



## SCB Newsletter - August 17, 2026

“The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper.” — W.B. Yeats

SCB Families,

As we patiently wait just a little longer for our students to return to campus, we are busy behind the scenes preparing for another incredible school year. The halls may be quiet right now, but there is plenty happening as we get everything ready to welcome our students back in just a couple of weeks!

This week's newsletter is a long one and has **lots of important information** to help your family prepare for the start of school. Please take some time to read through it carefully so you don't miss any of the updates, reminders, and upcoming dates.

As we prepare to begin another year together, please also join us in prayer for the people in the Midwest and Hawai'i as they continue to clean up and recover following massive flooding and the impacts of Hurricane Lala. May all those impacted, especially those who have suffered great loss and are now facing the difficult work of moving forward, feel God's presence and the strength, compassion, and support of those around them.

With immense gratitude for you all -

St. Charles Borromeo, Pray for us.

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.*



## Upcoming Events:

### August:

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  
August 21: Class Assignments will be in Family Portals



### 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  
September 7: No School - Labor Day  
September 8: School Commission Meeting @ 5pm  
September 9: All School Mass @ 9am  
September 15-16: 8th Grade Retreat  
September 15: SCOPE Kick Off Meeting  
September 16: Primary Level Mass  
September 18: SCOPE Mini Meeting @ 8:30am  
September 21-25: Book Fair  
September 21: Middle School Back-to-School Night  
September 22: Preschool - 5th Grade Back-to-School Night  
September 23: Intermediate Level Mass  
September 26: SCOPE Cougar Cup Fun Run  
September 30: Noon Dismissal - Professional Development Day  
September 30: Auction Shirt Day  
September 30: SCOPE Mod Pizza Takeover

## More SCB News and Information



### Quick Notes:

#### 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!

#### 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.

### **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.

### **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)

### **Spirit Wear Store:**

We have a new Spirit Wear through our Ink Ink partner! If you are interested in purchasing, please visit our Spirit Store website here: [SCB Spirit Wear Store](#)

*Please note: Items in our Spirit Wear Stores are NOT uniform approved and may not be worn in lieu of uniform pieces.*

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## **Hot Lunch Calendar & Ordering**

Our September hot lunch menu is now available on our website.

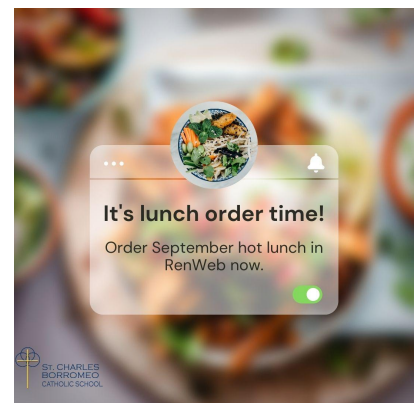
You can also click here to view:

[September Lunch Menu](#)

To order log into your child's FACTS account and order lunch!

For New Families Go to:

1. Log into the Parents Web Portal
2. Click on Student (on the left side)
3. Click on Lunch
4. Create Web Order
5. Click on your child's name
6. Click on the date(s) you would like to purchase lunch



7. Make your Selection(s)
8. When finished, hit "submit order"
9. To finalize order, hit "confirm and pay" button on the next page.
10. Confirm payment by ensuring item shows as blue, not red on the calendar

## 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?



## SCB Volunteer Opportunities

### 2026-2027 Volunteer Opportunities

- **Health Room:** Volunteer to Help in the Health Room
- **Lunch Room:** Volunteer to Help in the Lunch Room
- **Playground Help:** Volunteer to Help on the Playground



## 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**



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

**Shop Tommy Uniforms Here**



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

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.

The code for St. Charles is:  
STCH02

**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**
- **Creative Kids Dance**
- **Karate**
- **Rainbow Parrot Art**
- **Robotics**
- **Yoga & Mindfulness**



**Coming Soon for fall 2026:**

- 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.

*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!

**Please note: Middle School Practices will now be held at Fircrest Park alongside our K-5 Cross Country Team to make things easier for families with runners in both programs!**

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.

If you have not signed up already you can do so by following the links below:

- **[Toddler Class Conference Sign Up](#)**
- **[Preschool A: Mrs. Herrera's Class Conference Sign Up](#)**
- **[Preschool B: Mrs. Fox's Class Conference Sign Up](#)**

#### **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.

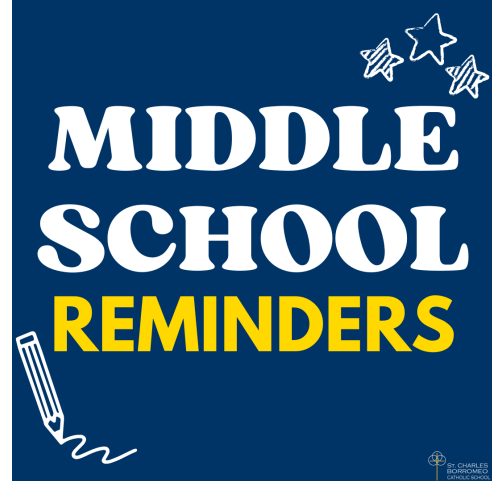
Brightwheel is an innovative, best in class management system that will allow you to check your student in and out of school and message teachers easily.

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!

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!



**2027 ANNUAL APPLAUSE AUCTION CHAIRS**

**Logan and Megan Steinhauer**

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

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

# POP! Art Affair Applause Auction

## 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 sweatshirt
- A \$200 donation to Super Shopper
- 1 tuition raffle ticket
- 1 Auction Photo Bundle (1 printed & digital photo)
- Your child(ren)'s participation in Procurement Free Dress Day, March 19th, 2027
- Your child(ren)"s participation in Auction Free Dress Week, May 17-21, 2027.

T-shirts & Sweatshirts will be available for pick up during the SCB Information Fair on September 1st.

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



## Auction T-Shirts & Sweatshirts

If you'd prefer to just purchase an Auction T-shirt or Sweatshirt, they are now available on our website!

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

T-shirts & Sweatshirts will be available for pick up during the SCB Information Fair on September 1st.

[Purchase Auction T-shirts & Sweatshirts 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!

## 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

**OCIA**  
**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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Please click here to register for Adult Confirmation: **2027 Adult Confirmation Registration | Archdiocese of Seattle**

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