



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.

August 4, 2020

Dear Parents and Students - **We Want You Back!**

Greetings everyone! On behalf of our Pastor, Fr. Tom, our Associate Pastors, Fr. James and Fr. Thomas, and our entire Faculty and Staff, I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. School will begin in a few weeks and I want to welcome all of our returning and new students to a new school year! We miss you and we want you here with us! 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, new security cameras have been installed, walls have been painted, and we have scrubbed, cleaned, and sanitized. We are still renovating a few spaces, but the building is ready for students day one! Thank you to Mr. Springer and our entire maintenance team for another summer of hard work!

Our teachers are eager to see you. Many have been busy training in new technologies, creating lesson plans, and preparing the classrooms following social distancing protocols, all in anticipation of your arrival. We have a great group of teachers and staff, and just like you, they are a bit nervous, but also excited about coming back for a new school year.

Remember, each school year presents new opportunities for all of us, and each year is part of 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: Let's work to be persons of prayer, hope, hard work, encouragement, and thankfulness!

Finally, take a moment and figure out what year you will graduate from high school. Our new Pre-Kindergarten students will graduate from high school in 2034, and our Kindergarten students won't be eligible for retirement until the year 2092!! August 11th begins another year. We are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces soon. It is going to be a great year! Sincerely - Rob S.

The First Day of School – A Full Day of School: Saint Charles Borromeo **School begins on Tuesday, August 11th** at 7:50 a.m. for all students in grades PreK-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. Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served as this is a full day of school. Students arriving by car will enter through Cafeteria Door #9 and proceed to their classrooms. Door#9 will be unlocked by 7:20 a.m. each morning.

Limit on Parents walking students to class on 1st Day - Parents of Pre-K, Kindergarten, and new Students only, please.

Traditionally, on the 1st day of school, we would allow any parent who wished to walk students into their classrooms, to park in the big Church lot and do so. To limit the number of outside persons into the building, only parents of students in Pre-K, K, and any new students will have the option of parking in the big lot and walking their children to class. Remember, all must mask to enter school.

Weekday Mass at 8:15 a.m. – Our first student Mass will take place with 7th/8th grade students in attendance on Friday, August 14th! We will then begin our regular schedule of Masses the following week. Due to social distancing restrictions, only two grade levels at a time will be attending Mass. Tuesday grades 3 & 4 will attend. Wednesday grade 1 & 2. Thursday grades 7 & 8. Friday grades 5 & 6. We will stream all Friday Masses for a continued All-School Mass experience. We invite you to tune in on Fridays remotely if you have a chance. Links will be provided. All are welcome!

Childcare is looking for part-time workers before and/or after school. Adults/college and High School Teens are welcome to apply. Great part-time work with great kids. If interested contact our Director, Ms. Diana at (260) 494-7310 or at [SCBS Before/AfterCare](#).

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Sorry, no 'Used Uniform Sale' this summer. But, our Spirit Shop will be open, 8:30am-3:30pm, Thurs., August 6th, in the cafeteria. Please enter through door #9. **You must mask to enter and while shopping.** Girls uniform skirts, fleeces, other ordering. Online ordering codes for St. Charles uniforms: [Schoolbelles S2353](#); [Lands End 900030453](#); [French Toast QS5VZTE](#).

We are working to go paperless! To this end, we did not send a mailing this summer. Below you will find a combination of forms. Some may be completed online, and others need to be printed out, completed, and returned to school. Please complete all forms by Tuesday, August 11th. Any forms you are filling out by hand may be returned to the school office on the first day of school, mailed or dropped off prior to the first day:

•**Emergency Cards** - These will be completed online this year!

Complete this Google Form **by Tuesday, August 11, 2020**- [Emergency Card Online Form](#)

•The **Handbook & Picture Authorization Acknowledgement.** This will be completed online this year! We ask that parents read the Parent Handbook online at www.stcharlesschoolfw.org, and then **sign and submit Acknowledgment Form**. 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 websites, in yearbooks, and in all other school-related promotional materials.

•**Application for free/reduced lunch and textbook assistance:** Even if you choose not to use our hot lunch service, you should fill out a free/reduced form if any of these criteria apply. If you: 1) receive state or federal financial assistance 2) are a single parent, or; 3) are unemployed. You will find the form on the school website at [Summer Mailing Items](#) and look for Free/Reduced Lunch. **You will need to print and fill out this form, sign in two places - lunch and textbook, and then once completed,** the form can be scanned and emailed to schooloffice@stcharlesschoolfw.org, dropped off at school, or sent with your child on the first day of school.

•**Hot Lunch:** As Tuesday, August 11th is a full day of school, hot lunches will be available. Hot lunches cost **\$2.90 per meal** and include milk. 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 [Student Supply List](#)

•**School Calendar:** We will not be having the Pocket Calendar as in the past. We have created a Google Calendar which can be found on the [Calendar tab](#) on the school website and this can be synced to your Google Calendar and your phone.

•**2020-2021 Volunteer Online Sign-Up:** We employ an online sign-up format for volunteering for events throughout the school year. 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 2020](#). Once you have accessed the page, complete each area in which you would like to volunteer and hit the "submit" button. Thank you.

•**Dismissal parking information** is found on the school website- [Summer Mailing Items](#). If you have questions, or if you were not assigned a parking spot, please email the parking coordinator at 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". [Athletics Forms](#) 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, I know being locked inside last spring led to some pretty interesting hairdos, but we are getting back on track again. So, if you have dyed or bleached your hair over the summer, remember to have your hair back to its natural shade before returning to school. Gentlemen, no man buns, and if needed, shave and get a haircut. No excuses. 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 the 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