



SCB Newsletter - October 5, 2026

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
– Benjamin Franklin

SCB Families,

October is here, and there is so much happening at St. Charles! As we settle into the rhythm of the school year, we wanted to share a quick update on our MAP testing results, along with a look ahead at some of the exciting things happening around campus this month.



We are very pleased to share that our preliminary MAP roll-up results show continued growth across our building in Math, ELA, and Language, across all grade levels and categories. This is encouraging evidence of the hard work of our students and teachers and the strength of the instruction happening in our classrooms each day.

MAP testing gives us valuable information about student growth and achievement, but the most important part of the process is what we do with that information. Over the coming weeks, we will be meeting with teachers and curriculum teams to carefully review the data, identify trends and areas of opportunity, and consider how we can continue to strengthen instruction for all of our students.

This work is especially timely as we approach a refresh of our K–5 ELA curriculum. We are very happy with the results we are seeing from our current curriculum and the progress our students are making. At the same time, we believe strongly in doing our due diligence and taking a thoughtful look at the options available to us. Our goal is to make curriculum choices that maintain our high level of rigor, support excellent teaching, and provide the foundation our students need for continued growth and achievement.

We are proud of the progress our students are making, and we are equally committed to using data thoughtfully to ensure that we continue moving forward.

Beyond MAP scores and curriculum conversations, October is going to be a fun month at St. Charles! We have so many of our favorite traditions and events coming up,

including Spirit Week, the Fall Festival, Trunk-or-Treat, and the beginning of our early holiday traditions at SCB.

There is a lot to look forward to, so be sure to read through the newsletter carefully so you don't miss any of the fun!

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support. We are grateful to be on this journey with you and are excited about all that this school year has in store.

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:

October:

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 12 - 16: Spirit Week (details below)
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

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"Building Strong Foundations. Inspiring Endless Possibilities"

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:

- Hourly After and Before care for the month of September

More SCB News and Information

Quick Notes:

Picture Day:

Individual picture day will take place this Friday, October 9th.

We ask that your student come to school in FULL uniform which includes a sweater or sweatshirt.

Lunch Menu:

Our October 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!](#)

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!

October SCOPE Meeting

Tuesday, October 20th @ 6:30pm in the Library

Join us for the October SCOPE meeting! SCOPE is a great way to get involved in the SCB Community as well as find out what is going on throughout the school.

This is open to all St. Charles' parents and guardians.
Remember, you get one volunteer hour for each meeting!

Let us know you are coming by RSVP'ing [here!](#)





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!



SCOPE Movie Night

Date: Wed., October 7th

Time: 6pm

Location: Blue Mouse Theater

Admission is free.
Concessions are available for purchase.



Parent University: An Evening of Mindfulness

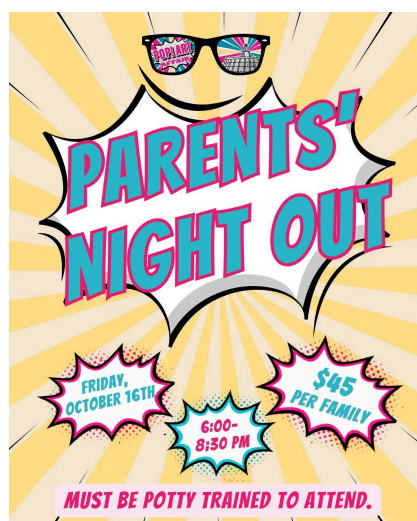
Date: Thurs., Oct. 15th

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Feist Hall

Let us know you are coming
by RSVP'ing [here!](#)

POP! Art Affair Applause Auction



Auction Party: Parents' Night Out

Enjoy a night out while we entertain the kids!
Children will enjoy a fun-filled night at school with



Auction Made Easy

Auction Made Easy is your one stop to complete all your auction requirements!

Auction Made Easy includes:



Auction T-Shirts & Sweatshirts

If you'd prefer to just purchase an Auction T-shirt or Sweatshirt, they are now available on our website!

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](#)

- 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.

Students may wear their Auction T-shirts or Sweatshirts on marked calendar days and on any Spirit 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!](#)

[Click here to purchase Auction Made Easy!](#)

2027-2028 Enrollment Information

Applications for the 2027-2028 Academic Year are Now Open for NEW students

Applications for the 2026-2027 school year are now open for [new students](#).

Re-Enrollment for current students will run from December 21, 2026 – January 9, 2027. All existing students at SCB receive re-enrollment links via email to re-enroll for their spots for next year.



If you have a new student who you would like to enroll for the 2027-2028 school year, please be sure to fill out an application for them. **This includes siblings of current students.**

Financial Aid Applications for the 2027-2028 Academic Year are Now Open!

Applications for Financial Aid are now open for the 2027-2028 academic year. All applicants for tuition scholarships must be completed on the online FACTS Grant & Aid website by December 31, 2026.

This is for consideration for both Fulcrum financial aid as well as our St. Charles Endowment aid.

[Please click here to be directed to the online application.](#)

NOW ACCEPTING FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS!

FOR 2027-2028
ACADEMIC YEAR

FOR STUDENTS
KINDERGARTEN- 8TH GRADE

For more information, visit
our website or contact us at
253-564-5185



Tuition Rates for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition will be set in December for the 2027-2028 academic year.

**In-Parish Tuition & Scholarship Applications:
Apply now!**

Due by February 28th 2027 for consideration.

This is a hard deadline.

In-Parish Tuition Rate Applications for 27-28 School Year

FOR SCB STUDENTS
KINDERGARTEN- 8TH GRADE

OPEN NOW!



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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 CLUB CORNER



Come Check Out Scouts!

HIKING



SCUBA



October 14th SCB
7:00-8:30PM Gym

5th Grade
and above

Website
scbtroop294.com
Email
scbtroop294@gmail.com



SCB Athletics



Middle School Girls 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.

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



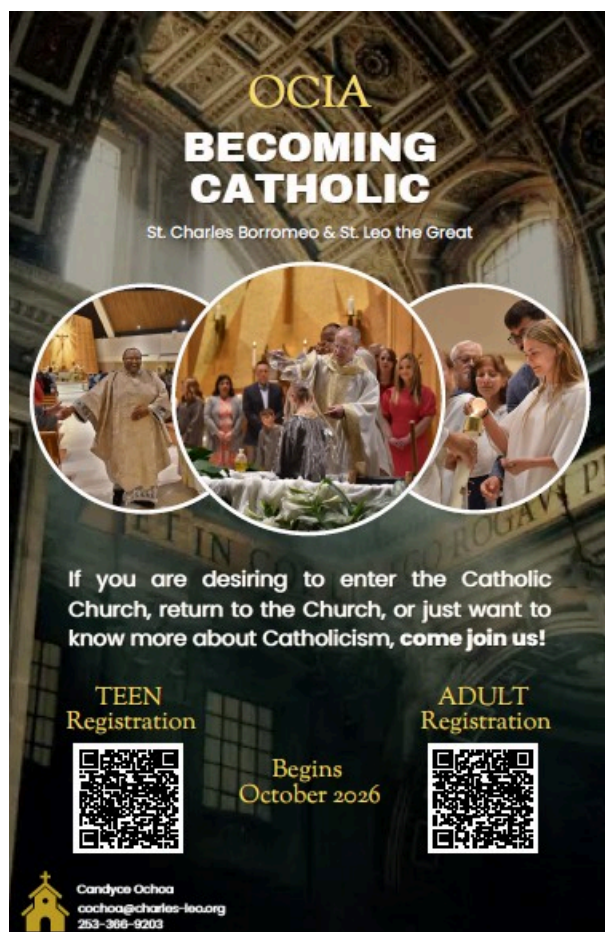
Monday Group Schedule

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



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)

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

Family
NARNIA
Club

Families with children in grades 3 and up are invited to join Fr. Michael in listening to a dramatized reading of The Chronicles of Narnia's second book, *Prince Caspian: The Return to Narnia*.

There will be 3 sessions:
October 20
October 27
November 3

6:30pm - 8:00pm
Upper Parish Office
Building



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