



SCB Newsletter - December 1, 2025

“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.” - Pope Benedict XVI

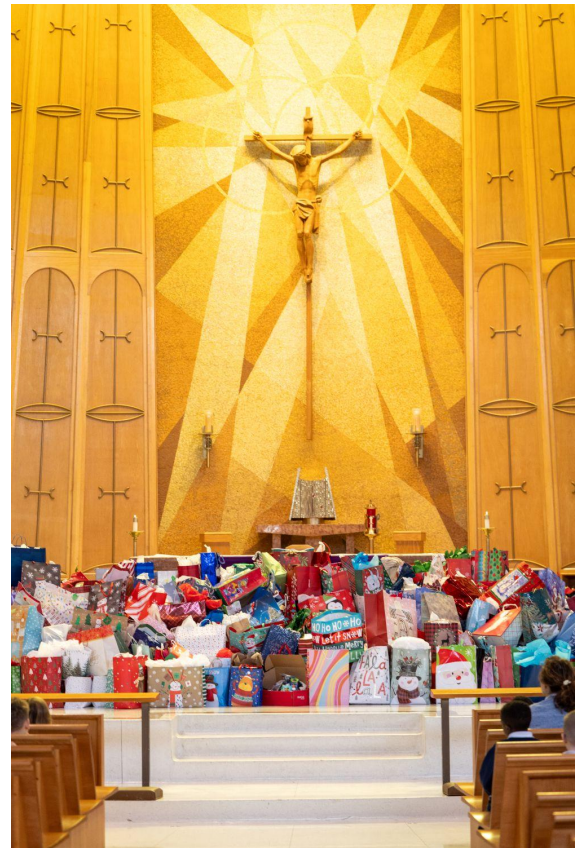
SCB Families,

I hope this email finds you well rested and happy after your Thanksgiving holiday.

As we move into this joyful Christmas season, we are excited to share several special events happening in the coming weeks across the St. Charles community.

The SCB Shoe Liturgy – December 5 at 2:00 PM

For over 40 years, St. Charles has presented gifted shoes to our Tacoma community, in the form of a school liturgy on (or close to) St. Nicholas’ day. Please join us for this beautiful tradition as we reflect on generosity and the spirit of giving at St. Charles.



Christmas Pageant & Advent Tree Festival – December 11 in the Evening

We look forward to celebrating together with our annual Christmas pageant and Advent Tree Festival. More details will be sent soon, but please mark your calendars for this festive evening - celebrating our Christmas season together through song, the story of the Nativity and our class Christmas trees.

End of Trimester Reminder

This Friday marks the end of the trimester. Report cards will be sent out on December 19th. Beginning this year, all Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 report cards for all grades will be provided electronically. The final June report card

will be the only paper copy moving forward. We hope this transition will make accessing and storing student records more convenient for families.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support. We wish you a peaceful and joy-filled Advent season!

St. Charles Borromeo, Pray for us.

In gratitude,

Beth O'Reilly
Principal, SCB

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P.S This newsletter is a little long this week, make sure you scroll down and expand to see all of the content.

School Happenings

Upcoming Events:

December:

- December 3 - Blessing of the Advent Wreaths - All School Mass
- December 3 - Middle School Elective Sign Up Due
- December 5 - End of the First Trimester
- December 5 - Shoe Liturgy @ 1:45pm
- December 5 - 7th & 8th Grade Yule Ball @ 7pm-9pm
- December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - All School Mass
- December 10 - Middle School Mass
- December 10 - Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal @ 1:30pm
- December 11 - Advent Tree Festival and Christmas Pageant @ 7pm
- December 12 - Christmas Sweater Day
- December 16 - School Commission Meeting @ 5pm
- December 18 - Spirit Shirt Day
- December 19 - All School Mass @ 9am
- December 19 - Noon Dismissal (No After School Care)
- December 19 - Report Cards Sent Home
- December 22 - Enrollment for current school families begins
- December 22 - January 4 - No School - Christmas Break
- December 31 - Financial Aid Applications Due



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

Giving Tuesday: Tomorrow, December 2nd!
Join the Journey; Shape the Future

Tomorrow is Giving Tuesday!

Giving Tuesday is a global day dedicated to generosity. It takes place each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and serves as a reminder to pause, reflect, and give back. After spending the days prior focused on shopping and holiday preparations, Giving Tuesday invites us to shift our hearts toward gratitude, service, and supporting the communities we care about most.



Ways to Give:

- You have received a donation/pledge card in the mail 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 8 months; a donation of \$25 a month becomes \$200 after 10 months.

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

More SCB News and Information

Quick Notes:

Santa Grams:

Send your friends Santa Grams! All Santa Grams are due Wednesday, December 10th. Forms went home in Friday Folders before the Thanksgiving Break

Lunch Menu:

Please see the hot lunch menu online:

- [December Lunch Menu](#)

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

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 sbcsocial@stcharlesb.org. We love highlighting our students!

Middle School Electives:

Middle School electives for 2nd trimester are open for selection. Please fill out the form to register by **December 3rd**.

- [Middle School Elective Descriptions](#)
- [Middle School Elective Sign Up](#)

SCRIP Holiday News:



Send Christmas Cheer to friends/classmates with a pack of hot cocoa and a candy cane!

Each Santa Gram is \$1.00. Fill out the to/from labels and payment by December 10th!

The St. Charles' Student Council thanks you!
Merry Christmas!



Scrip Holiday News

* Stocking Stuffer Ideas *

(great for your kids or your work employees)

\$10 cards:	Bath & Body Works	Burger King	Carl's Jr
	Cutter's Point	Dairy Queen	Dominos
	McDonald's	Papa Murphy's	Pizza Hut
	Starbucks	Subway	Taco Bell
	Target	Wendy's	

\$25 cards:	AMC Theaters	Amazon	Bath & Body Works
	Cinemark Theaters	Dicks Sporting	Espresso Yourself
	Regal Theaters	Panera Bread	Starbucks
	Sephora	Target	TJ Maxx
	Ulta Beauty		



Teacher gift idea: SCRIP sells blank Gift Certificates so the teachers can pick a card they want.

Don't see a card you want? www.RaiseRight.com has hundreds of other ideas. If you would like physical cards from RaiseRight, the LAST order for the 2025 year will be placed *Monday, December 9th @ 12:00 pm*. You can purchase cards through your own online account or turn in an order form and payment in the school office. Please email scrip@stcharlesb.org with any questions.

SCRIP SALE HOURS @ SCHOOL : Monday 8:10-8:45 am & 2:15-3:15 pm Wednesday 2:15-3:15 pm
 Thursday 2:15-3:15 pm Friday 8:10-8:45 am

* Sold after masses the 2nd weekend of each month (except in May)

SCB Gives Back

Shoes for the Children

The Shoe Liturgy will take place on Friday, December 5th at 1:45pm.

At masses, members of our community can purchase shoes before and after school or at weekend Masses.

In addition, because of our drop-off and pick-up procedures, we also have a google form to purchase shoes as well. These shoes will be delivered to your student's class each Friday. If you choose to purchase in this way, we will select the shoes for you. Your FACTS account will be charged for your purchase. To purchase



shoes, click on the following link: [Shoe Order Form](#)

There continues to be a GREAT need for shoes in our area. Please prayerfully consider purchasing more than 1 pair of shoes, if possible. Shoes can then be taken home and stuffed with small useful items, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, pens, pencils, hairbrushes, soap, etc. or brought as-is to the Liturgy.

All shoes that are brought and presented at The Shoe Liturgy are bought specifically for a child in the Pierce County area. Shoes sizes have been sent to us from our Parish, agencies, and counselors who work with families needing assistance. Each box is marked with a specific number. Please do not remove that number. That number ensures the correct pair of shoes goes to the correct organization.

This Friday, we will collectively present the shoes during a Liturgy at the Church.

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 Christmas Gathering

You're invited to join SCOPE for a Christmas gathering at Katie Downs.

Please RSVP by December 12th, so we can make sure we have an accurate head count for our reservation.

Please note that this is an adults-only, no-host event.

Let us know you are coming by [RSVPing here!](#)



SCOPE Volunteer Opportunities

Brown Bear Car Wash:
Volunteer to Help Sell Brown Bear Carwash Tickets

Midnight Masquerade Auction Information

The Auction Registry is LIVE!

It is a great time to mark your auction donation off your list of things to do!

With all the Cyber Monday deals, check out our Auction Registry and take care of your auction requirement before the holidays!

Midnight Masquerade Registry



Auction Sponsorships are now available!

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](#)

Auction Most Wanted Items for November & December

Vacation Homes and Sports Tickets

- Vacation Homes – Staycations, within driving distance
- Sports Tickets: Mariners, Seahawks, Sounders, Storm, Trailblazers, Kraken, WSU, UW, Gonzaga

If you are willing to make a donation, please complete our online form here: [Donate an Item](#) or email auction@stcharlesb.org



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

Winter sports registration
is now closed.

Please see below for more specific time frames:

- Middle School Boys Basketball (Mid-October through Mid-December)
- Middle School Girls Basketball (January - February)
- 2nd - 5th grade Boys and Girls Basketball (Mid-December through March)
- 1-5 grade Cheerleading (January - May)

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

Email cyo@stcharlesb.org with questions.



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
- **Toddler Laundry:** Volunteer to Help with Toddler Laundry
- **Shoe Liturgy Support:** Volunteer to Help with Shoe Liturgy Preparations
- **MS Boys Basketball Scoring:** Volunteer to Help Score Basketball Games



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](#)

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2026-2027 Enrollment Information

Applications for the 2026-2027 Academic Year are Now Open

Applications for the 2026-2027 school year are now open for new students.

Re-Enrollment for current students will run from December 15, 2025 – January 9, 2026. All existing students at SCB receive re-enrollment links via email to re-enroll for their spots for next year.

If you have a new student who you would like to enroll for the 2026-2027 school year, please be sure to fill out an application for them. This includes siblings of current students.

**Accepting
New Student
Applications!**

FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Opens October 1st

FOR NEW STUDENTS
TODDLERS-8TH GRADE



For more information, visit
our website or contact us at
253-564-5185



**NOW ACCEPTING
FINANCIAL AID
APPLICATIONS!**

FOR 2026-2027
ACADEMIC YEAR

FOR STUDENTS KINDERGARTEN- 8TH GRADE

Financial Aid Applications for the 2026-2027 Academic Year are Now Open!

Applications for Financial Aid are now open for the 2026-2027 academic year. All applicants for tuition scholarships must be completed on the online FACTS Grant & Aid website by December 31, 2025.

This is for consideration for both Fulcrum financial aid as well as our St. Charles Endowment aid.

[Please click here to be directed to the online application.](#)

Tuition Rates for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

Tuition will be set in December for the 2026-2027 academic year.

In-Parish Tuition & Scholarship Applications:

Apply now!

Due by February 15th 2026 for consideration.

This is a hard deadline.

Tuition Information

FOR 2026-2027
ACADEMIC YEAR



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.



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