pet Food Bank.

Please see the flyer for more information on how to support the pet food drive!

Please bring your pet food to the main hallway to the bins that are marked Puget Sound Pet Food Bank.

Thank you for your support!

Thank you to:
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Champion Pet Supply
Puget Sound Pet Food Bank



Pet Food Drive

Let's Make a Difference for our Furry Friends.

September 16th - September 20th

As part of an Eagle Scout project, we are holding a pet food donation drive partnering with the Puget Sound Pet Food Bank.

Drop-off Locations
St. Charles Borromeo
7112 S. 12th Street

Champion Pet Supply
6722 19th Street W, UP

Suggested Items

- Canned pet food ✓
- Dry pet food ✓
- Leashes or collars ✓
- Treats ✓
- New or gently used beds ✓

For questions or more information call or text 253-298-2122



Canned Goods Donations

We are also collecting canned goods for the month of September to be offered at mass in October to support the St. Charles' and St. Leo's Food Banks.

SCB Volunteer Opportunities

2024-2025 Volunteer Opportunities

- **Playground Help:** Volunteer to Help on the Playground
- **Health Room:** Volunteer to Help in the Health Room
- **Lunch Room:** Volunteer to Help in the Lunch Room
- **Cross Country:** Volunteer to help with Cross Country



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.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures Reminders

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminders

Thank you to everyone for your help in the Drop-Off and Pick-Up lines! We continue to make progress each day.

We have a few reminders:

- Please be sure to pull up all the way so we are able to get as many cars in the lines as possible.
- Please do not drop off your children before 8:05am and leave them unattended. Faculty and Staff will be in their zones promptly at 8:05am.
- If you are entering Zone 1 or Zone 2, you must be through the gates by 8:27am. We close the gates at that time, so we are able to get the remaining students out of their vehicles and into the building for an 8:30am start time.
- School ends at 3pm. The gates into Zones 1 and 2 will not open until 2:55pm. Please do not come early. We need this time to finish the school day and to get the students outside safely without moving vehicles.
- Please be aware of bikers in the Drop-Off & Pick-Up Zones. They will follow the same rules as the cars, but please be cautious.



Additional Links:

- [Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedure Website](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Zone Video](#)
- [Drop-Off & Pick-Up Special Newsletter](#)
- [Additional Zone Tag Request Form](#) - Will be sent home in Friday Folders

If your student is going home with a friend or there is a change in their normal pick-up routine, please email your student's teacher and attendance@stcharlesb.org



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