



SCB Newsletter - September 8, 2026

"All the months are crude experiments, out of which the perfect September is made." — Virginia Woolf

SCB Families,

There is something truly special about September in the Pacific Northwest. The light rain in the morning, the cooler evenings, the return of football, and the first hints of autumn make this one of my favorite times of the year. But perhaps the best part of September is the feeling that comes with having our students back on campus.

There is a beautiful calm and rhythm that settles over the school as everyone returns to familiar routines. Classrooms are filled with energy and curiosity, students are reconnecting with friends, teachers are settling into their daily rhythms, and our campus once again feels like the vibrant community it is meant to be. After the busyness of summer, there is something comforting about the structure and predictability of the school day.



September also brings some exciting progress on our campus! The painting and new carpets are now complete, and the space is already looking refreshed and renewed. New signage is going in now, and over the next two months, we will continue to see major additions arrive, including new basketball hoops, climbing wall pads, volleyball equipment, scoreboards, shot clocks, and scorers' tables.

Our new bleachers are also ready to be installed the moment they arrive on campus. The increased seating will be a tremendous addition to our facility and will allow us to welcome more of our families and community members to games, performances, and school events. We are so excited to see this space come together and, most importantly, to see our students enjoying it!

September is also bringing some significant behind-the-scenes work to our campus. Over the next month, we are beginning major improvements to our library roof, along with several other important campus projects. While some of this work may not be as visible or exciting as a new gym project or bleachers, these investments are essential to caring for our school and ensuring that our facilities continue to serve our students well for years to come.

None of this happens without the incredible support of our school community. Thank you for continuing to invest in our school, for your patience as projects take place, and for your partnership in making our campus a wonderful place for our students.

And finally, thank you for being so wonderful in the parking lot! We know that arrival and dismissal can be busy, and we truly appreciate everyone's patience, courtesy, and attention to safety. Your cooperation makes a tremendous difference.

Here's to September — to fresh starts, rainy mornings, Friday night football, busy classrooms, and the wonderful rhythm of another school year. We are so grateful to begin this 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 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 (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

A poster for the "COUGAR CUP 5K" at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School. It features an illustration of four children running. The text includes: "ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC SCHOOL", "COUGAR CUP 5K", "Who will be the first Cougar boy and Cougar girl across the finish line? Their name 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 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98465", "Cost: \$30 per family or \$10 per individual will be billed via FACTS. Cash and check are also accepted.", "More info" button, a QR code, and "Register here!" text.

Quick Notes:

Cougar Cup Registration is Open:

Registration for this year's Cougar Cup 5K Fun Run is now open! Join us for a morning of fun and fellowship at Titlow Park.

Click here to register: [SCB Cougar Cup 5K Registration](#)

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.

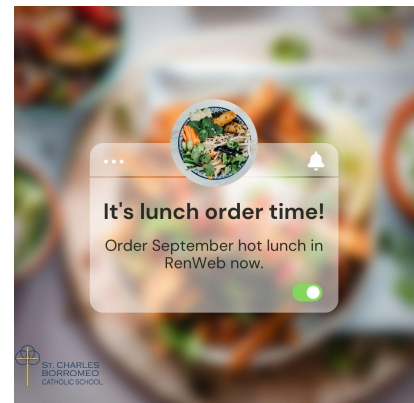
Hot Lunch Calendar & Ordering

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

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



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](#)

Once on the site, please see the following instructions:

1. Please "First Time Registrant" on the left side of the screen.
2. Click on "Begin the Registration"
3. For organization, you will select "Seattle, WA (Archdiocese)"
4. It will then ask you if you've previously registered with Virtus for the Archdiocese of Seattle. If you are new and have never done this, please click "no."

If you've attended another archdiocesan school and have previously registered, please use your previous login information. If you need to switch your account to St. Charles instead of a previous school, please contact Vicki Kuzmanich at vkuzmanich@stcharlesb.org

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

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:

Middle School Co-Ed Cross Country 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.

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 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!](#)



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 Candyece 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 Candyece 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 _____



Scan to
purchase
tickets!



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