



## SCB Newsletter - November 27, 2023

"One kind word can warm three winter months. " --Japanese Proverb

### SCB Families:

Welcome back from your Thanksgiving holiday! I hope you all had a lovely time with family, friends and had good fun and rest. As I said to the teachers this morning, it is hard to believe that 2024 is just around the corner.

For our message today, I'd like to give a quick update on campus security. I have been discussing our plans, procedures, and our audit with Fr. Mike and the school commission, to ensure we have all stakeholders in our community included and voices heard. We are reviewing recommendations on perimeter privacy and some of the other options we have to potentially add to our already robust and very solid plan. As I have said before, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. You also are welcome to attend the school commission meetings and join in this very important conversation.

As we move into December, it will be a busy time here at SCB. I hope to see all of you at one of our many fun events. If you are new to our community, the Shoe Liturgy is a moving event to attend, as we share our gifts of shoes to the Tacoma community. If you can come, we'd love to see you there.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us.

Beth O'Reilly  
Principal, SCB

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## Upcoming Events:

### November:

November 27 - December 1: SCB Giving Week

November 28: Giving Tuesday

November 29: Auction Shirt Day

### December:

December 1: End of 1st Trimester

December 1: SCOPE Coffee @ 8:30am

December 1: All School Mass

December 6: Christmas Sweater Day

December 6: Enrollment Open House

December 8: Shoe Liturgy

December 8: 7th & 8th Grade Yule Ball

December 8: Auction Gift Wrapping & Hot Chocolate Party - Details below!

December 13: Enrollment Open House

December 14: School Commission Meeting @5pm

December 14: Christmas Pageant and Advent Tree Festival

December 15: All School Mass

December 15: 12pm dismissal

December 15: No After School Care

December 18 - January 1: Christmas Break

January 2: Classes Resume



## Serving Through Generosity Excellence in Education Annual Fund Campaign

### Goals:

Participation: 100% of SCB Families

Financial: \$200,000

### Ways to Give:

- You will receive a donation/pledge card this week 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.
- To donate online, please go to: [Serving Through Generosity 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 and welcomed!

## SCB Giving Week

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good and to give generously. Since then it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity.

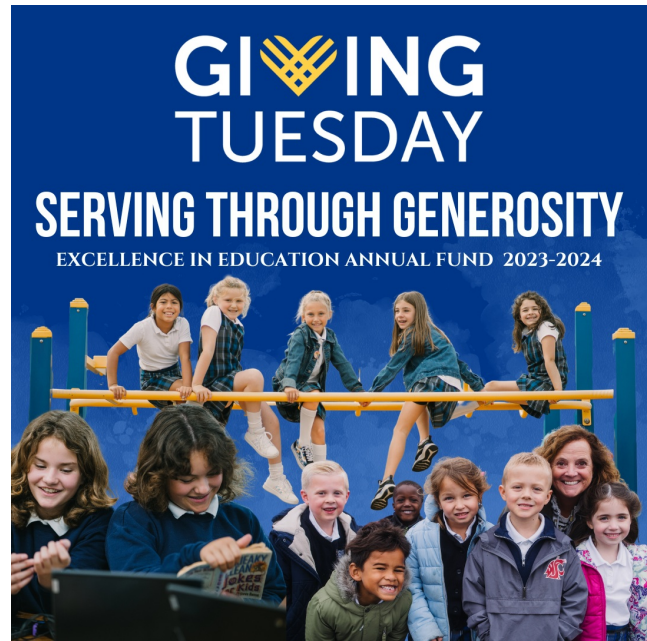
In conjunction with Giving Tuesday, on November 28th, we are celebrating our SCB Giving Week.

This week, we will do our best to meet our Annual Fund goal.

We will have our class competitions - This is participation only, not dollar figures. All previous annual fund donations will count toward this!

We are excited to see our community together to meet our Annual Fund goal!

Please consider making a donation here: [Serving Through Generosity Annual Fund](#)



## More SCB News and Information

### Quick Notes:

#### Parking Lot Safety

Please take extra precautions in our parking lot to maintain the speed limit (5 MPH), stay off cell phones, and always yield to the students during drop off and pick up. We have placed extra crossing guards outside to minimize traffic issues. **The safety of our students is our number one priority.**

#### SCB Social:

Please also send us your photos/videos of your child participating in any school related events, extra-curricular activities or on an adventure to [scbsocial@stcharlesb.org](mailto:scbsocial@stcharlesb.org)

#### Hot Lunch:

Our December hot lunch menu is available on our website. You can also click here to



### 2024-2025 Toddler Program:

If you are interested in our Toddler Program for the upcoming school year, please be sure your name is on our waiting list by filling out our form: [Toddler Waiting List](#)

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## Save The Date!

### Christmas Pageant and Advent Tree Festival

Join us on Thursday, December 14th for our annual Christmas Pageant and Advent Tree Festival.

Our Advent Tree Festival will serve as a fun event and reception for our community to admire the trees, drink hot cocoa, and get pictures with Santa!

Pageant starts at 7 PM for Kindergarten through 4th grades. Preschool, PreK, and Grades 5-8 can come see the trees and Santa in Feist Hall at 7, and we welcome everyone else to stop by after the pageant!

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## SCB Girl Scouts Interest Form

Do you have a student in grades K-8 that is interested in being a Girl Scout? Fill out this [interest form](#)! We would like to gauge the interest in our community for Girl Scout troop!



## SCB Athletics

### SCB Basketball

- 3-4-5th grades Basketball and Middle School boys Basketball is underway. Today is the last day for Middle School Girls team signups.
- Game schedules can be found on <https://stcharlesb.org/cyo-athletics> for MS boys. 3-4-5th schedules forthcoming. Jamboree scheduled for 12/9.



Any questions, please email [cyo@stcharlesb.org](mailto:cyo@stcharlesb.org)



## SCB MS Volleyball and Cross-Country Uniform Return

Please return all Middle School Volleyball and Cross-Country Uniforms to the front office. Please put them in a ziplock bag labeled with the student's name.

### *Off to the Races* Applause Auction



#### Join us for our Wrapping & Hot Chocolate Auction Party hosted by Retreat Drinks!

Would you like all your Christmas gifts wrapped for you? If so, this is the party for you!

Bring your gifts to SCB, and we will wrap them for you! While you wait, join us for some delicious Retreat Drinks hot cacao and Christmas cookies.

RSVP here: [Wrapping & Hot Chocolate Party](#)

The Off to the Races Auction Registry is up! Buy any of the items on our list [here](#), and they will be sent straight to the school, and you can easily take care of your auction item donation.

Families who donate to the auction, whether by procuring, donating to our Super Shopper Fund, or purchasing items off of our registry, will get Procurement Free Dress for their students on March 29th.



### Sponsorship Opportunities

We have many sponsorship opportunities available for this year's *Off to the Races* Applause Auction!

Sponsorships range from \$10,000-\$500. Sponsoring the auction will take care of all your auction requirements!



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**Would you like to take care of all your auction expectations at once?**

**The Auction Made Easy Package is for you!**

If you would like to take care of all your auction expectation in just a few clicks, check out our "Auction Made Easy" Package!



Included in the package:

- 2 auction T-shirts or 1 auction sweatshirt
- \$200 donation to Super Shopper fund
- 1 Run for the Roses Raffle Ticket
- 1 digital or printed auction photo
- a \$25 donation to the Dark Horse Punch Wall
- Student's participation in Procurement Free Dress Day on March 29th

**Buy our "Auction Made Easy" package [here!](#)**

## Loving God Through Serving Others

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### Shoes for the Children- Two weeks left!

The shoe liturgy has been a tradition here at St. Charles for years. Each student is asked to buy a pair of shoes (any style and kind) and fill the shoe box with toiletries (toys are optional) for those in Tacoma who are less fortunate than we are. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach the students about giving to and



# Have you bought shoes yet?

Shoes will be sold before and after school every day, and before and after all weekend Masses!



helping others in need. Parents and siblings are invited to attend and if you choose, you may also bring shoes to donate. Like school masses, parents are invited to sit with the class, but just a warning we fill up fast!!

Details:

- Friday, December 8th at 2pm in the church
- Please buy a pair of shoes of any style, size and for any gender. Shoes are on sale here at school in the entry way outside of the Social Hall. 1 pair for \$15 and 2 for \$25.
- Please remember to add toiletries (ie: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.) in with the shoes.

There are bags of toiletries on sale at school as well for \$10 for a bag.

- It is optional to add hairbrushes, hair accessories, a toy, or any other extra goodies you may find.
- Please make sure that it is a size and weight that your child can carry. Each student will be asked to process up to the altar with their shoe donation.
- Please have your child bring in their shoe donation when coming to school the morning of Friday, December 9th and not earlier. We don't have enough room to store the shoes for the week. Thank you in advance!

It is difficult to put into words the wonderful experience this is for the St. Charles community to be a part of. We hope that all of you are able to attend and see what a wonderful project your children are a part of!



## December Food Bank Donations: Snack Crackers

For the month of December, we will be collecting snack bars for the St. Charles food bank. Examples of snack bars include Ritz crackers, Cheez-its, and Goldfish crackers.

Please drop them off in the large white bins in our main hallway.

## Let Others Play

Do you or someone you know have any gently used sports gear lying around?



Let Others Play, a student-run club at Bellarmine Prep, is having a drive for all types of sports equipment from now until the end of November. All of this gear will be given to the local community, Politécnio Santa Cruz Fe y Almería in Dominican Republic, and Children of the Nations.

Any type of sports gear from all sports is appreciated. There is a bin in the SCB School lobby where you can donate items through Thanksgiving.

For questions, email Katie Vaughan at [24vaughankatharine@bprep.org](mailto:24vaughankatharine@bprep.org)



## SCOPE News & Information

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 Christmas Gathering 12/05

JOIN SCOPE AT KATIE DOWNS  
ON DEC. 5TH TO KICK OFF THE  
HOLIDAY SEASON!

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO RSVP!



**Brown Bear**

CHARITY CAR WASH PROGRAM

**Get your car shiny-clean  
while helping St. Charles!**



- SCOPE is selling \$12 car wash tickets, each good for one (1) Beary Clean car wash at any Brown Bear Car Wash tunnel location.
- St. Charles gets \$9.50 back on each ticket!
- Makes a GREAT stocking stuffer!

Fill out the form below and drop it and your payment in the SCOPE box in the school office **Dec 14th**

Questions? Email [marisa.ranes@gmail.com](mailto:marisa.ranes@gmail.com).

### SCOPE Brown Bear Car Wash Fundraiser

SCOPE is selling \$12 car wash tickets, good for one Beary Clean car wash at any Brown Bear Car Wash tunnel location. Each ticket purchased will give \$9.50 back to St. Charles.

Orders end on December 14th!

Download the ticket order form [here!](#)

### SCOPE Meeting

In lieu of a December meeting, we hope you can join us for an adult social gathering at Katie Downs to kick off the holiday season. Please RSVP so we can have enough space reserved. Hope to see you there!

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



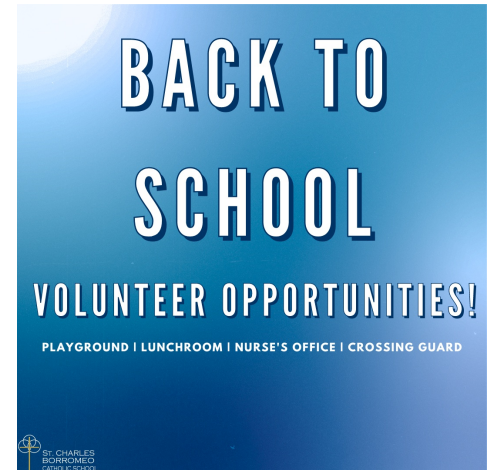
This is open to all St. Charles parents and guardians.

## Volunteer Opportunities

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We have a couple of ongoing volunteer opportunities for families:

- Playground Volunteers: [Sign Up to Help on the Playground](#)
- Nurse's Office Volunteers: [Sign Up to Help in the Nurse's Office](#)
- Lunch Helper: [Sign Up to Help with Lunch & Milk Distribution](#)
- Lucky You! Game Help: [Sign Up to Help with the Lucky You! Yard Game](#)
- Shoe Liturgy: [Sign Up to Sell Shoes for Shoe Liturgy](#)



## 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.

## 2024-2025 Enrollment Information

### Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year

If you are Catholic and want to receive the In-Parish Tuition Rate, you must be a registered member of the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish.

Once you are a registered member, you will receive a Stewardship Card in late October / early November that must be on file with the Parish before enrollment season begins in January. You must be an active and tithing member of the Parish.

We receive our information from our Parish partners about your tuition designation.





## Tuition Assistance Applications

Tuition Assistance Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 academic year!

Please apply through your FACTS account.

All applications are due December 31st.

For more information, visit the school's website:

[Financial Aid Information](#)

A photograph of a group of children in school uniforms sitting on a yellow playground structure. The image is part of a promotional graphic for Open House Dates. The graphic has a dark blue background with a yellow brushstroke banner across the middle containing the text 'Open House Dates 2023-2024'. Below the banner, the dates for open houses are listed for November, December, January, and February. At the bottom, it states that all open houses are from 9am-10am, with evening tours available upon request. The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School logo is in the bottom left corner.

*Open House Dates*  
2023-2024

Every Wednesday starting in November!

<i>November</i> 1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th	<i>December</i> 6th & 13th
<i>January</i> 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st	<i>February</i> 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

All open houses are from 9am-10am.  
Evening tours available upon request.

 ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Parish News

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ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

# MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Every 2nd Tuesday beginning October 24th

Dear Friends,

Middle School Youth Group begins Tuesday, **October 24th**. Each month, the youth will be learning about one the pieces of the "armor of God" as described by Saint Paul in Ephesians 6, exploring the meaning of truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Holy Spirit. There will also be activities, fellowship and opportunities to brainstorm and explore service projects. As preparation for each meeting, adult and high school volunteers and I will read and ponder each verse, providing a wonderful opportunity to study the bible. **To signup your child up, or to volunteer, scan the QR Codes below**

Peace,

Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry  
St. Charles Borromeo Parish  
253-564-5185 x3029



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Meeting Dates:

October 24th

November 28th

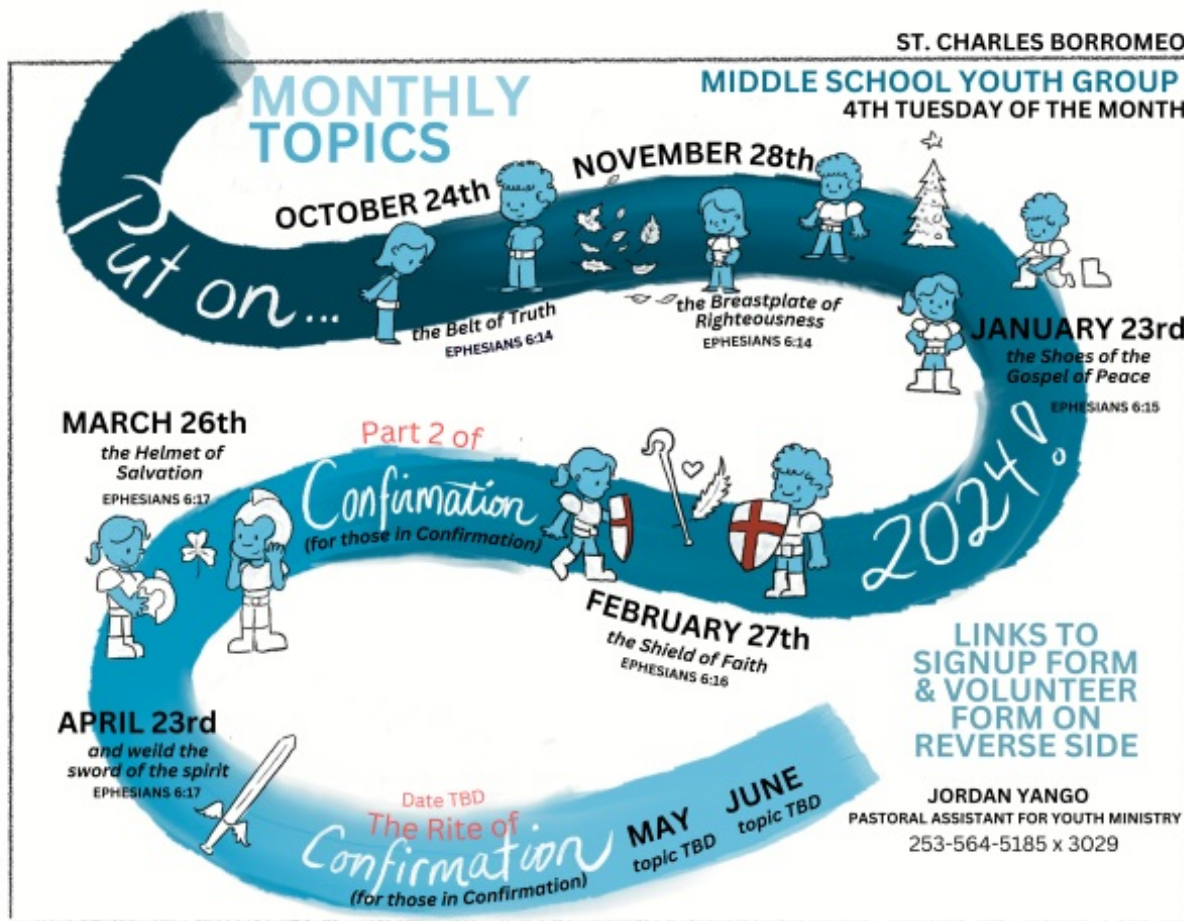
January 23rd

February 27th

March 26th

April 23rd

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[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)



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