

SCB Newsletter - January 31st, 2022

"Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others." - Saint Pope John Paul II

SCB families:

Happy Catholic Schools week! I love to start this week with Parent Appreciation Day. You are your child's first teachers and we simply could not run this school and support our students, teachers and community without all of you. Thank you.

Like you, I have been a parent at Catholic Schools a long time - for almost 20 years. Catholic Schools are special, I always felt like a whole community was with me raising my kids. I hope you feel the same love and support here at SCB.



After extensive sharpening of the pencil, we have finalized our budget and new tuition structure for next year. Our guiding principles remained constant throughout the entire planning process:

1. Keep Catholic schools accessible to all families who want it for their children with sustainable tuition growth
2. Retain and pay faculty and staff with competitive market wages
3. Keep expenses controlled and managed strategically via a multi-year plan
4. and most importantly, offer a best in class Catholic education with a rigorous curriculum, extensive programs and clubs, and measurable student achievement that is a leader within the Archdiocese of Seattle.

I am confident our plan is a good one.

Starting today, our enrollment season will officially open for next fall. Mrs. Kuzmanich will be sending your email to invite you to enroll to bring your students back. Our new tuition rates are posted [here](#). Please, if you haven't, take advantage of applying for Financial Aid if you should need it. We want every one of our students to re-enroll and not have tuition be a gating factor.

I look forward to meeting you all at the State of the School on February 9th. We will be reviewing our school plan, student achievement, program reviews and looking forward to next year. If there is anything that you are interested in hearing about, please don't hesitate to email me and we will make sure it is addressed.

Thank you for everything. You all are a blessing to our community.

Warmest Regards,

Beth O'Reilly
Principal SCB

Kathleen Mercer
Vice Principal, SCB

School Happenings

Current Events:

1/30 - 2/4 Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, February 1st: Community Appreciation Day

- Pray for our community who support our students in a variety of ways: financial support, volunteering on campus, and praying for us.
- Participate in the opportunities we have to give back to our community and those less fortunate: individual grade level and classroom community projects, the Tacoma Diaper Drive, and the Food Drive for St. Leos.
- SCB will also be providing sack meals for the Nativity House.

Wednesday, February 2nd: Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day

- Pray for our faculty and staff
- Let your child(ren)'s teachers know how much you appreciate them!
- The school will be providing a catered lunch for our faculty and staff

Thursday, February 3rd: Student Appreciation Day

- Pray for our students
- The students will have a Free Dress Day to celebrate
- The school is having Bliss Ice Cream come visit the children at recess
- Middle School Student will participate in Student Olympics

Friday, February 4th: Clergy and Parish Appreciation Day

- Pray for Fr. Mike, Fr. Val and our Parish

Upcoming Events:

2/8: Prospective Family Open House

2/9: State of the School 6:00 pm (Church)

2/9: Hearing and Vision Screening (Feist Hall)

2/10: Jump Rope for the Heart Assembly

2/11: NO SCHOOL
Archdiocesan Curriculum Day

2/21: NO SCHOOL
Presidents Day

2/23: Science Fair

3/3 - 3/5: School Musical

3/12: Middle School Dance

- Community
- There will be an All-School Mass at 9:00 am
- The Virtue of the Month Awards will be presented
- The school will be giving Fr. Mike and Fr. Val a gift to show our appreciation
- Alumni of the Year Award will be presented
- 8th grade students should come formally dressed to get their 8th grade portrait taken after mass.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Garden Help:** If you have any experience with tree trimming or pruning, please contact [Jaimie Turner](#) in our front office. We are sprucing up our garden for Earth Day!
- **Auction:** Click to see our [Auction Sign-Up Genius](#). We have opportunities for volunteering both on and off campus. Please scroll to the bottom of the sign up genius to sign up.
- **Auction Donation Help:** We need a couple volunteers to unbox and inventory items we've received. Please reach out to Ellen in the Advancement Office if you are interested in helping at ereuter@stcharlesb.org
- **Lunch:** We need lunch volunteers! If you are interested, please see this [link](#).
- Please reach out to classroom teachers to find out if they have any opportunities available.
- **Enrollment Flier Distribution:** We are in need of some parents to distribute fliers around our community letting everyone know we are open for enrollment. We are targeting the Proctor Area, Point Ruston, Fircrest, University Place, and Lakewood. The Advancement Office will provide the fliers. These volunteers do not need to be vaccinated. If interested in helping in these efforts, please contact Jeanette Johnson at jjohnson@stcharlesb.org

Please remember it is school policy to have your Virtus training up to date and your vaccine card checked off in the office. Thanks for all your support!

[A Couple of Quick Notes:](#)

Attendance and Tardies

We realize that this year, more than ever, students have been absent from school. We have been flexible with attendance, but will restart reviewing tardies and extended absences and reporting status to families as is our normal pre-Covid policy. Thanks for all of your attention to these matters.

Commitment Hours

We have some great ways to get your required 30 commitment hours. Check out the volunteer section above!

Spirit Wear Store

Check out our new spirit wear store: [SCB Spirit Wear Store](#)

Food Drive with St. Leos

Our February Food Drive item for St. Leos is cup o'noodles.

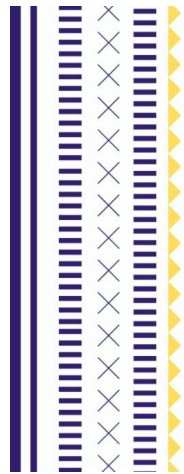
Father Daughter Dance Update

Our Father Daughter Dance will be rescheduled to March or April. Stay tuned!

Together We Rise: *Excellence in Education Annual Fund*

What is the Excellence in Education Annual Fund?

The *Excellence in Education Annual Fund* is designed to bridge the gap between tuition and what it actually costs to educate a child at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School. Every gift greatly contributes to the high quality education St. Charles is able to provide for its students.



Annual Fund UPDATE

Current Total: \$169,815

Goal: \$300,000

52% of families have donated



Where does the money go?

60% of gifts received are invested in the Excellence in Education Annual Fund, which provides income for scholarships and keeps tuition increases to a minimum. The remaining 40% percent goes directly to the school's operating budget to support faculty and staff, program, and facilities investments.

Did you know for the 2021-2022 it costs \$10,600 to educate a child at St. Charles? However, our in parish tuition rate is \$5,900. The *Excellence in Education Annual Fund* helps us cover that \$4,700 gap per child.

It is our goal for us to come together as a community to see 100% participation amongst our families. Every donation matters! We ask that you prayerfully consider what your family is able to contribute. As of today 52% of families have donated. Let's rise together to get to 100%!

If you have not made a donation yet, you can do so here:

[Excellence in Education Fund](#)

UPDATE: Parish Office Demolition

The Parish office building will be undergoing demolition soon. We have a tentative demo date of February 7th to February 11th. This will cause the middle entrance to the front of the school to be closed. We apologize in advance for any disruption this may cause. Thank you!





UPDATE!
OUR MUSICAL WILL BE ON
MARCH 3RD, 4TH, AND
5TH AT 7:00 PM

Auction News: Super Shoppers!



What is a Super Shopper Donation?

Every year, each family is required to donate something to the auction. Giving a super shopper donation is a wonderful and easy way to check this off your list and support the school. All you need to do is bring cash or a check to school and we will shop for an item for you!

Glassybaby Order Form

You can find the order form for the Glassybabys we are selling at the auction this year [here](#)! If you have questions, please contact the Advancement Office.





OPEN HOUSES THIS WEEK!

Tuesday, February 1st from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Thursday, February 3rd from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

QUESTIONS? GIVE US A CALL! (253) 564-5185
WE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE EVENINGS BY APPOINTMENT.

FOR THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY, WE WILL
BE COLLECTING
GIFT CARDS!

BRING A GIFT CARD TO THE ADVANCEMENT
OFFICE AND BE ENTERED INTO OUR
FEBRUARY DRAWING FOR A FREE TICKET TO
THE AUCTION'S FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE FAIR
*YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE ONE VOLUNTEER
HOUR TOTAL

Alumni Information Wanted!

We are working on gathering information about our alumni. If you know of any alumni, or are an alum yourself, please share and fill out this form. Thank you!

[Alumni Info Form](#)



Save the Date!

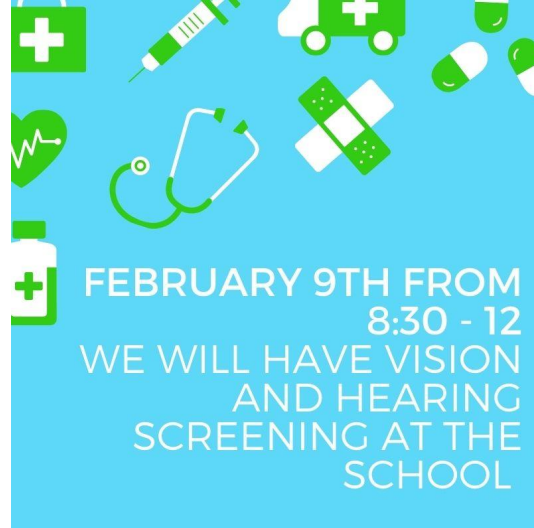
Family Talk Tech Night

From social media to online gaming, parents with kids of all ages can learn best practices to help them be on the Internet in safe and healthy ways, including tips and exercises they can use.

Hearing/Vision Testing

Hearing/Vision testing will be on February 9th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. We will have vision and hearing screening here with support from the Tacoma Community

College nursing program.



SCRIP Updates

SCRIP is sold at the following times:

Monday: 8:00am - 8:35am
Wednesday: 2:45pm - 3:15pm
Thursday: 2:45pm - 3:15pm
Friday: 8:00am - 8:35am
Friday: 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Other ways to purchase SCRIP:

- 1) Fill out a standing order form. If you want a form sent home with your child let us know.
- 2) Purchase SCRIP online through shopwithscrip.com.

Email scrip@stcharlesb.org with questions.

Amazon Smile:

Another way to support St. Charles is through using Amazon Smile. Simply go to smile.amazon.com, sign into your Amazon account, and choose **St. Charles Borromeo Parish**. Amazon gives a percentage of the purchase to our organization. If you buy Amazon Scrip, we get double the rewards!

Click the link below:

[Amazon Smile](#)



School Commission

If you would like to speak or have a specific topic discussed by the commission, please email **Mrs. O'Reilly** and she and Mrs. Aileen Carrell, our School Commission President, will get you on the agenda.

Tacoma Diaper Drive

Please help us collect diapers and wipes to support local families! This is a huge need for struggling moms and dads because WIC and food stamps do not cover diapers and wipes, and most child-care programs won't let parents drop off a child in cloth diapers.



As parents, we know how many diapers and wipes a little one can go through (and how much these necessities can cost)! Your donations will help families make their monthly budgets stretch a little farther.

What we collect will be distributed to The Food Connection at St. Leo's in Tacoma and Guadalupe Maternity Center in Lakewood. Drop your donations off in the big red barrel in the school's front hallway. Questions? Email Kate DeWeese at kateymac01@hotmail.com.

What is SCOPE?

The St. Charles Organization of Parents and Educators meets every month to discuss volunteering, fundraising, community service, family enrichment, and more. Every parent is a member of SCOPE and we encourage involvement! Come to one meeting and you will receive one volunteer hour. Check out the St. Charles website for more details.



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