



SCB Newsletter - September 14, 2026

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress;
working together is success." — Henry Ford

SCB Families,

As we settle into the school year, it is wonderful to see everyone beginning to find their routines and schedules. This week, we are especially excited to begin our first full five-day week together! We love seeing and hearing how quickly our students are becoming comfortable in their classrooms, reconnecting with friends, and settling into the rhythm of the school day.



There is already so much happening across our school, so please be sure to read through this week's newsletter carefully. There are many important dates, activities, and opportunities coming up that you won't want to miss.

One especially important event on the horizon is our Back-to-School Nights next week. These evenings are for parents only, and we strongly encourage all of our families to attend. Back-to-School Night is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the state of our school and what we are looking forward to in the year ahead. You will also spend time with your children's individual teachers, hear about what is happening in their classrooms, and learn more about expectations, routines, curriculum, and what you can anticipate throughout the school year. We value our partnership with our parents, and these evenings are an important part of building that connection between home and school.

We are so grateful to have our students back with us and are looking forward to another great week together. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

St. Charles Borromeo, Pray for us.

Beth O'Reilly
Principal, SCB

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School Happenings

Upcoming Events:

September:

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 25: Wear Gold for Childhood Cancer Day
September 26: SCOPE Cougar Cup Fun Run (Registration info below!)
September 30: Noon Dismissal - Professional Development Day
September 30: Auction Shirt Day
September 30: SCOPE Mod Pizza Takeover



Upcoming Charges in FACTS

Please watch your accounts for the upcoming charges in FACTS:

- Athletics for Fall
- Clubs
- Milk charges
- Registration and After School Care contract costs
- Middle School Chromebooks
- SCRIP Buyouts
- Birthday Book Club
- Auction shirts and sweatshirts

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](#)!

Important **Zone 1** Information:



- We ask that all adults stay in your vehicles unless you are helping a child out of a carseat.
- Please pull all the way up to the cross on the side of the building. This is important, so we are able to get as many cars in our parking lot as possible.
- If your children are not easily getting out of the car, we ask that you park and have them go in the front doors.

More SCB News and Information

Quick Notes:

Back-to-School Nights

- Middle School: September 21st @6:30pm
- Preschool - 5th Grade: September 22nd @ 6:30pm

This is an opportunity to hear from the administration about this school year as well as hear from each of your student's teachers. **These evenings are for adults only.**



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](#)

Lunch Menu:

Our September hot lunch menu is now available on our website. You can also click here to view: [September Lunch Menu](#)

Printed Directory Request Form (LAST CALL):

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.



Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is next week!
 Dates: September 21st-25th,
 Location: SCB library,
 Times: 8:30-3:30 daily

For more information or to set up your ewallet, please visit:
SCB Scholastic Bookfair

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the Book Fair, you can sign up by visiting our sign-up genius: **Volunteer to Help at the Book Fair**

Wear Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!

September 25th

On Friday, September 25, we invite our SCB community to wear gold in recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and in support of our very own Blakely, a sweet member of our preschool community who is currently undergoing treatment for childhood cancer.

Blakely and her family have created the Like Blakely campaign to spread awareness, bring hope, and give back to other children and families facing childhood cancer. Like Blakely shirts, sweatshirts, and bracelets are available for purchase, with all net proceeds being donated to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital Oncology through the Like Blakely campaign.

Whether you wear gold or your Like Blakely gear, we hope to fill our campus with gold and show Blakely and her family just how much love and support surrounds them.

If you would like to purchase a Like Blakely shirt, sweatshirt, or bracelet, please visit:
Like Blakely Shop



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
- **Book Fair:** Volunteer to Help at the Book Fair



Uniform Information & Reminders

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

Middle School Boys Basketball registration is open!



Click to Register: [Register for Sports Here!](#)

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

Email scbathletics@stcharlesb.org with questions.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Volleyball Scoring & Line Judging: Volunteer to Help Score or Line Judge Our Home Volleyball Games -

This is open to Middle School students who are familiar with volleyball.

Basketball Team Managers: We are looking for parent volunteers to serve as team managers this basketball season. Team managers help keep families informed throughout the season by communicating important updates about practices, games, schedules, and other team information.

Please email vsmith@stcharlesb.org if you are interested.

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!



SCOPE Meeting
Tuesday, September 15th @ 6pm
in Feist Hall



SCOPE Mini Meeting
Friday, September 18th @ 8:30am
in Feist Hall

The SCOPE Kick-Off meeting is a great way to get involved in the SCB Community as well as find out what is going on throughout the school.

Our Kick-Off meeting will take place at 6pm in Feist Hall and we will have refreshments! We would love for all families to join us!

If you would like to join us, please RSVP here, so we know how many people will be attending: [Attend the SCOPE Kick-Off Meeting](#)

Due to schedules, we know not everyone is able to attend night meetings.

SCOPE offers a Mini Meeting every other month after morning drop-off. The purpose of these meetings are to have a cup of coffee and hear what was covered in the most recent SCOPE meeting.

Anyone SCB parent or guardian is welcome to attend.

Register 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](#)



POP! Art Affair Applause Auction

Auction Party: Ladies Bunco Night

Join us for Ladies' Bunco Night!

This is a great opportunity for community and to learn more about the auction!

When: October 1st

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: St. Charles

Cost: \$45

[Register to attend Ladies' Bunco Night](#)



Ladies
BUNCO
Night 

Join us for a fun night
of Bunco as we officially kick off this
year's auction season!

Enjoy a night of laughs, friendly competition, and
good company while getting to know our
Auction Team.

Have questions about the auction? We'll be there to
answer them and help you get ready for all the fun
ahead!

When: October 1st, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM
Where: St. Charles

\$45

POP! ART
AFFAIR 

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!](#)



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

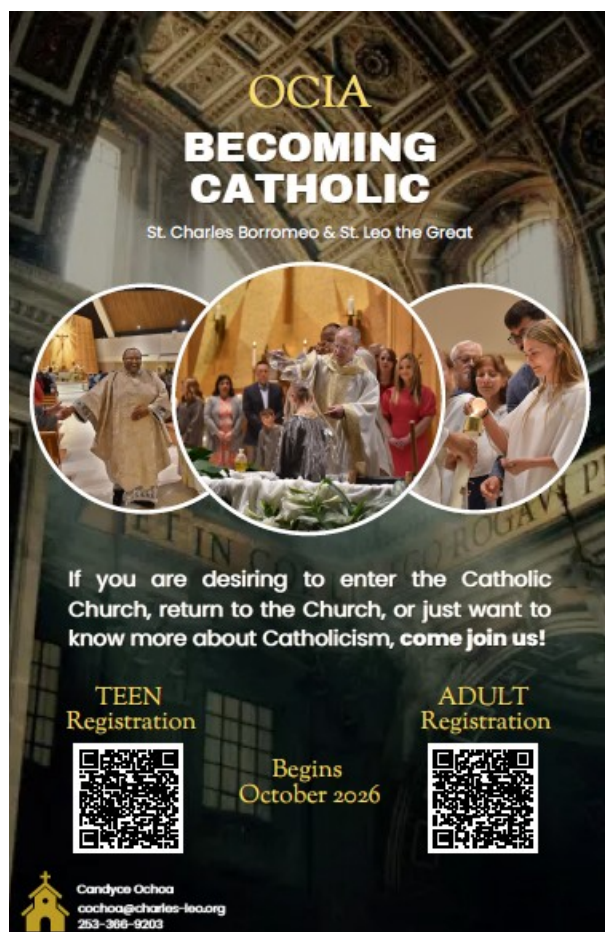
October 4th: Rite of Intent
at 12:00 Mass
October 19: Class
October 26: Class

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**

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
OKTOBERFEST
CHARITIES FUNDRAISER DINNER
sponsored by our St. Charles Borromeo Knights of Columbus!

SATURDAY • 10 OCTOBER 2026
AFTER 5 PM MASS

Come participate in a delightful evening to raise funds for our charitable activities which benefit the St. Charles Borromeo and St. Leo the Great family and community at large.

Entertainment will include a Live Auction, a Silent Auction, a Heads-or-Tails Lei Raffle and a 50-50 Cash Raffle, as well as German music!

If you have an auction item to donate contact Al Morris, ingeandal63@gmail.com.

All net proceeds go to assist Knights of Columbus programs that support Seminarians, Pro-life, the Parish food bank and Food Connection, St. Charles Borromeo School tuition scholarships, and other Parish and community charitable activities.

Dinner will feature a variety of German foods and a desert dash!

DINNER PRICES	Donations will be accepted for beer, wine and soft drinks.	SPECIAL PRICE
\$50.00 per adult \$15.00 per child (4-14 years old)		Table for 8 — \$300.00 Table for 12 — \$500.00

For tickets paid with check or money, fill out the reservation form below and drop it in the box in front of the Parish office, or mail to:
St. Charles Borromeo Parish (Knights of Columbus)
7112 S. 12th St., Tacoma, WA 98465
Ticket questions? Call Joe Devlin at 253-565-6453
DO NOT put ticket orders with checks or money into the collection baskets at Mass.

Online tickets – <https://stcharlesoktoberfest.maxgiving.bid/about-us>

☐ Adult tickets at \$50.00 each
☐ Children tickets at \$15.00 each
☐ Table for 8 (\$300) and/or table for 12 (\$500)
\$ _____ TOTAL amount of check or money order enclosed

NAME _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____



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purchase
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