



# Weekly news & updates



August 21, 2020

Dear SCBA Parents/Guardians,

The school has been busy preparing for the first day of school! Our teachers are a wonderful team of Catholic educators. They care so much about the experiences your scholars will have and want it to be the best ever! We are very blessed to have each educator here at SCBA.

This Sunday's Gospel is from Matthew 16: 13-20. This is the story where Jesus tells Peter that "upon this rock I will build my church." How fortunate are we that here in Gladstone, MO, St. Charles Borromeo Parish and Academy were built? There is a very special reason why our parish and Academy exist. For me, personally, the reason is to bring the Word of God to all those who want to hear it. To be able to educate the entire person, body, mind and spirit is an important part of what our Academy does each and every day. We are blessed to have the opportunity to bring Jesus in all that we do within the Academy. Thank you for seeing the value in a Catholic education for your family.

As you are all aware, we are definitely in an interesting situation with COVID-19. It seems COVID-19 information is changing so quickly. SCBA is working hard to keep on top of all the information and making sure we are doing everything we can to keep our Academy safe and clean for everyone. There are many publications for expectations for us to return to school in a safe environment.

Clay County Public Health Department released a document earlier this month discussing guidelines for schools to follow for reopening this fall. A great deal of the information was the same guidance we received from the Diocese and is in our plan for reopening SCBA. One recommendation in the Clay County document focused on middle school aged scholars. They shared that research has shown that 12-18 year olds react to COVID-19 as adults do. So the recommendation for middle schools and high schools was to implement a hybrid model, or a model where ½ the grade level is in the building at one time while ½ of the grade level is virtual. After many discussions with other Catholic principals and others, I feel very confident that it is safe to bring our entire 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes together each day. With our lower class numbers in each of the middle school classes, we will be able to keep each grade level together as a cohort and limit their exposure to others in the building. This is the reason for Clay County recommending middle schools and high schools return with a hybrid model, to reduce the number of students in the school buildings and allow for cohorts to stick together. SCBA is unique as we do not have the number of scholars our public schools are working with. So, SCBA is blessed to have the opportunity to have ALL our scholars return on August 26, 2020!

If you haven't had the opportunity to read through the SCBA Reopening Plan that was mailed to you earlier this month, or has been in the weekly newsletter, please take some time before August 26th to read through it. While I pray that no one in our school/parish community becomes infected with COVID-19, we need to all understand the process we will need to follow in case there is someone who tests positive for the virus or has the symptoms of the virus. Our Academy has a wonderful plan to keep everyone healthy while in the building. We need each of our families to help with monitoring scholars and how they are feeling each day. We also need families to notify the school office if a person in your household has tested positive for the virus. Thank you for doing your part as we move through this school year together!

I realize our first day of school will be here very soon, and it will be a little different on the first day since we are not letting parents/visitors in the building to take their scholar to their first day of school. We will make sure that it is a wonderful, faith-filled first day of school for each of our

scholars!

Please continue to pray for our Academy and parish, and for each of our Catholic educators and scholars as they begin the new school year!

Many blessings,

Dr. Hopson

Reopening Plan  
(Updated 8/18/20)

20-21 Parent Handbook

## Opt-in for texts!

Sign up to receive texts for the 20-21 school year! We need ALL parents to opt-in to receive texts so that you can get important information in a timely manner. Please follow the steps below to opt-in:

- 1) Text the word YES to the phone number 67587
- 2) You will receive a confirmation text that you have registered for SchoolMessenger notifications

If you signed up for texts last year, you will have to re-enroll for this school year.



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

- **NO delivery of meals to individual scholars will be allowed.**
- 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.
- If a scholar forgets their lunch, SCBA 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.

## 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.

## Pick-Up & Drop- Off Protocol

See the document below for the 20-21 school year pick-up and drop-off protocol! **This is an updated document with ECC procedures included!**

Pick-Up/Drop-Off procedures  
(Updated)

## Summer Reading

Reminder! Have your scholar(s) bring their reading logs and/or reading summaries to school when they return on August 26. If your scholar has met their reading goal, they will be eligible to choose a free book!

## Additional Resources

[Extended Care Dates](#)

[School Supplies](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Dr. Peter's letter-  
August](#)

## Uniforms:

[Girls K-2 Uniform Guide](#)

[Girls 3-8 Uniform Guide](#)

[Boys K-8 Uniform Guide](#)



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

