



## SCB Newsletter - December 22, 2025

"Let us begin anew, trusting in God with all our hearts."  
-St. Francis of Assisi

SCB Families,

Happy 4th week of Advent and a very Merry Christmas to you!

As we prepare to welcome 2026, we are already looking forward to seeing everyone back at SCB in the New Year. Until then, I hope this message finds you enjoying meaningful time and well-deserved rest with family and friends.

Each year, an important part of our work at SCB is finalizing the upcoming budget and setting tuition rates for the following school year. Over the past several years, we have been especially intentional about developing a multi-year financial plan that ensures the long-term sustainability of our school.

Throughout the budgeting process, we remain grounded in our commitment to providing an accessible Catholic education, while also addressing the realities of operating a high-quality school. Fair compensation for our teachers, strong academic and enrichment programs, and the continuation of our financial aid and scholarship offerings all guide our planning. At the same time, we work diligently to manage expenses responsibly as operating costs continue to rise.

The actual cost of educating each student is significantly higher than the tuition families pay. Parish support and fundraising efforts help bridge this gap, which is why participation in our annual campaigns and fundraising initiatives is so vital. These efforts allow us to sustain our programs and keep Catholic education within reach for our families. This year, we also incurred additional expenses related to enhanced security measures, curriculum updates, and facility maintenance, all of which have contributed to increased operating costs and are reflected in the **new tuition rates**.

Later today, current families will receive an email to confirm enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year. We ask that re-enrollment be completed by Tuesday, January 9, 2026. After this date, we will begin offering available spaces to new students currently



on our application waitlist. As several grade levels are already at capacity, timely re-enrollment is essential to secure your child's place for next year.

As in previous years, families seeking in-parish or neighboring parish tuition rates for K-8 students must apply for those discounted rates through a parish scholarship. To simplify this process, there is a single online application that will be reviewed and approved by the parish financial office and will apply for the full school year. The form can be found [here](#) and must be submitted by the end of February 2026. Please note that this application is separate from financial aid through our Endowment or Fulcrum programs; those financial aid applications are due by December 31 of this year.

If you have questions as you consider your plans for next year, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am always happy to help. We sincerely hope to welcome your family back to SCB this fall. My continued gratitude goes to our School Commission and parish leadership for their guidance and support throughout this planning process. Their dedication allows SCB to remain strong and well-positioned for many successful years ahead.

Blessings and prayers to you and your family.  
St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us.

Beth O'Reilly  
Principal, SCB

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## School Happenings

### Upcoming Events:

#### December:

December 22 - Enrollment for current school families begins

December 22 - January 4 - No School - Christmas Break

December 31 - Financial Aid Applications Due



#### January:

January 5 - Classes Resume

January 7 - All School Mass

January 9 - Current Family Re-Enrollment Closes

January 14 - Primary Mass

January 19 - No School - MLK Day

January 20 - SCOPE Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library

January 21 - Intermediate Mass

January 23 - SCOPE Coffee Hour & Mini Meeting @ 8:30am in Feist Hall

January 24 - Father Daughter Dance

January 25 - Catholic Schools Week Mass (10am) & Open House to follow

January 25 - Used Uniform Sale

January 25 - 31 - Catholic Schools Week

January 28 - Noon Dismissal

January 28 - Auction Shirt Day



January 28 - Middle School Mass  
January 30 - All School Mass  
January 31 - Spaghetti Feed & Bingo Night

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

## 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 22, 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.



### 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

You can find the tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year [\*\*here\*\*](#).

**In-Parish Tuition & Scholarship Applications:**  
**[Apply now!](#)**

*Due by February 15th 2026 for consideration.*  
*This is a hard deadline.*





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