



## St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School

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Our **Vision**: **Share Faith. Serve Others. Seek Knowledge.**

Our **Mission**: **To teach, love, live, and learn as Jesus did.**

### Our **St. Charles Borromeo School Beliefs**:

1. Each child is created in God's image and that opportunities are provided to enable all students to reach their potential.
2. Parents are the primary educators of their children and we will assist parents in educating their children in the teachings and practices of their faith.
3. All children deserve a safe, loving, and respectful environment where children and faculty can grow spiritually and academically.
4. Each member of the school community is called to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
5. We are members of a larger church community whose role is to proclaim the Gospel message and celebrate through prayer, worship, and service.

July 20, 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

Summer greetings everyone! On behalf of our Pastor, Father Tom, our Associate Pastors, Father James and Father Dennis, and our entire faculty and staff, I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. The 2018-2019 school year marks our 60th year of educating students in mind, body, and soul. School will begin in a few weeks and I want to welcome all of our students back for a new school year. I welcome especially all students new to St. Charles. We look forward to having you as part of our school family, and we thank you for choosing to share your gifts and talents with us.

In and around the school, floors have been waxed, walls have been painted, and other repairs and updates have been completed. The building is ready for students! Thank you to our maintenance team for another summer of hard work.

Our teachers, too, are eager to see you. Many have been busy attending workshops, creating lesson plans, and preparing the classrooms in anticipation of your arrival. Just like you, the teachers get a bit nervous, but mostly excited, about coming back for a new school year.

Each school year presents new opportunities for students, and each year is part of a our larger life's journey. Greeting each morning with hope and a positive, thankful attitude, and giving good effort each day, increases our chances for success and happiness. Most importantly, if we talk to God each day, and sincerely care for our family members, classmates, teachers, and coworkers, we will bring joy and encouragement to others and peace to ourselves. So goals for this year: Persons of prayer, hope, hard work, encouragement, and thankfulness!

Finally, Our new Pre-Kindergarten students will graduate from high school in 2032, and our Kindergarten students won't be eligible for retirement until the year 2090!! August 9th begins another year. We are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces soon. It is going to be a great year!

**The First Day of School – A Full Day of School:** Saint Charles Borromeo **School begins on Thursday, August 9th** at 7:50 a.m. for all students in grades K-8. Ideally, students will be in their classrooms by 7:45 each morning so that they have enough time to unpack and be ready for prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements at 7:50 a.m. This is a full day of school. Lunch will be served. Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m.

**Weekday Mass at 8:15 a.m. –** Our first student Mass will take place on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>! We will then begin our regular schedule of Masses the following week. Tuesday Mass with grades 3, 4, & 5. Wednesday Mass with grades 1 & 2 (and later K). Thursday Mass with grades 6,7, & 8. All-school Mass every Friday. All are welcome!

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**The following forms are to be returned to the school office** on the first day of school or can be mailed or dropped off prior to the first day:

- Emergency Cards** - 2 per family (Please be sure to fill out all information on both cards)

- The **yellow Handbook & Picture Authorization Acknowledgement**. We ask that parents read the Parent Handbook online at [www.stcharlesschoolfw.org](http://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org), and then sign and return the yellow *acknowledgment form* found in this mailing. Please note, the St. Charles Athletic and Child Care Handbooks have been incorporated into the Parent Handbook.

Additionally, the *Picture Authorization* (On same page as handbooks form) is an authorization for use of student and parent pictures on web sites, in yearbooks, and in all other school-related promotional materials.

- Application for free/reduced lunch and textbook assistance**. Please fill out a free/reduced lunch form if you are receiving financial assistance, are a single parent, or are unemployed, even if you choose not to use our hot lunch service. This form must be signed in two places: lunch and textbook.

- Hot Lunch**: As Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> is a full day of school, hot lunches will be available. Hot lunches, which include milk, cost **\$2.75 per meal**. Aside from being provided with hot lunch, milk is available every day for purchase separately if bringing lunch from home. **The cost of milk when purchased separately is 45¢ a carton**. All families will be assigned a MealPay Plus online lunch account. In the first weeks of school, we will assist new families in setting up an account. Families may place money into their children's lunch accounts either through online payment, or by using the lunch order form, accompanied by payment, found in this packet. Until an account is established, we ask that parents of new students read and use the lunch order form provided in this packet.

- The **School Supply List** is available online at [www.stcharlesschoolfw.org](http://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org)

- The **School Pocket Calendar** enclosed in this packet is for you to keep.

- 2018-2019 Volunteer Online Sign-Up**: We have moved to an online sign-up format for volunteering for events throughout the school year. These volunteer opportunities are open to parents and parishioners over the course of the school year. We seek and appreciate any volunteering you may be able to do. Please take a look! Go to the volunteer sign-up link at [St. Charles Volunteer Packet 2018](#). Once you have accessed the page, complete each area in which you would like to volunteer and hit the "submit" button. Contact the school office if you need a paper copy.

- Dismissal parking information** is included in this packet (map and assignments). If you have questions, or if you were not assigned a parking spot, please email the parking coordinator at [parkinglot@stcharlesschoolfw.org](mailto:parkinglot@stcharlesschoolfw.org)

- Athletic Forms (Physicals, CYO Consent Forms, etc.)** – Students planning to participate in sports in grades 5-8 must have a physical before participation is allowed. As fall sports begin in a week or so, make sure to have your physicals completed. Physical forms and additional athletic consent forms can be found on our school website under the "Athletics" tab and then scrolling to "forms". [http://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/athl\\_forms.php](http://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/athl_forms.php) Team coaches will hand out consent forms as your child joins a team, but you can always access copies on the website.

**Reminders – Grades PreK-8:** Students, if you have dyed or bleached your hair over the summer that is your prerogative. Just remember to have your hair back to its natural shade before you return to school. Please, no excuses. And gentlemen, no man buns. Also men, if needed, shave and get a haircut. Thank you.

Finally, the faculty, staff, and administration are excited about your return to school. I sincerely hope that your summer has been a safe and an enjoyable one. Please keep all of our teachers, staff, families, and students in your daily prayers throughout the year. Thank you for taking time to read this, but more importantly, thank you for sending your children to our St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

**Sincerely - Rob Sordelet, Principal**