



## SCB Newsletter - August 10, 2025

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."  
— Hebrews 6:19

SCB Families,

Every year, school leadership sits down together and envisions the year ahead—thinking about what we hope for our students and for our school community. Sometimes we feel called to focus more deeply on service, acts of kindness, building stronger relationships with one another, or helping our students develop a more personal relationship with God. As we thought about this coming school year, we realized that all of these things are something we value, and all of them are connected by one powerful virtue - **hope**.

This year, our school theme is “Anchored in Hope.” As a Catholic school community, we are reminded that our hope is not simply wishful thinking—it is rooted in Jesus Christ and the promise of His love.

Each day, our students have the opportunity to live as people of hope: to choose kindness, to forgive, to persevere when things are difficult, to encourage one another, and to trust that God is with them every step of the way.

Like an anchor that keeps a ship steady through changing waters, Christ is our anchor, giving us strength and confidence no matter what the day may bring.

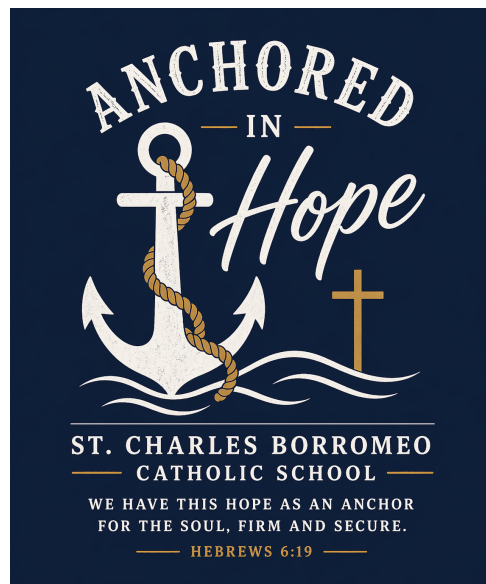
Throughout this school year, we will challenge our students to recognize that they are not only recipients of hope, but also bearers of hope. Through their words, their actions, their faith, and the way they care for one another, they can bring the light of Christ to our school, our families, and our greater community.

May we begin this year firmly Anchored in Hope—grounded in Christ, connected to one another, and ready to shine His light.

With gratitude and excitement for our year ahead.

St. Charles Borromeo, Pray for us.

Beth O'Reilly



## School Happenings

### Upcoming Events:

#### August:

August 10-11: Campus Clean Up  
August 13: Preschool & Pre-K Back-to-School Playdate @ 6pm  
August 18: SCOPE Meeting  
August 20: Toddler Program Information Night @ 5pm  
August 20: New Family Dinner & Social @ 6pm  
August 20, 22, 23: Used Uniform Sale



#### September:

September 1: Supply Drop Off @ 12pm - 3pm  
September 1: SCB Information Fair @ 12pm - 3pm  
September 1: SCOPE Treat @ 12pm - 3pm  
September 1 - 2: Toddler & Preschool Conferences  
September 2: First Day of School for Pre-K - 8th grade (Half Day - 8am-12pm)  
September 2: Fall Musical Information Meeting (4th-8th grade) @ 12:30pm  
September 3: First Full Day of School  
September 3: First Day of School for Toddlers & Preschool Students  
September 3: First Day of Before & After School Care

## More SCB News and Information



### Quick Notes:

#### **School Supply Drop-Off & SCB Information Fair:**

Join us on Tuesday, September 1st for Supply Drop-Off and our SCB Information Fair.

Families with the Last Name A-K please join us from 12pm - 1:30pm

Families with the Last Name L-Z, please join us from 1:30pm - 3pm

#### **After School Care Registration:**

If you are interested in having your students attend After School Care, please be sure to fill out the following form: **[After School Care Registration Form](#)**

#### **Printed Directory Request Form:**

If you would like a printed SCB directory for 2026-2027 school year, please fill out the following Google Form: [Printed Directory Request Form](#). We do not charge for a directory.

### **Toddler Information Meeting:**

Families in our Toddler Program are asked to attend our Toddler Information Meeting at 5:00 PM on Thursday, August 20th, just before the New Family Dinner. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, see the classroom, and hear more about what to expect this year. Children are welcome to attend.

### **New Family Night:**

If you are a new SCB family, we would love to have you join us on Thursday, August 20th for our New Family Night at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to shop our Used Uniform Sale, talk with the Administration, get any questions answered, and take a look around campus. We hope to see you there!

### **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)

## **Back to School Reminders**

### **Don't Forget!**

#### **Summer Homework:**

Do not forget to complete your summer homework! You can find the information for each grade level [here](#).

#### **Supply Lists:**

Supply lists can be found on our website [here](#)!

#### **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 Uniform Information is below!

Ink Inc. will be here during the SCB Information Fair selling uniform sweatshirts.

*Beginning of the Year*  
**REMINDERS:**

Have you...

- finished your summer homework?
- purchased school supplies?
- purchased uniforms?
- done your Virtus training?



**Uniform Information  
2026-2027 School Year**



Ink, Inc. is our long time supplier for sweaters and sweatshirts. They can be ordered [here](#) in their new online store front.

**If you have made an order from Ink Inc., it has been delivered to the school office.**

**You can pick it up any time during our summer hours or you can pick it up at our SCB Information Fair on August 26th.**



We will continue to partner with Uniforms by Tommy for the upcoming school year.

**[Shop Tommy Uniforms Here](#)**

The code for St. Charles is: STCH02



We are continuing our partnership with Lands' End School for uniform pieces this year. All items will be available **except** for our plaid items.

**[Shop Lands' End Uniforms Here](#)**

The code for St. Charles is: 900120387

## SCB Club Corner

### Club Corner

Click on the links below to register for:

- **[Athletics](#)** (also see below)
- **[Chess](#)**
- **[Choir](#)**
- **[Coding Club](#)**
- **[Karate](#)**
- **[Rainbow Parrot Art](#)**
- **[Robotics](#)**

Coming Soon for fall 2026:

- Creative Kids Dance
- Musical - Information Meeting September 2nd
- Yoga & Mindfulness
- Bricks for Kids



## SCB Athletics

**This fall we are excited to offer:**

**K-5 Co-Ed Cross Country**  
**Middle School Co-Ed Cross Country**  
**Middle School Girls Volleyball**

Please see the below link to register.

# SCB ATHLETICS



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

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

**Register for Sports Here!** - You must complete registration by Tues., September 4th!

Check out our SCB Athletics Newsletter here: **SCB Athletics Newsletter - August**

## **Volunteer Opportunity:**

**3rd - 5th Grade Cross Country Assistant Coaches:** We are in need of people to help support our 3rd - 5th grade students during cross country.

If you are interested, please email: [scbathletics@stcharlesb.org](mailto:scbathletics@stcharlesb.org)

## Early Childhood Reminders

### Early Childhood Student Reminders

#### **Toddler Parent Orientation Meeting**

Please join us on Thursday, August 20th at 5pm for our Toddler Parent Orientation Meeting. This meeting will go over our Toddler Program's policies and procedures as well as other important topics. You will have an opportunity to meet all the teachers and ask questions. Please make every effort to attend. After you attend the meeting, we invite you to join us for dinner for our New Family Night!



#### **Toddler (2-year-old) & Preschool (3-year-old) Conferences**

In order to prepare our youngest learners for success, we will be hosting beginning of the year conferences with all parents in our Toddler and Preschool programs on Tuesday, September 1st & Wednesday, September 2nd.

Sign-ups will be in our Newsletter that will come out tomorrow, Tuesday, August 11th.

#### **Toddler (2-year-old) & Preschool (3-year-old) School Start Date**

The Toddler and Preschool programs official start date will be  
**Thursday, September 3rd.**

#### **Brightwheel Registration for Toddler, Preschool & Pre-K Students**

All of our Early Childhood classrooms use an App called Brightwheel.

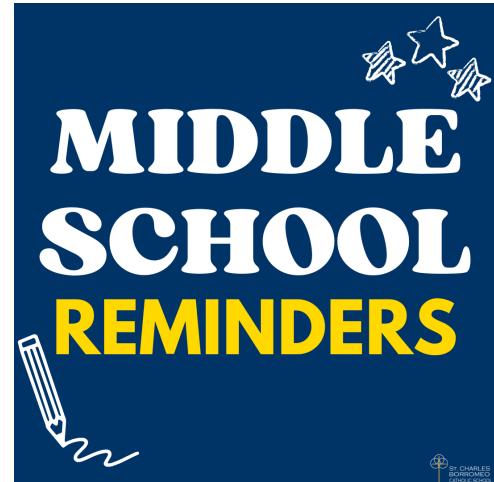
Brightwheel is an innovative, best in class management system that will allow you to check your student in and out of school and message teachers easily.

If you are new to St. Charles, you will receive your Brightwheel invitation by Monday, August 31st.

## Middle School Reminders

### Back to School Reminders for Middle School Students:

- Chromebook Order Form: If you are a new 6th grade parent or a new student in 7th or 8th grade, please [click this link](#) to order your chromebook. Chromebooks will be available for pick up on September 1st at our Supply Drop Off event.
- Middle School Electives: All 7th & 8th grade students must sign up for their elective for the first trimester. This year, electives will meet Monday - Friday during 7th period. Our electives are available for choice in our form attached here: [Elective Form](#) -



Be sure to submit your elective selection by **Friday, August 21st**, so we can build schedules and prepare for a great start to the school year!

**6th Grade students do not sign up for electives in the first trimester unless they choose to participate in School Band, which is a year-long commitment.** 6th grade students will all take our Study Skills elective. They will choose electives beginning in the second trimester.

## Fundraising Chairs for 2026-2027



2026-2027 ANNUAL FUND CHAIRS

MICHAEL PETERSON &  
COLLEEN DURKIN PETERSON

Thank you, Durkin Peter Family, for stepping up to chair this year's Annual Fund Campaign!



2027 ANNUAL APPLAUSE AUCTION CHAIRS

Logan and Megan Steinbauer

Thank you, Megan Steinbauer, for chairing this year's Applause Auction.

We are incredibly grateful you are willing to serve the St. Charles community in this way! We know you will help make this year's campaign a great success!

We can't wait to see your creativity come to life to support our school in this wonderful event!

## 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!

### Join us for the first SCOPE meeting of the school year!

We are excited to begin the school season with our first SCOPE Meeting. This is a great way to get involved at school and meet new families and reconnect with friends!

We will have our large Kick-Off Meeting in September, but this is a great meeting to attend, if you want to get involved early!

Let us know you are coming, by RSVP'ing [HERE!](#)



### SCOPE Back-to-School Volunteer Opportunities

#### Used Uniform Sale:

If you would like to help at the Used Uniform Sale on: August 20th, August 22nd, or August 23rd, please click on the link below:

[Used Uniform Sale Volunteer Opportunities](#)

#### Supply Drop Off:

If you would like to help during Supply Drop Off on September 1st, please click on the link below:

[Supply Drop Off Volunteer Opportunities](#)

## 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.

## Parish Information

### The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

There will be an outdoor Mass at Cheney Stadium with Archbishop Etienne, Bishop Schuster, and thousands of the faithful on August 15th at 10am as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption.

Admission is free and all are welcome, though tickets are required. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Archdiocese of Seattle  
Catholic Schools  
www.chasethecrown.org

**THE SOLEMNITY  
OF THE  
ASSUMPTION  
OF MARY**

*A Eucharistic celebration presided over by  
Archbishop Paul Etienne and Bishop Frank  
Schuster*

**Saturday,  
15 August, 2026**

**10:00 AM**  
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**Entry is FREE –  
tickets required**

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**BECOMING CATHOLIC**  
St. Charles Borromeo & St. Leo the Great



If you are desiring to enter the Catholic Church, return to the Church, or just want to know more about Catholicism, **come join us!**

**TEEN**  
Registration



**ADULT**  
Registration



Begins  
October 2026


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**REGISTRATION**



If you are a Baptized Catholic in need of **First Holy Communion** and/or the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, join us!

**ADULT CONFIRMATION 2027**




**Nov. 2026 - Feb. 2027**  
 Given Monday's 6p-8p  

**St. Charles Borromeo**  
 Parish Office Building


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If you are desiring to enter the Catholic Church, return to the Church, or just want to know more about Catholicism, come join us!

Please click here to register for Teen OCIA: **2027 Teen Becoming Catholic (OCIA) | Archdiocese of Seattle**

Please click here to register for Adult OCIA: **2027 Becoming Catholic (OCIA) Registration | Archdiocese of Seattle**

For any questions, please contact Candyce Ochoa at [cochoa@charlesleo.org](mailto:cochoa@charlesleo.org) or (253) 366-9203

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