

# Opening of School Information 2009-2010

June 2009

Dear Saint Charles School Families,

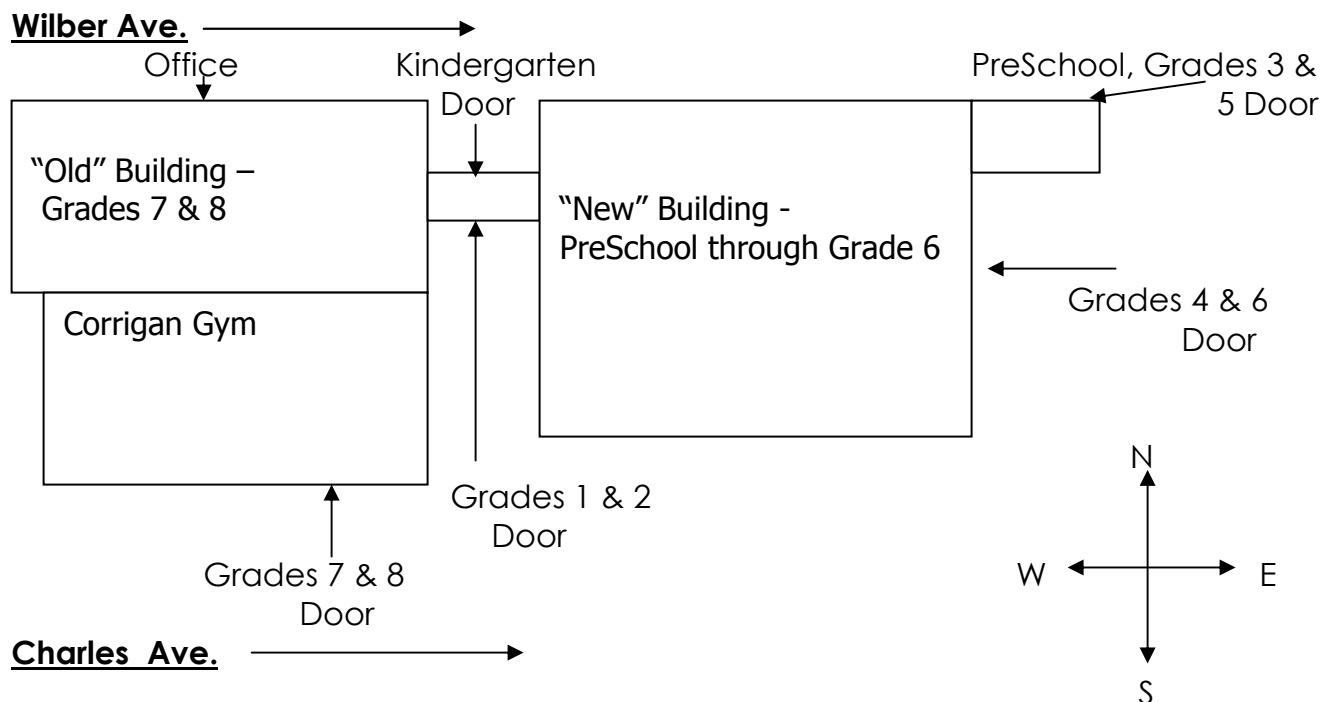
Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year! We look forward to a new and exciting school year beginning on August 25, 2009! Attached you will find some information that you will find useful to begin school in the fall. Please place this packet in a safe place so you can refer to it in August!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer – See you at the carnival!

Mrs. Updegrove

## Opening of School Schedule

Grades 1-8: Students should report by 7:55 on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 to the places surrounding the school indicated on the diagram below. Students will have a full day of classes (8:00-2:30) beginning the first day. Students need to pack a lunch and a drink on Tuesday and Wednesday. Pizza and/or hot dogs will be available for purchase on Thursday and Friday. The hot lunch program begins on August 31, 2009. Extended Day Care will begin on Tuesday, August 25, 2009.



**Kindergarten and Preschool:** Families of Kindergarten and Preschool students will receive a mailing in August detailing the beginning of the school year procedures and schedule. Both programs begin with a staggered schedule that allows for question and answer sessions as your child begins his/her school year.

**Beginning of the year packets/folders:** Final class lists will be posted on Thursday, August 20 at 8:00 AM. Families may pick up the opening of the school year family folders/packets with all the necessary paperwork on Thursday, August 20 and Friday, August 21 between 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. "Bookstore" items such as canvas bookbags or canvas pencil pouches may also be purchased in the school office beginning August 17.

**Open House:** Our annual Curriculum Night will be Tuesday, September 1 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. This is an opportunity for the adults to learn about the curriculum and expectations for the new school year, meet the teacher, join PTU, etc. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. The information presented during this evening will be beneficial to the start of a wonderful school year.

**Mass Attendance and Certificate Program:** Sunday Mass attendance should remain a priority during the summer months. Vacation from school does not mean a vacation from Mass. As the primary educators of children, parents have an obligation to be role models of the faith.

Saint Charles Certificate Program continues during the summer months. Certificates are available in the Church Rectory Office weekdays from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Families may continue to accumulate tuition credits all during the summer months. Remember, the obligation for Tuition Plan A is \$3000 in certificates. Get those grocery and gas cards today!

## **Saint Charles Borromeo School Uniform Policy**

### **Some changes made – read carefully!**

**\*\*\*\*\*As you are making purchases of school supplies and uniforms, please keep the following school uniform code in mind. Students will be expected to follow the dress code every day. \*\*\*\*\***

**Preschool and Kindergarten boys and girls:** Preschool and K students wear play clothing that is both appropriate for school wear and weather conditions. School clothing should be different than "play" clothes children wear for home play. Socks **must** be worn with shoes. Crocs and backless shoes are not permitted.

#### **Accessories for students in Grades 1 – 8:**

**School Shoes:** Canvas and/or athletic shoes that resemble tennis shoes will not be permitted as part of the school uniform. Use caution when shopping at stores such as "Skechers".

A shoe with a moderate heel (approximately 1-2 inches in height) is appropriate for school wear. Shoes should be an "earthen" color (brown, black, gray, tan). Platform shoes, leather boots, tennis shoes, and open back shoes are not permitted. Boots should be worn when there is snow on the ground.

**Sweatshirts/Sweaters :** When students wear either sweaters or sweatshirts, they must wear a knit polo shirt underneath.

Sweaters may be pull-over or cardigan in style in a solid color of white, yellow, navy blue, gray, or dark green.

The only sweatshirts that are permitted are Saint Charles sweatshirts. No CYO sweatshirts may be worn inside the building during the day. For safety reasons, hooded sweatshirts and sweaters are not permitted inside the school building. Hooded sweatshirts are permitted for recess.

Students may not wear sweatshirts with the logo of neighboring Catholic grade schools at any time during the school day.

**Jewelry:** Girls only may wear one pair of earrings in each ear, post only - no dangles are to be worn. Students may wear one ring, one watch, and one religious necklace. Other jewelry, buttons or pins on persons or clothing are not permitted.

**Hairstyles:** Unusual, fad or extreme hairstyles are not acceptable. Dyed hair is not acceptable (if student does not adhere, then he/she will be sent home and may not return to school until hair is returned to natural color).

Boys' hairstyles are to be neat and the length of hair may not exceed the collar in back. Hair should not cover the eyes or be at a length in the front so that hair needs to be pushed out of the eyes on a regular basis.

**Gym Uniforms: Kindergarten boys and girls do not wear a gym uniform**

**Grades 1 – 8:**

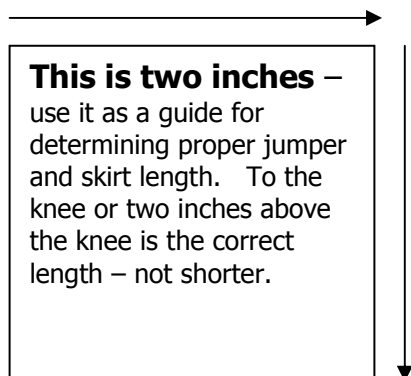
**School T-shirt (gray)** – ordered in the fall of each school year, must be purchased through school

**Plain navy blue shorts** – may be purchased at any store, appropriate in length – plain shorts are available to order in the fall with t-shirts

Gym socks and tennis shoes in good repair

**Girls Uniform Grades 1-8**

Students may choose to wear a jumper, skirt, or split skirt from Schoolbelles Uniform Company ([www.schoolbelles.com](http://www.schoolbelles.com)). Skirts and jumpers must be knee length – no shorter than two inches above the knee. This will be more strictly enforced in 2009-2010 than in the past.



Knit polo shirts (banded or unbanded) may be worn in dark blue, light blue, pale yellow, hunter green or white. Unbanded shirts must be tucked in.

Socks, knee-highs, and tights must be a solid navy, hunter green, yellow or white.

Socks that cover the ankle must be worn with the regular uniform.

Dress slacks may be of uniform plaid, navy or khaki (as in the color beige or tan).

Dress slacks may be like those purchased from Schoolbelles, which means that all the pockets are on the inside of the pants (not sewn-on pockets). There may be no rivets (as in blue jeans), double stitching, loops, excess pockets (as in cargo or carpenter style pants, or any facsimile of either). Slacks must fit properly – not baggy or too tight. A belt must be worn if pants have belt loops.

Make-up is not appropriate for school and may not be worn. Nail polish and acrylic nails are not permitted. Students may be asked to remove nail polish under the supervision of office staff.

### **Boys Uniform Grades 1-8**

Knit polo shirts may be worn in dark blue, light blue or white with a collar (either long or short sleeve). Shirts must be tucked in. Plain white t-shirts may be worn under shirts.

Navy, Black or khaki (as in the color beige or tan) dress pants may be worn. Dress slacks do not have sewn-on pockets, which means that all the pockets are on the inside of the pants. There may be no rivets (as in blue jeans), double stitching, loops, excess pockets (as in cargo or carpenter pants), or any possibility of rip-off or zip-off legs, or facsimile of either of these. Pants must fit properly - not baggy or too tight. A plain black, brown or navy dress belt must be worn with all pants that have belt loops.

Socks that cover the ankle must be worn with regular uniform.

### **Boys Grades 7 & 8**

Students may choose to wear dress collared shirts with a tie. Students may wear knit polo shirts that are dark blue, light blue or white in color with a collar. Shirts must be tucked in.

### **Cool Down Dress Policy Grades 1 – 8**

During the months of August, September, May and June, the cool down dress policy will be in effect. Cool down uniforms are an option. Students may choose to wear the regular uniform.

Students may wear navy or khaki dress/uniform walking shorts, like those purchased from Schoolbelles or from the uniform section of major department stores. They should be of knee length. There may be no rivets (as in blue jeans), double stitching, loops, excess pockets (as in cargo or carpenter pants/shorts). All pockets are on the inside of the shorts (no sewn on pockets).

They must have belt loops and a belt must be worn.

Students may wear tennis shoes during the shorts option days. Shoelaces must match the shoes. Clean plain white socks must be worn with tennis shoes.