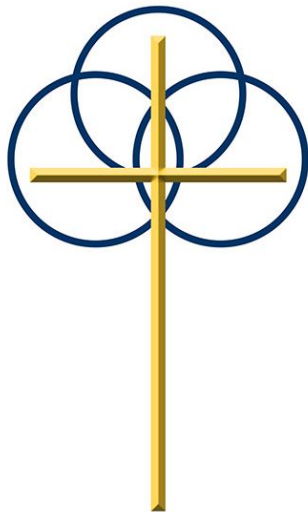


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Back to School Night

September 22, 2026

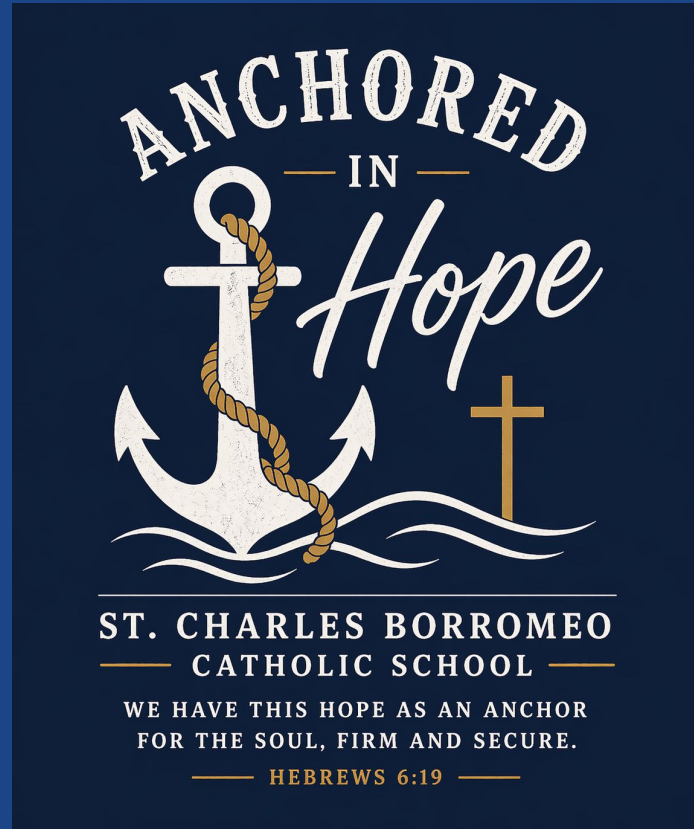


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2B Family



2026-2027 Schoolwide Theme



Mrs. Mercer

- My credentials:
 - Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education/History/Early Childhood Education (**St. Martin's University**)
 - Masters of Science in Reading/Literacy (**Walden University**)
 - Masters of Educational Leadership & Admin (**Seattle University**)
 - **Breathe for Change** certified mindfulness, meditation and yoga teacher (200 hour certification)
 - Post Graduate Certificate in Education: Social-Emotional Learning, Mindfulness & Yoga (**Breathe for Change**)
 - Human Intelligence (**Breath for Change**)
- VP at SCB for 6 years
- 1.5 years teaching 5th Grade and 4 years teaching 2nd Grade at SCB
- 13 years teaching 2nd and 5th Grade at St. Philomena Catholic School, Des Moines



What makes this grade special?

- Sacraments
 - First Reconciliation (Nov. 18, 2026)
 - First Communion (April 24th & 25th, 2027)
- St. James Cathedral field trip (Late April/Early May - date TBD)
- Learning and fun!



Academics

- Religion: *St. Mary's Press*
 - Sacramental Prep - assigned through SCB Parish
- Language Arts: *Amplify*
Knowledge and Skills. This includes writing, reading, fluency and comprehension.
- Math: *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*
Place value, addition and subtraction word problems.
- Science: *Nancy Larson Science*
Matter, Force & Motion, Light & Sound, Ornithology

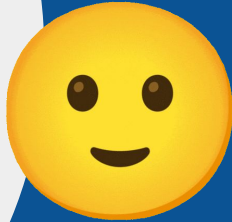


Grading

3 = Content mastered

2 = Progressing towards mastery

1 = Difficulty understanding, needs support



= Check for understanding

Report cards will come home at the end of each trimester.

Classroom Etiquette & Expectations

If what you are doing
INTERFERES with
learning, HURTS
someone's heart or
PREVENTS you from being
your best self...STOP and
try again!



Peace Process...

- Step 1 - Observations: State the facts of the situation without judgment.
- Step 2 - Feelings: Notice and name what you're feeling in this situation.
- Step 3 - Needs: Acknowledge your needs that were or weren't met here.
- Step 4 - Request: Make a request to help repair harm and move forward.



Testing

- MAP Testing (Math, Language and Reading) 3 times a year
 - Fall, Winter and Spring
- DIBELS Testing (Reading)
- QRI (Quality Reading Inventory)
- Mastertrack Math benchmark assessment
- Amplify Beginning of the Year Assessment
- Teacher observations
- Grade level prayer testing First and Second Trimester

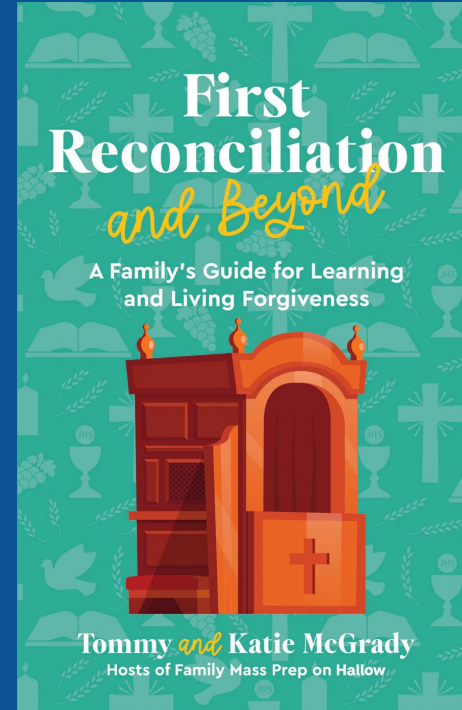
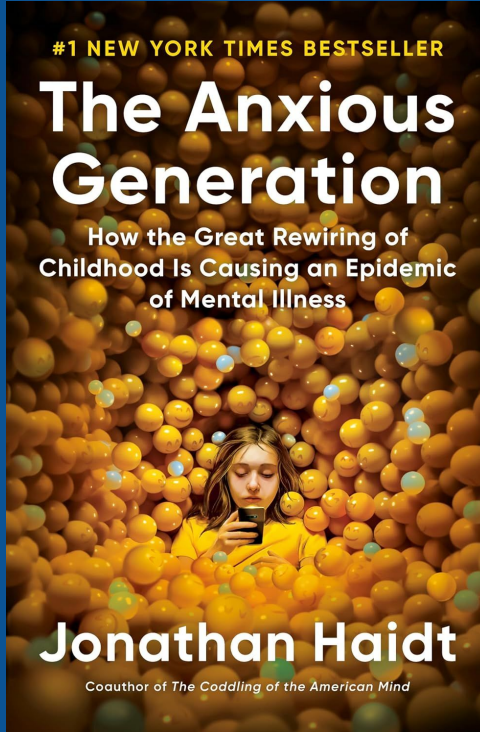


Conferences

- Please make a note on your calendar that conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23. A *Sign Up Genius* will be sent home via email.
- If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, I am happy to meet with you to set your mind at ease and a game plan. If I have a concern or anything I need to share with you, I will contact you ASAP.



Must Reads



Communication

- Friday Folders
 - Classroom Newsletter
 - Homework Folder
 - Google Classroom
 - School Website & Monday principal newsletter
 - Email: kmercerc@stcharlesb.org
- **please note I have VERY limited email access after 1:30 Monday - Thursday and 12:15 on Fridays.**



Fall Reminders

- A Sign Up Genius will be sent home in the next week or so for parent volunteers.
- Conferences - October 23/24
- Noon dismissals: Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Dec. 19.



Thank you!

