

Information and Rules: Revised as of February 16, 2024 - Miss Sarah Sandalwood Daniels

Main Website- <http://www.sccbs-sl.org>

Welcome



Greetings and welcome to our humble little boarding school located on the Toyah Sim of the 1939 Irish village of O'Hare's Gap in the virtual world of Second Life. Our co-ed school provides a loving and caring home for children ages 7 to 14. Being the most prestigious Catholic school throughout the grid, we instill value and faith in a safe and friendly fantasy PG environment where students learn to become closer with God as well as general education. With a dash of magic and wonder, our hidden humor creates a totally unique school environment unlike any other.

We are also a school based on rules and protocols. We expect the very best from all our students and know that each and every child who wears our uniform, does so with pride and honor. A uniform is earned, not given. We are a small school by design. Typical enrollment numbers range between 15 and 20 students. It is more personal when a student has a name rather than a number.

We encourage you to talk to our students and learn more about our wonderful offerings. We are not a school for everyone and that is why our interview process is so important. Visit us and see for yourself if St. C is the perfect school for your needs.

Child-Friendly

This school is 100% PG. As children are present, there will NEVER be any form of sexual interaction, undertones, BDSM, slavery, childplay etc. Any intentions will cause an immediate ban and AR to the lab. WE DO NOT SPANK or perform any kind of corporal punishment!! We take this stance VERY seriously and provide zero tolerance on it.



Being Catholic

The RP we provide is more focused on "the experience" of participating in a Catholic boarding school. While you do not have to be Catholic (or even religious), we certainly encourage faith and Christianity. Prayer time in the chapel is considered sacred and mockery or blasphemy will not be tolerated. We do provide some religious classes and also promote ecumenical theology as we do welcome all faiths and beliefs. Yet the RP of boarding school life is the main draw and where the school creates its signature form of fun and uniqueness. And if you aren't religious, you must at least respect that many are.

Irish Magic

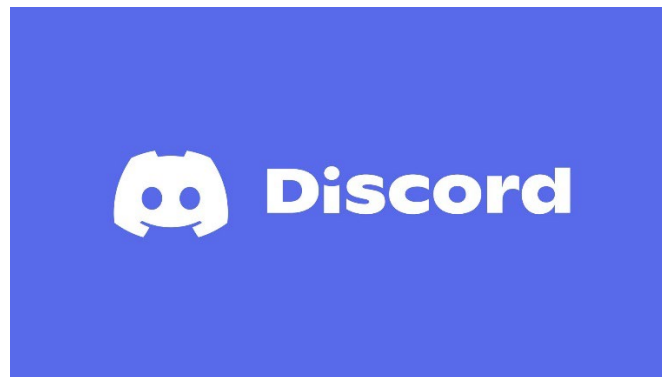
The school would be classified as “Fantasy RP” because we live among a lot of Irish magic where fairies and leprechauns are said to exist and kids never age if they so choose. We blend IC and OOC (aka Puppeteers) in a unique environment and have a great time doing it. There truly is no other place like St. Columba!

School Times

Our students and staff are located globally and so time zones create many issues. Activity at this school is highest between 12:30PM and 3:30PM SLT daily. Prayers are held at 1:00 PM SLT in the student chapel for those interested, student inspection is at 1:15 PM. Classes (if any that day) generally begin at 1:30 PM SLT and typically last 30-45 minutes. We’ve considered running different “shifts” throughout the day but it’s important for our school family to be together in its entirety and not miss anything. If these times do not work for your schedule, you will miss most of what makes our school special. You are more than welcome to apply even if we do not see you very often.

Discord Server

We utilize our own Discord server to post information, events, fun and gossip to keep the entertainment going when not inworld. It is free to create a Discord account and you will receive an invite to our server once you are part of our school. It is not mandatory to participate on the server but we encourage you to do so as “A LOT” of information is posted and shared via the system. www.discord.com



Finances

St. Columba provides its services tuition free, therefore it depends on kind donations via the donation photo on the living room wall. Donations from choir performances also help fund our operations. Paying the collection plates in the church DO NOT go to the school.

Part of an Irish Village and New Mexico

Our school opened at the Irish village of O'Hare's Gap in April 2015. It is connected to St. Columba Abbey which is where it got its name, yet it operates independently from the church. The school is also integrated into the family RP community of Cloudcroft New Mexico which uses SCCBS as a school for children.



Time Period and Values

The education we provide to boys and girls ages 7 to 14 is traditional. We live in present times but want to keep our pupils in past values that our modern world has changed. Our pupils wear the provided uniforms, respect and obey elders and hierarchy and behave demurely and respectfully with always a positive attitude.

They address the hierarchy as ruled at all times and take seriously their duty. The pupils will find here a family, whose codes are not letting them be "cool" and careless. Language is restricted as well as behavior. We do not let our pupils out of control.

What we want is to give our pupils the feeling, on a long term basis, to be girls and boys in a boarding school, loved, watched, taken care of, uniformed, and to offer them distractions that are not of the consummation world, but rather small.

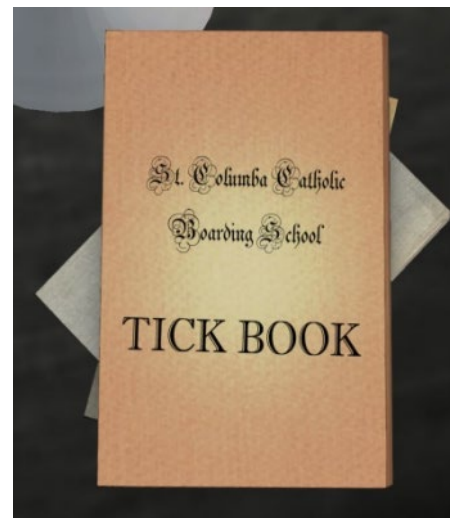
To find the simple joys of children and to stay impressionable and humble, even the oldest of our pupils, is our main focus. Humor is omnipresent, but it shall not let the impression that we are letting things go. We are uncool. (But with a hidden smile) "Cool" is considered a foul word...we never say it. That is how "UNcool" we are! The discipline is strict. But self-discipline is a great value and we demand neatness, obedience and respect at all times, until it gets in our pupils' bones.

Discipline

Ideally, discipline should never be needed, but we are children and sometimes, things just happen. Miss Sarah is in charge of discipline and records all infractions in her digital "Tick Book".

Once again, SCCBS does NOT practice corporal punishment in any way, shape or form. Tick marks are issued for ANY and ALL infractions such as wearing the wrong uniform, wrong tag, socks instead of tights, sitting at the wrong time or location, speaking in class, fighting etc.

- Ticks are recorded electronically in the "Tick-o-Matic 5000". All faculty and Prefects have the ability to assign ticks directly.
- Ticks are published in the Discord server for all to see.
- Students that intentionally strive to get ticks as a type of competition or laugh may face possible expulsion.
- Miss Sarah can remove any tick submitted by faculty if there is cause or unjust proof.
- Ticks are reset at the end of every month.



General Rules:

- Order and discipline are essential in the education we provide and want to achieve.
- Every pupil should eagerly respect hierarchy, obey higher ranks, wear their uniforms and tags well adjusted, as ruled, and address appropriately.
- We take note of the slightest detail. A fault in uniform, an approximation in addressing a superior, a gross word, laziness, not knowing a prayer from the list, messy hair...etc.
- Negative attitude, bullying, vulgarity, disrespect, blasphemy, racism and discrimination may lead to suspension or expulsion.
- Inappropriate attire will lead to suspension or expulsion. No person should ever be naked anywhere in the school. If a shower is needed, you **MUST** keep some sort of clothing on.
- Bratting will **NOT** be tolerated
- **Gestures and Typers should not be used while at SCCBS**
- Asking for money or any form of panhandling is forbidden.
- Students are expected to stand at all times when in the presence of any superior. The exception is when in prayers, class or dinner time. Students may **NEVER** sit on the upholstered furniture in the living room!
- Students may sit on the floor or wooden rocking chairs against the wall.
- Rez rights come with reaching full student or faculty status.
- Inactivity for over 30 days without prior notice will result in loss of the student tag & rez rights. You may request to be reinstated upon your return. You will not be removed from the group entirely. Any items at the school will be returned to you.
- The attic is completely off limits! No exceptions!
- When the door is closed, everyone must knock before entering the school office.
- Students may not keep or eat candy, cookies or any contraband sweets/food **UNLESS** they are school provided.
- Students and faculty may not bring personal pets or insects to school or the dorms without permission.
- No Flying! Although the school **DOES** harvest magical mushrooms to help us keep our youth, they do not offer the ability to fly.

Interaction Rules:

- Every pupil should eagerly respect hierarchy and obey higher ranks. Address the hierarchy properly.



Hierarchy (chain of command):

Miss Sarah (Excellence)
Father Kyle (Clergy)
Emily Pickery (Au Pair)
Brandelyn (Large white cat)
Guests (Adult and Child)
Teachers
Prefects
Students
Novices

*** Miss Sarah Sandalwood Daniels*** is the Excellence of St. Columba. Even at age 8, Miss Sarah manages and operates the school on all levels from discipline to enrollments. Don't let her young age deceive you...she's been 8 for MANY years thanks to school magic! While it might have made more sense for her to grow up to perform her duties, something deep in her heart keeps her a child. While she may be strict, sometimes her childish sense of humor and soul sneaks through. She must be provided the utmost respect and always addressed as **"Miss Sarah"**.

- When 2 students greet, it is proper for girls to curtsy and boys to bow.
- If an older student tells a younger student to do something they know to be wrong, it is expected that the younger student decline and report the older student to upper hierarchy immediately.
- Students must ALWAYS behave demurely and respectfully toward each other.
- When in uniform, you represent this school and its covenant. You will NEVER dishonor it either at school or on field trips.
- Behavior toward guests is as follows:
 - When greeting a guest, boys should bow and girls should curtsy.
 - If an adult guest is present, they must be referred to as "Mr." + last name or "Madam" + last name (only use first names if they request or approve it).
 - If a child guest is present, they are Miss + first name or Master + first name.
 - If a guest appears belligerent or is a potential griever, do not RP with them or engage in conversation. Report to Miss Sarah immediately and file an AR with the lab if egregious enough!

Appearance Rules:

- Wear uniforms well adjusted, as ruled. - Your St. Columba tag is part of your uniform. It is an infraction if you do not have it on. - Full school uniforms must be worn anywhere on school or abbey property except the dorms.
- **Uniforms are not required during 1 week school term breaks between terms. (This does NOT include summer break! Uniforms must still be worn when at the school.)**
- Saturdays are the one day a week uniforms are NOT required in the school.

- Jewelry, rings, ear-rings, nose rings, face piercings and necklaces may not be worn. The only jewelry allowed is: - Your supplied uniform crucifix
- Girls may wear small stud earrings - no more than one in each ear.
- Boys are not allowed to wear earrings.
- Hair styles must be neat and tidy.
 - Extremes of cut, designs in hair, or coloring of hair is not permitted.
 - Hair accessories used to tie hair must be simple in design.
 - Girls may tie back long hair in a ponytail, pigtails or clips
 - Hair may not hang down over the front of the uniform unless they are pigtails
 - Boys hair may not go past the **bottom** of his collar.
- Decorative head scarves are not permitted.
- Nail varnish/polish, nail extensions, nail designs are not allowed.
- Make-up and tattoos are not allowed.
- Caps, radios, ipods, mobile phones, headsets, are strictly forbidden.
- When uniforms are not required... No bellies must be shown. Dressing should be modest and church appropriate.
- NOVICES must dress respectfully as well.
- If you are seen in a bikini or underwear or inappropriate attire, this will be possible grounds for expulsion.
- Teachers wear School uniforms, except during term break
- The season switch between Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter uniforms will be announced by Miss Sarah.
- Uniforms are classic style and can be worn with all mesh avatars thanks to the invention of BOM. You will need to use a BOM body or classic.

Church Protocol:

The church is a place of worship and must ALWAYS be treated with respect. The villagers of O'Hare's regard the abbey itself as a real, tangible place of worship. You must ALWAYS be on your best behavior when in the abbey and limit RP.

When a female student enters, she will approach the altar, kneel down, genuflect (sign of the cross), stand and then curtsey. This should be done with great fluidness and must be done prior to greeting and then sitting. (Click the cross on altar to genuflect.)

- When the service is over, she will repeat this action as she did when she entered. She may then exit the church, after thanking the faith leader.
- Male students should do the same except bow instead of curtsey.

St. Columba is partnered with two sister churches...

- St. Bernadette's – Father Chrissy
- St. Ambrose – Father Kyle

Our priest, Father Kyle is in charge of school prayer services. He presents them in voice so please make sure voice is enabled, you do not have to speak.

- The first Monday of every month is a full student mass held at St. Ambrose @ 1:15 pm. All students, staff and friends are encouraged to attend.

Inspection Rules:

- Inspections are held immediately following prayers (around 1:20 PM SLT).
- Students will line up outside the school with toes against the small brick wall facing forward, not turned, with head straight.
- Students will line up tallest to shortest as quickly as possible.
- If a staff member is not present, please allow a 5-minute buffer for them to arrive. If no staff shows up, Prefects will lead inspection.
- If it is fall/winter uniform, students are expected to wear cold weather accessories such as cloaks and ear muffs.
- There should be no gaps prior to inspection starting.
- If a student arrives late, they will line up quietly at the end of the line. They may not speak to other students nor may other students speak to them.
- Inspections will be held by the teacher that has a class. The teacher can ask a prefect to do inspection.
- During inspection, you DO NOT speak or move unless you are addressed directly. (Emoting is allowed). If someone vanishes, keep the space open.
- If another student or guest approaches the line, you DO NOT welcome or interact with them until inspection has ended. It is expected that the teacher or Prefect address the guest but students may not.
- If there are no superiors to lead inspection, it need not be executed.

Classroom Protocol:

Our class schedule changes every term and a term runs a season (3 Seasons a year) For the current schedule, see the Academic tab on the website or the board inside the classroom.



Classes run approximately 30 minutes but may go longer.

The front classroom desk on the left is always used by Miss Sarah. In her absence, anyone is welcomed to use it. If she appears after class starts, any student sitting there is welcomed to remain.

- Pupils stand at attention aside their desk before class begins and waits for the teacher silently (emoting is always permitted and welcome.)
- The teacher will ask one pupil to say the class prayer. It will be said and all will say Amen and genuflect.
- Then the teacher will ask all students to sit. Sitting prior would be an infraction. After that, it is FORBIDDEN to talk without asking the permission by raising your hand, and waiting for permission to be granted. This includes whispering which

will also be an infringement. If the class is permitted to speak freely and openly, the teacher **MUST** announce that.

- If a late student enters the classroom, you **DO NOT** welcome them or speak to them directly. They must quickly find a seat.
- At the end of the class, when the teacher says "class is dismissed", all stand immediately and thank the teacher for the class.
- Do not leave during class unless it is very important.
- If you need to be afk, please emote it so the teacher knows.
- Contribute to discussions.
- Our school does not have homework.

Attendance

- All SCCBS events are voluntary.
- Inactivity for over 30 days without prior notice will result in loss of the student tag, bed and rez rights. Any items will be returned to you. You may request to be reinstated upon your return. You will not be removed from the group entirely.
- You should come to as many classes as possible.

Dormitory Rules:

- All students will receive a bed in their respective dorms.
- Students are permitted to rez a few personal items on their bed or nightstand (40 primis total).
- Boys and girls are **FORBIDDEN** to enter each other's dorms under any and all circumstances, unless **EXPLICIT** permission is given by staff or they are part of a school sanctioned tour **OR** cleaning day!
- Students may wear other clothing while in the dorms. But once the dorm is left, one of the school uniforms **MUST** be worn.
- The girl's dorm is larger than the boy's as we simply always have, and always will have a larger girl to boy ratio. So don't bother complaining!

Dining Room Protocol:

Typically following most classes, students will adjourn to the dining room to share in the evening meal. Soup is the primary food but other meals are served on special occasions.

- Guests are always welcome to break bread with us during mealtime. This is mainly a social time for our staff and students to discuss topics of the day and whatever else is on their minds. It does **NOT** mean it is time for horseplay.
- **NO ONE** sits prior to the mealtime prayer being given.
- Miss Sarah, staff or Prefects will choose a person to give the blessing.
- After Miss Sarah sits, others may join the table. (It is **HIGHLY** advisable **NOT** to take Miss Sarah's seat!)

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- **Mushroom Closet:** Students after some time desire to become older or younger. Also, some students choose to remain their current age year after year. How can this be achieved or explained? With a wee bit of Irish magic. Under the stairs is a closet that contains mushrooms than can be consumed to grow older or younger. Be careful with their use as too much or too little can have disastrous effects! Do not attempt to use without supervision. The mushrooms were originally planted and cared for by the mysterious Doctor Pearl. And all of their powers are not even fully realized. They are NOT psychotropic drugs!!
- **St. Columba Catholic Children's Choir:** The SCCBS choir is an extremely popular extracurricular activity for students. Our show choir performs all over the grid and is growing in popularity. In the past years, the choir has become the goodwill ambassador of St. Columba and has spread the message of peace and joy through musical entertainment. The choir is under the direction of Miss Sarah Sandalwood Daniels.

The following rules apply to those who wish to partake in choir: You **MUST** sign up for each performance in the dining room. You must be fully attentive during a show and never go AFK during performances. You should attend at least one practice so you are familiar with the show and props. Though choreography is automated, you still must move yourself for solos and control the mouth HUD. You must be in uniform before you arrive at the performance



LOCATIONS:

SCCBS is the resident school for both the communities of O'Hare's Gap, Ireland and Cloudcroft, New Mexico USA. Students from Cloudcroft can travel between home and school via a door located under the main stairs. It will deliver them directly to downtown Cloudcroft at the St. Columba annex.

While you may be a student from anywhere on the grid, OHG and Cloudcroft are the two RP locations directly tied to SCCBS.

NEW ENROLLMENTS:

- Our uniforms are designed for classic avatars and all mesh avatars that support BOM. Infant and toddler avatars are not permitted as we do not allow students under the age of 7.
- **You must be a human avatar**
(We do not discriminate against animals, vampires, walking toilets etc...they are welcome to be guests at our school any time. But to participate as a student or staff, part of the uniformity requires that you must be human. You may also not sport unrealistic body features such as gigantic breasts or extreme body mutations.)
- Your height must be appropriate for your age (7 and up). We will ask you to change your height accordingly if necessary.
- Your profile and picks **MUST** be clean for you to attend here. No BDSM or adult topics/situations. We take "kid friendly" very seriously!
- You need **3 free groups**. One is the main SCCBS information group, the second is for your tag/title and the third is needed for property rez rights.

The enrollment process:

- Complete the enrollment form on the website by clicking **ADMISSIONS**
- Miss Sarah will schedule an interview with you (and family if you have one).
- Upon acceptance, you will be added to the group as a "St. Columba Novice".
- You are a "student in training" - You will **NOT** be given a uniform until you have become a full student.
- You will spend time with us and do everything we do. You will learn our ways and protocols inside and out.
- After two weeks, Miss Sarah will present a verbal test to you in front of your peers (or sooner if you feel ready).
- If you pass the exam, you will receive the coveted "STUDENT" tag and your uniform. From that moment on, ticks will apply to you.

ROLEPLAY GUIDELINES

An author of a book about virtual worlds once had a beautiful quote...“the avatar is the window to the soul”. While they have said this about people’s eyes, it is also true of our virtual selves. While some may create random goofy avatars just for laughs, the majority of us spend a great deal of time sculpting and perfecting our representation of the way we truly wish the world to see us. We place ourselves inside our characters and bond with them. They become us and we become them. So it is important to always respect each avatar for who they are be it child or adult. While we laugh and have fun while RPing, we also build a family connection and create lifelong friendships.

The school has made the realization that just like God in all our lives, a higher power exists in our world that controls all our movements and thoughts. This power has lovingly been dubbed our “Puppeteers”. Some students accept and have even met their puppeteers while others choose to believe that such a being doesn’t exist. This is a personal choice but know that you will hear the term “puppeteer” from time to time.

But being an RP environment, we need to follow a common set of guidelines to keep continuity across the board for all participants. HOWEVER, we are not a strict RP sim and won’t ban you for not following these guidelines but hope you make an asserted effort to do so.

Here a few important keynotes to follow....

- Emoting is key! While there are times you are not allowed to speak, there is never a time you cannot emote your thoughts. This is where the “/me” command is used. Using /me prior to typing will remove the colon and make your statement more fluid.

example: without /me..... “Sarah Sandalwood Daniels: looks around for her lost pen”

Now if we type.... “/me looks around for her lost pen”, the emote will display like this....

Sarah Sandalwood Daniels looks around for her lost pen.

- We may be unique and special, but we ARE NOT mind readers! If someone makes an emote, you should NOT respond to it in character. But you are welcome to emote yourself in response...for example,

WRONG:

Billy Auster can’t stop thinking about soup and wishes class was over.

Sarah Sandalwood Daniels: Billy! Stop thinking about soup and pay attention!

CORRECT:

Billy Auster can’t stop thinking about soup and wishes class was over.

Sarah Sandalwood Daniels looks at Billy and grins betting he’s thinking about soup.

OR

Billy Auster can’t stop thinking about soup and wishes class was over.

Sarah Sandalwood Daniels: BILLY! Are you daydreaming!?

Your character can respond to emotes in creative ways without just blurting out. Have fun with it!

- When you meet someone new, you DO NOT know their name!

Yes, tags are important and your school tag must be worn at all time. But until you have been introduced to someone, you do not know their name. Just because you see “John Smith” over their head, doesn’t mean you walk up to them and say ...”Why hello there and welcome Mr. Smith!” Once either they or someone else introduces them to you, you can use their name.

- You cannot force an action on another person that affects their story arc...for example,
Heidi Danube sticks a candy bar in her pocket
Shirley Temple reaches in and swipes the candy bar
Heidi had obviously planned to do something with this candy bar and now her story has been altered.
However, if a rule is broken, this guideline does not apply....
Heidi Danube sticks a candy bar in her pocket
Sarah Sandalwood notices and confiscates the candy bar away from Heidi.

- Don't blend IC (in character) or OOC (out of character) with your character...for example,
Hold on, BRB. Doorbell is ringing

Use parentheses when your puppeteer must speak.... ((Hold on, BRB. Doorbell is ringing))

OR

Make your character interact with it....My puppeteer has to potty so I'm just going to sit here.

- Use IMs to have an OOC conversation with someone else.

It's only polite to speak one on one with someone else in IM. If there are only two of you in the scene, then local chat is certainly acceptable.

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Thank you for your interest in St. Columba Catholic Boarding School! While we're not a school for everyone, we would be delighted to interview you to find out if you have what takes to be your best! Submit your application found at the school [website](#) and we look forward to meeting you! [SLURL](#)

- Miss Sarah Anne Sandalwood Daniels-