



## SCB Newsletter - September 15, 2025

“A goal without a plan is just a wish.” – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

SCB Families,

Greetings from the front office! Fall activities, clubs and learning are well underway at St. Charles. I had the absolute pleasure of watching our first after-school karate lesson today, and let me tell you – the enthusiasm, focus, and joy on the children's faces were truly inspiring. It's moments like these that remind me how lucky we are at SCB to work with such energetic and eager learners every day.



As we make our way into October (hard to believe), I wanted to send along a few updates on things underway this fall:

### Big Things Are Happening in the Gym!

Thanks to your generous support during the SCB Goes Gatsby Auction, our gym is getting a transformation – and the project is already underway! These upgrades are designed to enhance both the functionality and comfort of the space for students, staff, and families alike. Here's what's in the works:

- Expanded seating to better accommodate families during events and performances
- New scoring tables and digital scoreboards to support athletic activities and games
- Moveable seating and equipment to allow for more flexible use of the space
- Upgraded basketball hoops and nets, along with new volleyball nets and scoring equipment
- Painting, Signage, and Carpeting of key areas in the gym.

These improvements will help create a more dynamic, engaging, and multi-functional environment for physical education, extracurriculars, and community events. We can't wait for you to see it all come together!

## MAP Testing This Fall (2nd-8th grades)

We are currently conducting MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing, a nationally normed, adaptive assessment that helps us understand where each child is academically in Math and English Language Arts (ELA).

We're happy to share that St. Charles has been very pleased with our students' MAP results to date, and we're committed to building on that success. Our team is using the data to create instructional plans that support continued growth in both subject areas. This assessment is not about high-stakes testing – it's a tool to inform instruction and meet students where they are.

MAP results will be shared with families during parent-teacher conferences in October, where we'll take time to discuss your child's progress and next steps together.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and for being such a vital part of our school community. We're looking forward to an exciting and enriching fall trimester!

St. Charles Borromeo, Pray for us.

Beth O'Reilly  
Principal, SCB

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## School Happenings

### Upcoming Events:

#### September:

September 22 - 26 - Scholastic Book Fair  
September 23 - SCOPE Board Meeting @ 6:30pm  
September 24 - Noon Dismissal & Auction Shirt Day  
September 24 - Middle School Mass  
September 26 - SCOPE Coffee & Mini Meeting  
September 29 - October 3 - Spirit Week



#### October:

October 1 - 15 - SCOPE Coat Drive  
October 2 - Ladies' Bunco Night @ 6:30pm - Details Below  
October 3 - All School Mass and Blessing of the Stuffies @ 9am  
October 3 - Blessing of the Pets @ 3pm  
October 3 - Middle School Dance @ 7pm  
October 7 - Auction Soiree Meeting @ 6:30pm - Details Below  
October 9 - Picture Retake Day  
October 9 - SCOPE Movie Night at Blue Mouse Theater  
October 10 - All School Rosary @ 2pm



October 14 - School Commission Meeting @ 5pm  
October 14 - SCOPE Meeting at 6:30pm  
October 17 - Auction Party: Parents Night Out  
October 23 - 24 - No School - Parent Teacher Conferences  
October 26 - SCOPE Trunk-or-Treat @ 3pm  
October 29 - Noon Dismissal  
October 31 - Black & Orange Day

Please see the following link for the detailed school calendar:  
['25-'26 Detailed School Calendar](#)

## Join the Journey; Shape the Future

Join the Journey;  
Shape the Future.  
Supporting our St. Charles Students



### 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.

- You can donate online, by clicking on the button below:



**Donate to the Join the Journey; Shape the Future 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:

Spirit Week (September 29 - October 3):  
Don't forget next week is Spirit Week!  
Check out the flyer for information about each day!

### Picture Retake Day:

Picture retake day is October 9th. If your child was absent, we will take their photo then. If you would like your student to do a retake, please let their teachers know. If you have already purchased a photo package, please bring the packet to school on that day for an exchange. The code for the new purchase is EVTPTX722

### Birthday Book Club:

If you would like to learn more and participate in our Birthday Book Club, please visit the following link: [Birthday Book Club](#)

### Medications at School:

If your child has medication for daily or emergency use, please make sure the **Medication Authorization form** is filled out and on file with the office along with the medication in the original packaging.

### Substitutes Needed:

We are looking for substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in applying, please contact Mrs. Kuzmanich at [vkuzmanich@stcharlesb.org](mailto:vkuzmanich@stcharlesb.org)

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## Hot Lunch Calendar & Ordering

Our August & September hot lunch menu is now available on our website. You can also click here to view:

- [September Lunch Menu](#)
- [October Lunch Menu](#)



## Virtus Training

### 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](#)



## Upcoming Events!

Bookfair & Spirit Week

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 St. Charles Borromeo

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Adventure awaits at our Fall Scholastic Book Fair! We look forward to seeing you there!

 **MON-FRI**  
SEPT 22<sup>ND</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>  
 **STARTS AT**  
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
 **SCB LIBRARY**

 E-Wallet link:  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stcharlesborromeoschool6>

 **SIGN UP HERE**

## !! SPIRIT WEEK !!

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3

 **MONDAY, SEPT. 29TH**  
**SPORTS DAY**

(Dress as your sport, or favorite team)

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 30TH**

**FAVORITE CHARACTER DAY**

(from a book, comic, tv show, or movie)

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1ST**

**WRANGLER DAY**

(Dress as a cowboy or cowgirl)

**THURSDAY, OCT. 2ND**

**BLUE AND YELLOW DAY**

(Wear our school colors with pride and enthusiasm!)

**FRIDAY, OCT. 3RD**

*Sunday Best*

(This is a Mass day, so dress in your Sunday best)

**FRIDAY, OCT. 3RD**

*Middle School Dance 7-9 PM*



## 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!

## SCOPE KICKOFF

9/23/2025  
6 PM

REFRESHMENTS IN FEIST HALL AT 6PM,  
FOLLOWED BY AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SCOPE AND  
OFFICER POSITIONS.



## SCOPE COFFEE & MINI MEETING

JOIN SCOPE ON FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 26TH

RIGHT AFTER DROP-OFF IN  
FEIST HALL!



Date: Tuesday, September 26th  
Time: 6:00 P.M  
Location: Feist Hall

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

Let us know you will be joining us by RSVP'ing [here!](#)

Introducing SCOPE Mini-Meetings & Coffee Hour!

If you can't make it to our normal meeting but would like to stay involved and hear what is going on, join us for coffee and a mini meeting!

Date: Friday, September 26th  
Time: After Drop-Off

## SCOPE Volunteer Opportunities

Used Uniform Team:  
Volunteer to Help the Used Uniform Team



## SCB Club Corner

### Club Corner

Clubs at SCB are all underway for their first session of the year. Please see below if a club is open for registration or to get ready for our next sessions planned.

Click on the links below to register for:

- Athletics (see below)
- Bricks 4 Kidz
- Chess Club
- Choir (Monday - Thursday @ 7:30am)
- Coding Club
- Creative Kids Dance
- Karate
- Musical
- Rainbow Parrot Art
- Robotics
- Yoga & Mindfulness



## SCB Athletics



This fall we are excited to offer:

K-8 Cross Country  
Middle School Girls Volleyball

*Reminder - all Middle School Sports need a physical on file in the main office to participate.*

Email [cyo@stcharlesb.org](mailto:cyo@stcharlesb.org) with questions.

Fall Sports are closed for registration.



## Midnight Masquerade Auction Information



### Ladies' Bunco Night

Join us for a night of Bunco, prizes, and community. Heavy apps and drinks will be served.

**Date:** Thursday, October 2nd

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Feist Hall

**Hosted by:** The Gatherum & Morris Families

**Cost:** \$45 per person

[Purchase your tickets here!](#)



### Auction Soiree Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30pm for our Auction Soiree Meeting.

This is a great way to learn about our largest fundraiser, why it is important, and how to get involved!

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## Auction Made Easy!

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 20, 2026
- Your child(ren)'s participation in Auction Free Dress Week - May 18 - 21, 2026

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



## Auction T-Shirts & Sweatshirts

Auction T-shirts and sweatshirts are to purchase on our auction website now.

*Please note - We are out of stock on some sizes, but we are working to get them back in stock as soon as possible!*

*T-shirts: Youth XL, Adult L, and Adult 3XL*

*Sweatshirts: Adult L and Adult 3XL*

Students may wear their Auction T-shirts or Sweatshirts on marked calendar days and on any Spirt Shirt Day.

[Purchase Auction T-shirts & Sweatshirts Here!](#)

## SCB Gives Back

### September Donations

For the month of September, we will be collecting dog and cat food for ASPCA and food bank partners.

You can bring any donations to the main hallway of the school and put them in the brown wooden bin marked "Pet Food Bank"



## SCB Volunteer Opportunities

### 2025-2026 Volunteer Opportunities

- **Playground Help:** [Volunteer to Help on the Playground](#)
- **Tot Lot Playground Help:** [Volunteer to Help on the Tot Lot](#)
- **Health Room:** [Volunteer to Help in the Health Room](#)

- Lunch Room: Volunteer to Help in the Lunch Room
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## Counselor Corner



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

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

## Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

Please be sure you are familiar with the new drop-off & pick-up procedures!

With the construction happening on campus this year, please be sure to read our [special newsletter](#) regarding Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please visit our website [here](#) and read our FAQs [here](#)!



## Parish Information



# This is Youth Group

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

Meeting every Sunday

September 21 - May 24

From 4:45-6:45

@ Saint Pats Parish Center

1001 N J St, Tacoma, WA 98403

## dinner, games & Jesus.

### YOUTH MINISTER

Danielle Byrtus  
youth@saintpats.org



## Sunday, October 5 Spiritual Adoption "BABY SHOWER"

Supporting

St. Charles' Gabriel Project / Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma  
/ Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Center

Join us to celebrate the end of this year's Spiritual Adoption Prayer Ministry. The Respect Life Committee will host a "Baby Shower" to support families served by St. Charles' Gabriel Project, Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Center.

We will collect donated items in the pack-n-play crib (in the main vestibule of church) before and after all Masses on the weekends of September 27 & 28 and October 4 & 5.

If you spiritually adopted a baby, donating to the shower is a great way to celebrate your baby's birthday AND praise God for "Prayers offered and answered!"

Below are lists of highly requested items from each organization:

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|----------------------------------|--|
| - Swaddles (3-12mos)             | - Diapers (especially szs 3, 4 & 5) and wet wipes                |
| - Infant sleepers                | - Jackets & sweaters 0-3mos, 3-6 mos, 6-9 mos                    |
| - Sleep Sacks                    | - Baby bottles, bibs, teethingers & rattles                      |
| - Onesies                        | - Baby Formula   |
| - Baby toiletries                | - Lightweight receiving blankets                                 |
| - Fitted crib sheets             | - Baby booties and shoes through age 5 years                     |
| - Baby Toys                      | - Hooded bath towels & washcloths                                |
| - Umbrella Strollers             | - NEW pack-n-play cribs or bassinets (can't accept used ones)    |
| - NEW car seats                  | - New and gently used children's clothing, newborn to size 10    |
| - Maternity and women's clothing | - Children's books - board books, early reader and chapter books |

(\*Monetary donations will be designated for Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma)

THANKS FOR YOUR FAITHFUL & GENEROUS SUPPORT!

## Additional Information

# BLACKOUT THE STANDS with Bellarmine Cheer!

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