



SCB Newsletter - August 31, 2026

“The beginning is the most important part of the work.” — Plato

SCB Families,

We are so excited to welcome our SCB community back for a new school year!

Today, our faculty and staff gathered for a retreat; a wonderful opportunity to step outside of our normal routines, collaborate, reflect, and plan for the year ahead. We also had the privilege of visiting St. Peter Mission Church, where we took time to reflect on our role within the broader Church community and consider how we can continue to strengthen the connections between our school, parish, and families.



It was a meaningful day of alignment, conversation, and renewed purpose as we looked ahead to our goals for the coming year. Most importantly, it gave us the chance to build excitement and energy for what is ahead. We are grateful for the opportunity to begin this year together and are looking forward to seeing our students and families tomorrow at our Supply Drop-Off and Information Fair.

We can't wait to officially kick off another great year at SCB! We will see you all tomorrow!

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.

School Happenings

Upcoming Events:

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



Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

Please be sure you are familiar with our Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

Please be sure to read our [special newsletter](#) regarding Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please visit our website [here](#) and read our FAQs [here](#)!

Please note - Even though Preschool is not in session this Wednesday, Zone 2 will still be open for Drop-Off & Pick-Up!



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.

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

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.

Hot Lunch Calendar & Ordering

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

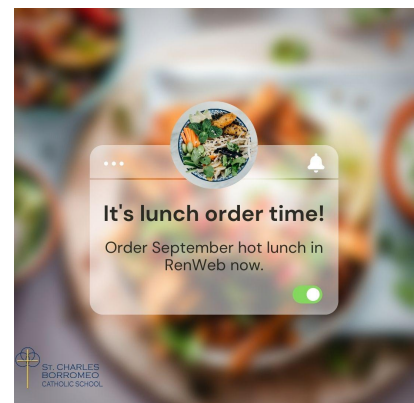
You can also click here to view:

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](#)
- **Tot Lot Help:** [Volunteer to Help on the Tot Lot](#)



Uniform Information & Reminders 2026-2027 School Year

Important Uniform Reminders:

As we begin the new school year, please make sure you have familiarized yourself with our uniform policies.

Please pay particular attention to:

- **Skirt length** - All skirts and skorts length must be no shorter than 2" above the knee and may not be rolled at the waist line. If skirts are in violation of the uniform policy 3 times or more, it is the administration's discretion to require the student to wear pants.



- **Hair** - Hair is to be clean, neatly combed/brushed and natural color without artificial highlights, dye or bleach. No extreme hairstyles, spiked hair or hair extensions. Hair must not cover the eyes and boys' hair must be above the collar with no extreme fades and lines designed into their scalp.
- **Make-up** - Make up is not to be worn. Students will not be admitted to class if they are wearing makeup.

Please see our **SCB Family Handbook** for additional detailed information beginning on page 46.

Uniforms can be purchased through:

- **School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger** - St. Charles Code: STCH02
- **Lands' End School** (plaid items not available) - Code: 900120387
- **Ink Ink** - For sweatshirts and sweaters

SCB Club Corner

Club Corner

Click on the links below to register for:

- **Athletics** (also see below)
- **Bricks for Kids**
- **Chess**
- **Choir**
- **Coding Club**
- **Creative Kids Dance**
- **Karate**
- **Rainbow Parrot Art**
- **Robotics**
- **Yoga & Mindfulness**



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 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

Early Childhood Reminders

Early Childhood Student Reminders

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

We have sent all families their Brightwheel invitation via email. If you did not receive yours, please reach out to Jeanette Johnson at jjohnson@stcharlesb.org

Middle School Reminders

**Look for your next Middle school Newsletter next on
Tuesday, September 8th.**

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!

Save the Date for the Cougar Cup 5K

Date: Saturday, September 26th

Time: 9am

Location: Titlow Park

Cost:

- \$10 per individual
- \$30 per family (immediate family members only)

Join us for our Back-to-School SCOPE event - the Cougar Cup 5K!

Please click on the following link to register:
[**Cougar Cup 5K Registration Form**](#)

If you are interested in volunteering during the Cougar Cup 5K, please see our Sign-Up Genius:

[**Volunteer to Help at the Cougar Cup 5K**](#)



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

First Reconciliation & Eucharist

St. Charles & St. Leo
2026-2027



The 2nd grade year is typically when the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion take place. For students enrolled at St. Charles Borromeo School or another Catholic School, the preparation for these sacraments will take place through a combination of classroom lessons and retreats. For students attending other schools, the Children of Faith Classes, along with retreats will provide preparation for the sacraments. If your child is ready to receive these sacraments, please complete the registration form using the QR code. Materials will be handed out at the retreats.

First Reconciliation

Schedule

Retreat

Sunday, October 4th 1:30-3:00pm
in the Chapel
Child and at least one parent
MUST attend

First Reconciliation

November 18th from 6-7pm
at St. Charles

Children of Faith Classes

September 20 and 27
October 11 and 18
November 8 and 15
December 6 and 13

First Eucharist

Schedule

Retreats

Sunday, February 7th 1:30-3:00pm
Sunday, April 18th 1:30-3:00 pm
Child and at least one parent
MUST attend both retreats

First Eucharist Masses

April 24th 5pm
April 25th 8am, 10am & Noon

Children of Faith Classes

January 10 and 17
February 7 and 21
March 14 and 21

Questions? Contact Amy Orm at
aorm@charles-leo.org

Register
Here



Youth Confirmation

St. Charles & St. Leo
Fall Preparation 2026

Youth in grade 7-12 who have been baptized in the Catholic Church and have received Holy Communion are eligible for the sacrament of Confirmation.

- All Classes will be held at St. Charles in the Chapel
- Attendance at **all** class sessions, Rite of Intent, and the retreats are required.
- Youth are required to participate in at least one planned service project (more info available at mini-retreat).

Sunday Group Schedule

September 20: Parent/Youth
Mini-Retreat
September 27: Class

October 4th: Rite of Intent
at 12:00 Mass
October 18: Class
October 25: Class

November 15: Class

December 6: Class

January 10: Class

**Classes meet from
1:00-2:30pm**

Registration



Monday Group Schedule

September 21: Parent/Youth
Mini-Retreat
September 28: Class

October 4th: Rite of Intent
at 12:00 Mass
October 19: Class
October 26: Class

November 16: Class

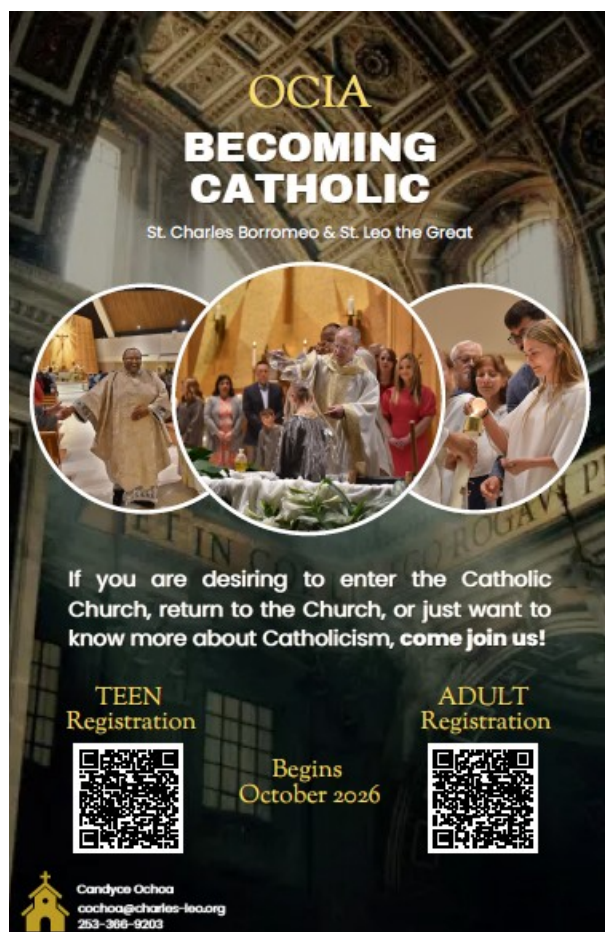
December 7: Class

January 11: Class

**Classes meet from
6:30-8:00pm**

An all-day Confirmation Retreat will be held January 23rd.
Confirmation will take place in late January or early February.

Please contact Marianne Manning with questions mmanning@charles-leo.org



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 or (253) 366-9203

Parish Volunteer Opportunity

Each Wednesday from October - April those seeking to enter the Church through the process of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) are offered the gift of having childcare provided. This is not only beautiful opportunity of the parents, but for the kids as well to come together each week to get to know each other and make good friends! We are inviting pre-teens/teens who may desire to be a part of this ministry to serve and receive community



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

Please click here to register for Adult Confirmation: [2027 Adult Confirmation Registration | Archdiocese of Seattle](#)

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

service hours. Additionally, if any parents would like to also serve in this way, we welcome you as well! Contact Candyce at the parish if you'd like to learn more. [253-366-9203](tel:253-366-9203)



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Our newsletters are also on our website- check it out!

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