



# Weekly news & updates



September 4, 2020

Dear SCBA Parents,

We completed our first full week of school! What a blessing to be back in school and seeing all the scholars each and every day. Please pray that this continues as we know this is the best way for our scholars to learn!

Thank you for all your patience as we continue to work on the drop-off and pick-up processes. It will help the process a great deal if scholars are ready to leave the car when we take the temperatures. Then they can exit the car and the line can continue to flow! Each scholar should have their backpack and lunch in their hands/arms and be ready to exit the car as soon as we take the temperature! Thank you for all you do to help with this procedure. This week has been great and traffic seems to be flowing well!

Our first 8 days of school have been really great days! It is a true blessing to see the hallways filled with the scholars. Scholars have their masks on, they are listening to their teachers, and everyone is doing their best to stay 6 feet away from one another while in the halls! It was one of the best first few days of school of my career! What a blessing! I am sure our scholars were just as excited to be back at the Academy and to see their teachers. While I enjoyed working from home for a while last spring, getting up and coming to work all summer provided a true sense of normalcy for me. I felt better and was excited to put my brain to use each and every day. I imagine this is how our scholars feel! Coming to the Academy is normal - even with the new policies of masks, eating in our classrooms, and not interacting with all the other scholars in the building, coming to SCBA every day is a normal thing to do.

This is my first year working in a classical model Catholic school. Some may ask, how this differs from other Catholic schools. Being here and witnessing the way each teacher has set up their room is the first thing that I noticed. The focus on each classroom was to provide art work and items that represent the time period the grade will be studying throughout the academic year. Beautiful artwork and artifacts fill the classrooms. There is a sense of order and organization in each room. Rooms have a common color palette and items that are not used all the time are out of sight. What is in sight when you enter the classrooms is Jesus. You know you are walking into a Catholic school classroom. Virtues are displayed and the different habits you learn from the virtues are listed. Our scholars will know that habits are important and creating good habits is something that will remain with them for life. Prayer areas are a huge focus in each classroom. The rooms are inviting, but not over stimulating. There is a sense of calmness in each room, but each room has its own flair. Our teachers created these wonderful, beautiful learning spaces while taking physical distancing into consideration. What amazing educators we have working with our youth at SCBA.

Today is our first Friday with our Friday Folders! The scholar who you identified as the scholar who will be bringing the Friday folder home, will have the folder today. Please sign and return to school on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

I pray each of you have a restful three day weekend. As we enter into the fall time please pray for all our scholars, families, and teachers to remain healthy so we can continue meeting face to face.

Many blessings,

Dr. Karen Hopson

## SCBA Policy Reminders:

- Masks - As stated in the SCBA Reopening Plan, the gator style masks are not approved to be worn during the school day. If your child has this style of mask, please get a different mask for your scholar!
- Smart Watches or Fitbits-Smart Watches and Fitbits are not considered part of the approved uniform. They are considered an electronic device and may not be worn to the Academy.

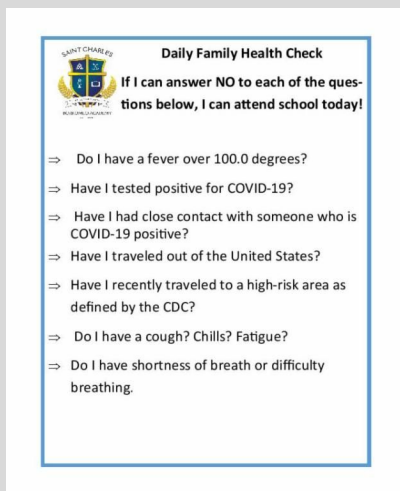
## Looking Ahead:

Monday, September 7- Labor Day, no school, extended care will be closed

Thursday, September 10- All school Mass at 9 AM, Dress Uniform

### Daily Health Card

In your scholar's family folder, you will find a Daily Family health Check card. We are asking families to check your scholar each morning before you leave the house.



The image shows a "Daily Family Health Check" card from Saint Charles Academy. It includes a list of questions to determine if a child can attend school. The questions are: "Do I have a fever over 100.0 degrees?", "Have I tested positive for COVID-19?", "Have I had close contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive?", "Have I traveled out of the United States?", "Have I recently traveled to a high-risk area as defined by the CDC?", "Do I have a cough? Chills? Fatigue?", and "Do I have shortness of breath or difficulty breathing." The card also states: "If I can answer NO to each of the questions below, I can attend school today!"

### Counselor Corner

By: Mrs. Mariza Cascone

The beginning of the school year can normally be a stressful, but fun and exciting time. However, the thoughts and feelings surrounding the start of this school year has definitely set a swirl of all kinds of emotions. I have attached an article entitled:

["How to help your child cope with the transition back to school during COVID-19"](#).

I hope it can provide some insight for you, as a parent on how to help our children, as well as serve as a reminder that we are all in this together. I also want to share that I am in the building on Mondays and Fridays and will be working with our students in the

### After School Activities

#### Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts is offered to Kindergarten- 4th grade girls! They will meet once a month on Tuesdays from 3:15 - 5pm @ SCBA.

If you're interested, text, or call Andrea Peasel at 816.686.1051 or email at [andrea\\_j\\_hutchinson@yahoo.com](mailto:andrea_j_hutchinson@yahoo.com).

We hope you can join us!



#### Young Rembrandts

Young Rembrandts is offering online classes! This is a local art enrichment program for children ages 3.5-12 years old. You can sign up for a live online class or a pre-recorded class. See the flyer for more information!

Flyer

#### Mad Science

Mad Science is offering a 6 week Virtual after school program! Click below for more information:


classroom, in small groups, and one-on-one upon request of the teacher or you, the parent. Feel free to contact me via email at [mecascone@stcharleskc.com](mailto:mecascone@stcharleskc.com) or call the school office, if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment. I look forward to working with your children. Welcome back!

Grades 1-3 on Mon

Grades 1-3 on Wed

Grades 4 & 5 on Tues

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Note to Self:  
Get a flu shot  
to protect me,  
my family, and  
my co-workers!

**Day & Date:** Friday, Sept. 25, 2020  
**Time:** 9:30 - 11:00am  
**Place:** Borromeo Hall

**INSURANCE PLANS ACCEPTED**  
**Blue Cross Blue Shield**  
Current insurance card required at time of service

Aetna / Aetna Medicare  
Cigna  
United Healthcare / UMR  
All Savers  
Coventry of Kansas / Advantra  
Humana / Humana Gold  
Medicare Part B and Medicare Advantage Plans

For those without accepted insurance...  
\$30.00 (cash or check) Quadrivalent (4 strain) Flu  
Employees without health insurance are paid by the Diocese

To sign up for this clinic, Contact Kristi Burns  
816.935.7510 or [kburns@stcharleskc.com](mailto:kburns@stcharleskc.com)

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Learn more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the program director, Kara Litzau! Information on the Fall program will be sent out in the coming weeks.

For more information, email Kara at [klitzau@stcharleskc.com](mailto:klitzau@stcharleskc.com).



## Virtual 8th Grade Info Sessions

Calling all 8th grade parents!

St. Pius X High School invites you to join us virtually to learn more about all our school has to offer your soon-to-be high school student!

**Tuesday September 15th, 6:00-7:00 PM**

**Thursday October 8th, 8:00-9:00 AM**

During these info sessions we will cover a variety of topics including:

tuition and financial assistance  
the High School Placement Test

college readiness  
extracurricular activities and more!

To sign up for one of these sessions please register at this link:

[spxkc.org/virtual-8th-grade-info-night](https://spxkc.org/virtual-8th-grade-info-night)

Once registered, further instructions and a link to join the event will be sent directly to your email. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

## Additional Dates:

In **November** the Financial Aid & Enrollment Applications will be available at:

[spxkc.org/freshmanenrollment](https://spxkc.org/freshmanenrollment)

**December 15th** is the deadline for the financial aid application.

The High School Placement Test will be held at St. Pius X on **December 12th**.

The test is required to enter SPX as a freshman. For more information, visit:

[www.ststesting.com/hspt/](https://www.ststesting.com/hspt/)

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## Additional Resources

Guide to Google Classroom

Reopening Plan (Updated 8/18/20)

20-21 Parent Handbook

