



# Weekly news & updates



August 7, 2020

Dear SCBA Parents/Guardians:

Greetings on this first full week of August. I pray that each of you has been able to be outside this week to enjoy this true gift from God - temperatures that are very comfortable for this time of the year. Even if it doesn't last long, we have been blessed with the cooler weather.

This Sunday's Gospel is from the Gospel of Matthew 14: 22-23. In this passage, Jesus leaves the disciples in the boat while he goes up the mountain to pray. While Jesus is praying, the boat is being "tossed around" by the waves and the wind. The disciples get scared and when Jesus approaches them, they doubt it is Him. Jesus tells them to "take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." I am sure each of you can relate to the idea of being "tossed around" as that is how I feel about working to get school going this year. I want to assure you that we have procedures in place to provide a safe environment for all our scholars and teachers.

August is a busy time in the world of schools. Making sure the building is ready, materials are ordered, teachers and parents are informed; it is always a busy time of year. However, with all of the COVID-19 issues facing us, this year has an added layer of worry and concern for all involved. I need to turn to prayer and ask for Jesus to help calm my nerves and to help me trust we have done all we can do to create a safe environment for all. SCBA has a good plan in place to be able to open our school. The teachers and scholars are going to do everything asked of them while in the building. Our team will do a wonderful job of making sure everything is cleaned and disinfected each day.

Last week we shared the SCBA Reopening plans with each of you. You should have received a copy of the plan in the mailing that went out earlier in the week as well. Please read through this and become familiar with it. Discussing it with your scholar will be important as well so he/she is aware of some of the changes before school starts.

We have updated the drop off process in the morning and the pick up process in the afternoon to help with limiting exposure to many scholars. We are working on a drawing and clear expectations for both of these procedures and will have them available at Scholar Kick Off next Wednesday. They will also be in the Parent Newsletter next week.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our Scholar Kick Off on August 12, 2020. I know we all will have the urge to talk with our friends and teachers who we haven't seen in a very long time. I appreciate you and your scholar keeping your time in the building to 20-25 minutes so we can limit the number of people in the school at one time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Many blessings,

Dr. Hopson

**See below for SCBA's Executive Plan for Reopening and Superintendent Dr. Peter's August letter to parents.**

[Reopening Plan](#)



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*One Family: RESTORED IN CHRIST - EQUIPPED FOR MISSION*

## Back to School Update from the Diocese

Vital to the mission of the Catholic Church, the Kansas City-St. Joseph Catholic School System works in partnership with our communities and especially our parents, who are the primary educators of their children, to educate the whole person through unique attention to academic, human and spiritual formation based on Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

The COVID-19 pandemic presents the most serious public health crisis the world has experienced in generations. Looking forward to the 2020-21 school year and beyond, the Kansas City-St. Joseph (KCSJ) Diocesan schools/centers are resolved to do everything we can to reopen our campuses safely with the health and well-being of our entire community in mind.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. Please refer to your school's learning plan for the most up to date information regarding start dates and protocols.

Read: [Return to School Recommendations for 2020-2021 School Year](#)



### Bishop Update: Back to School

[Watch in Spanish](#)

#### Scholar Kick-Off

Don't forget! The SCBA Scholar-Kick-Off is this **Wednesday, August 12** from 8 AM to 6 PM.

To limit the number of families we have in the building, please sign-up for a time. (If you have already signed up, then you are good to go!)

[Kick-Off Sign-Ups](#)

#### First day of School

##### Reminder!!

The first day of school has been pushed back to August 26! SCBA Kindergarten through 8th grade scholars will officially start school on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Dismissal will take place at noon that day. Early Childhood Orientation will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on August 26, 2020. ECC and our K-8th grade scholars will have a full day of school on Thursday, August 27, 2020.

Before you come to the Scholar Kick-Off, fill out your PTO school supply order form for required supplies!

**Please submit your order form by TODAY, August 7, 2020.**

[Order Form](#)

## Additional Resources

[Extended Care Dates](#)

[School Supplies](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Girls K-2 Uniform Guide](#)

[Girls 3-8 Uniform Guide](#)

[Boys K-8 Uniform Guide](#)

LANDS' END  
**SCHOOL**

Lands' End is having a sale right now.  
20% off through August 28, 2020!  
St. Charles Borromeo Academy Preferred  
School Number: **900048240**

## Spirit Wear

SCBA Spirit Wear is now available! Masks, t-shirts, hoodies, and more are available!

**Deadline to order is Sunday, August 16, 2020.**

[Spirit Wear](#)



### Masks

At this time - scholars can wear any mask that they would like. The mask needs to have loops for the ears or over the head and neck (no gaiter style mask, please). Masks should be labeled with the scholars name.

If masks have a printed material or wording on the mask, all should be appropriate for the school setting.

## kindest Kansas Citian Award!

Congratulations to our incoming 7th grade scholar, Sam Toney, who received an award for his "Kindest Kansas Citian" essay in which he nominated Mr. Willie! If you are interested in watching the ceremony for the award recipients, it will be live streamed TOMORROW, Saturday, August 8 from 7:15-9:15 PM.

For more information and to find the live stream, you can go to the website below!

[Kindest Kansas Citian](#)



- Scholars will eat lunch in their classrooms.
- Each scholar will need to bring a lunch to school with them each day. Milk will be available to order.
- **NO delivery of meals to individual scholars will be allowed.**
- If a scholar forgets their lunch, SCBA

Due to all the COVID-19 meal restrictions that have been placed on schools, SCBA ***will not be*** contracting Oakhill Day School for our hot lunches.

will provide a meal for them for that day, for a charge. Scholars will not be calling home to ask for a lunch once they are at school.

