



SCB Newsletter - September 28, 2026

“Preparation is the key to success.” – Alexander Graham Bell

SCB Families,

Hello from the front office on this last Monday of September! It is hard to believe that October is already almost here—the school year is moving way too fast!

October is always an important month at St. Charles as we begin looking ahead and planning for the next school year. While this process seems to start earlier and earlier each year, we are incredibly grateful to continue seeing such strong interest from families hoping to join the St. Charles community.

As we begin this planning process, I want to make sure our current families have the information they need and understand what to expect in the months ahead. There are several pieces that happen at different times, including opening applications for new students, re-enrollment for our current students, setting tuition for the 2027–28 school year, and opening our scholarship and in-parish tuition application processes.

There is a lot of information coming your way, so our goal is to make the process as clear and easy to navigate as possible. Below, we’ve outlined the important dates, next steps, and what you need to know as we begin planning for another wonderful year at St. Charles.

Information for Enrollment for 2027–2028

If you're considering enrolling a new student in our 2-Year-Old Program, Preschool, or Pre-K, we strongly encourage you to apply as soon as possible. These programs are in very high demand, and space fills quickly each year. We will be notifying everyone on our wait lists about getting applications started quickly to ensure they remain in the queue.



Key Enrollment Dates

- **New Student Applications Open: October 5, 2026**

All new families can apply online through our admissions portal. We will begin enrollment in our 2 year old, and 3 year old (preschool) programs in November. All other new student enrollment will begin after our existing students secure their spot for next year, which allows us to see our available capacity.

- **Returning Student Re-Enrollment:** December 14, 2026 – January 8, 2027

All existing students at SCB receive re-enrollment links via email to re-enroll for their spots for next year.

Tuition Announcement:

Tuition rates for 2027–2028 will be released in December 2026.

Financial Aid Applications Open: October 1, 2026

Apply through the Financial Aid section on our website. This is for consideration for both Fulcrum financial aid as well as our St. Charles Endowment aid. All Financial Aid applications will close on December 31, 2026

In-Parish Tuition & Scholarship Applications:

Click here to apply! You can also find the application on our website.

Due by February 28th, 2027, for consideration. This is a hard deadline.

When you complete your application, you will receive an electronic confirmation email, so you know we've received it.

Please contact our office with any questions about enrollment, tuition, or financial aid for our next school year.

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 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: Oceans 5 Arcade Takeover
October 30: SCB Fall Fest

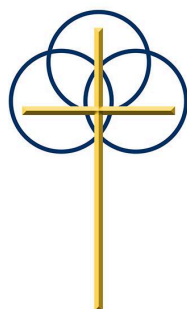
Rooted in Faith, Anchored in Hope. Annual Fund



Excellence in Education Annual Fund

ROOTED IN FAITH,
ANCHORED IN HOPE

"Building Strong Foundations. Inspiring Endless Possibilities"



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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:

- Middle School Chromebooks (6th grade)
- Hourly After and Before care for the month of September

More SCB News and Information

Quick Notes:

Blessing of the Stuffedies & Pets:

This Friday, October 3rd, at our all-school Mass, the students will be allowed to bring their stuffed animals to be blessed.

After school, at 3:30pm in the courtyard, we invite you to bring your pet to school to have them blessed!



Lunch Menu:

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

Student Athletics Spectator Information:

Students attending after-school games as spectators must first be picked up from school and return with an adult. If that adult is not their usual parent/guardian, please email the school in advance with the name of the adult who will be supervising your child. If any student does not have an adult with them, they will be taken to After School Care.

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.

St. Charles Fall Fest

St. Charles Fall Fest

Friday, October 30th
6:00pm - 8:30pm

Join us for our first-ever St. Charles Fall Fest! We're excited to bring our community together for an evening of fall fun for the whole family.

You will be able to enjoy:

- Trunk-or-Treat
- Trunk-or-Treat Decor Competition
- Costume Competition
- Cake Walk
- Carnival Games
- Beer and Wine Garden

Come hungry—Chick-fil-A and Starvin' Marvin's Hot Dog Truck will be on site with food available for purchase.

Admission is \$10 per family. Carnival games and the cake walk will require activity tickets, which can be purchased separately.

Gather your family and friends and join us as we kick off what we hope will become a favorite St. Charles tradition! Visit our website for complete event details, activity ticket information, and everything you need to know before you go.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO ATTEND FALL FEST HERE!](#)



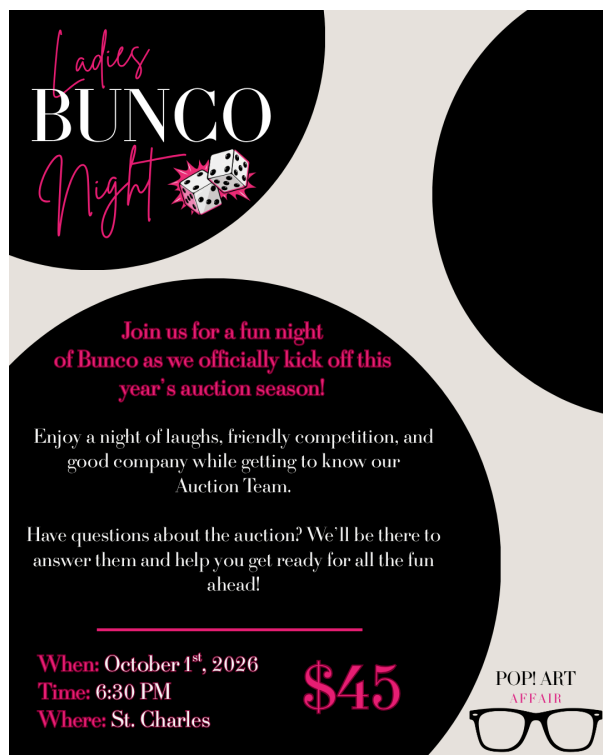
Trunk-or-Treat Cars Needed

We are looking for cars to participate in our Trunk-or-Treat during the Fall Fest!

This is a great way to earn volunteer and get free entrance to the Fall Fest.

If you are interested in participating, please sign up here:
[Volunteer to have a car at Trunk-or-Treat!](#)

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!

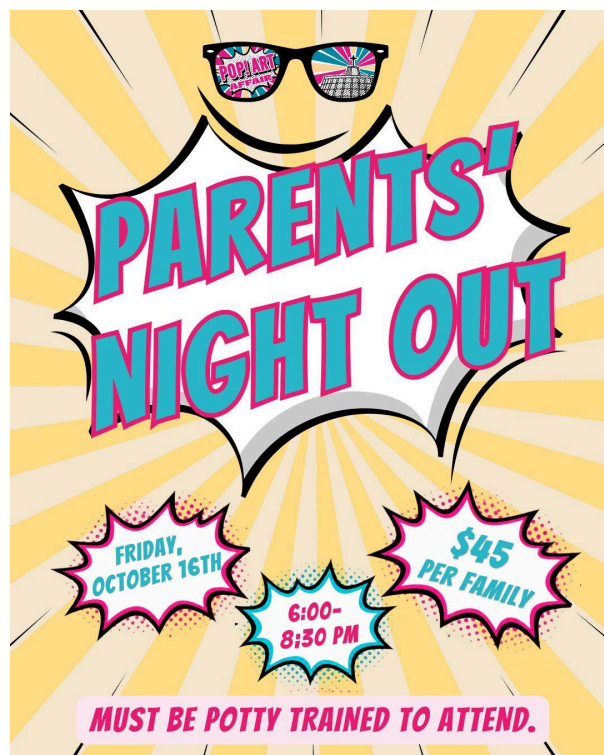
When: October 1st

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: St. Charles

Cost: \$45

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



Auction Party: Parents' Night Out

Enjoy a night out while we entertain the kids!

Children will enjoy a fun-filled night at school with games, crafts, a movie, snack and more.

Dinner is not provided, so please have your child eat beforehand.

All children attending must be fully potty trained.

When: October 16th

Time: 6 - 8:30 PM

Where: St. Charles

Cost: \$45

[Register for Parents' Night Out](#)

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!



SCOPE Coat Drive

We are collecting coats to support local charities in Tacoma.

If you have any gently used or new coats, please deliver them to the bins during drop off & pick up as well as weekend masses!

MOD Pizza Takeover

Date: Wed, September 30th
Location: University Place Mod Pizza
Time: All Day

Order pizza this Wednesday from MOD Pizza in University Place, and 25% will come back to SCB.

If ordering in person, just mention SCB.

If ordering online or on the app, please use code:
MODGIVES25

SCOPE Movie Night

Date: Wed., October 7th
Time: 6pm
Location: Blue Mouse Theater

Admission is free.
Concessions are available for purchase.

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.

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**



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.

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



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

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**

Candye Ochoa
cochoa@charles-leo.org
253-366-9203

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ADULT CONFIRMATION 2027

REGISTRATION

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

Nov. 2026 - Feb. 2027
Given Monday's 6p-8p

St. Charles Borromeo
Parish Office Building

Candye Ochoa
cochoa@charles-leo.org
253-366-9203

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](#)

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

Registration | Archdiocese of Seattle

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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 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

\$50.00 per adult
\$15.00 per child (4-14 years old)

Donations will be accepted
for beer, wine and soft drinks.

SPECIAL PRICE

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 _____



Scan to
purchase
tickets!



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School

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