



## SCB Newsletter - September 21, 2026

"The future of the world is in my classroom today."  
— Ivan Welton Fitzwater

SCB Families,

### It's Finally Fall at St. Charles!

The leaves are beginning to change, the mornings are getting a little cooler, and it's hard to believe that fall is finally here! As we settle into the new school year, we are grateful for the energy, excitement, and joy our students bring to St. Charles each day.

We had a lovely Middle School Back to School evening tonight, and it was wonderful to come together with our families and share more about the year ahead. We are now looking forward to welcoming our Preschool through 5th Grade families tomorrow evening!

### Preschool through 5th grade Back to School Night is Tomorrow!

Tomorrow evening will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community, connect with our faculty and staff, and learn more about the year ahead. We look forward to sharing information about the current state of our school, our programs, and our curriculum, as well as giving you a glimpse into the exciting learning taking place in our classrooms.

We are so grateful for the partnership and support of our St. Charles families. Your involvement is an important part of what makes our school community so special, and we are excited to spend the evening with you all.

We look forward to seeing our Preschool through 5th Grade families tomorrow night and continuing to build a wonderful school year together!

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 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 (Registration info below!)  
September 28: Wear Gold for Childhood Cancer Day  
September 30: Noon Dismissal - Professional Development Day  
September 30: Auction Shirt Day  
September 30: SCOPE Mod Pizza Takeover



#### October:

October 1-15: SCOPE Coat Drive  
October 1: Ladies' Bunco Night Auction Party  
October 2: All School Mass  
October 2: Blessing of the Stuffedies  
October 2: Blessing of the Pets at 3:15pm  
October 5: New Student Applications Open  
October 7: Primary Level Mass  
October 7: SCOPE Movie Night at Blue Mouse Theater @ 6pm  
October 9: Picture Day  
October 9: Middle School Dance from 7pm-9pm  
October 13: School Commission Meeting @ 5pm  
October 14: Intermediate Mass  
October 15: SCOPE Parent University @ 6pm  
October 16: All School Rosary @ 2pm  
October 16: Parents' Night Out Auction Party @ 6pm  
October 20: SCOPE Meeting at 6:30pm  
October 21: Middle School Mass  
October 22-23: No School - Fall Parent Teacher Conferences  
October 27: All School Mass  
October 28: Noon Dismissal  
October 28: Auction Shirt Day  
October 28: MOD Pizza Takeover  
October 30: SCB Fall Fest

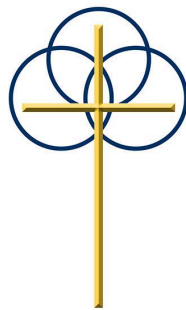
**Rooted in Faith, Anchored in Hope. Annual Fund**



Excellence in Education Annual Fund

# ROOTED IN FAITH, ANCHORED IN HOPE

"Building Strong Foundations. Inspiring Endless Possibilities"



ST. CHARLES  
BORROMEO  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Ways to Give:

- You will receive a donation/pledge card in the coming weeks with a letter requesting your participation. Your contribution can be made at any time.
- We gladly accept cash, checks, credit cards, stock transfers, and company matched gifts.
- You can donate online, by clicking on the button below:



**Donate to the "Rooted in Faith, Anchored in Hope" Annual Fund Campaign**

**Every donation is important!**

Many small donations become a large donation.  
You might also consider a monthly donation over the next 10 months;  
a donation of \$20 a month becomes \$200 after 10 months.

All donations, whether large or small, are needed, welcomed and appreciated!

## 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

## 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](#)

#### 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.*



### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is next week!

Dates: September 21st-25th,

Location: SCB library,

Times: 8:30-3:30 daily

We will also be open from 7pm-8pm during Back-to-School Nights!

For more information or to set up your e-wallet, please visit: [SCB Scholastic Bookfair](#)

### **Wear Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!**

**September 28th**

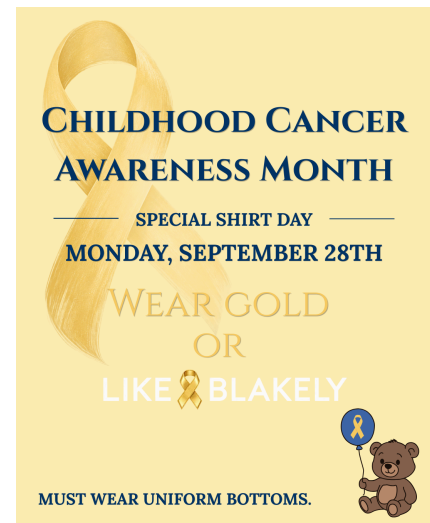
On Monday, September 28, we invite our SCB community to wear gold in recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and in support of our very own Blakely, a sweet member of our preschool community who is currently undergoing treatment for childhood cancer.

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



## 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



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## 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,  
Cup 5K,  
please see our Sign-Up Genius:  
**Volunteer to Help at the Cougar Cup 5K**

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**COUGAR 5K  
CUP**

Who will be the first Cougar boy and Cougar girl across the finish line? Their names will be engraved on the Cougar Cup & displayed proudly at school ALL YEAR LONG!

Lace up & bring the whole family for Fun & Fitness at our event!

**26 SEPTEMBER, 2026  
9:00AM**

Location:  
Titlow Park  
8425 8th Ave, Tacoma, WA  
98485

Cost: \$30 per family or \$10 per individual will be billed via FACTS. Cash and check are also accepted.

More info



Register here!

MOD FUNDRAISING MOD PIZZA TAKEOVER

**SCB FUNDRAISER**

COME JOIN THE FUN!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30TH**  
ALL DAY DURING BUSINESS HOURS  
3626 MARKET PLACE W, SUITE 105  
UNIVERSITY PLACE, WA 98466

FRESH PIZZA  
DELICIOUS SALADS  
PERFECT FOR FRIENDS & FAMILIES  
RAISE SOME DOUGH FOR SCB!

ON-LINE/APP ORDERS  
USE CODE: **MODGIVES25**

IN STORE- SIMPLY  
**MENTION SCB AT CHECKOUT!**

Offer valid only on the date and in the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided by Caropointe. For delivery, customer must be within delivery boundaries. Only nonprofit organizations and nonprofit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 25% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://mxdpizza.com/fundraisers>

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**SCOPE MOVIE NIGHT**

**OCTOBER 7  
WEDNESDAY | 6PM**

Blue Mouse Theater  
2611 N Proctor St, Tacoma, WA 98407  
**FREE ADMISSION!**

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TOYS

## 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



*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!

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**When:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Where:** St. Charles

**\$45**

POP! ART  
AFFAIR 

**Register to attend Ladies' Bunco  
Night**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 5pm  
April 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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<br>for beer, wine and soft drinks. | SPECIAL PRICE                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| \$50.00 per adult<br>\$15.00 per child (4-14 years old) |                                                               | Table for 8 — \$300.00<br>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 \_\_\_\_\_



Scan to  
purchase  
tickets!



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7112 South 12th Street  
Tacoma, WA 98465  
253-564-5185

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Subscribe to our e-calendar: <https://www.stcharlesb.org/school-calendar>

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