

Upcoming Events

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AUGUST 17 @ 7:45 AM



OPEN OF SCHOOL LITURGY
AUGUST 19 8:15 AM



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
AUGUST 20

ST .BENILDE SCHOOL FAMILY BULLETIN



The First Week!

We are so very started to get the school year started on Monday! We have been working hard all summer long to prepare an exciting year for your children, while all the while taking steps to improve our ongoing efforts to provide a high-quality education that is personalized to the needs of each individual child.

As we prepare to get started, here is some more information about important events during our first week of school!

- **Monday August 17:** Please join us for our first **Men's Club meeting** of the year at **7:30 PM in the Cafeteria**. Our guest speaker will be Councilman Elton Lagasse of Jefferson parish who will be discussing "Jefferson on the Move." Dinner, drinks, and fellowship are provided! Come enjoy a relaxing evening, learn more about Men's Club and the opportunities they provide to get more involved in our parish and school community, and have a great dinner and drinks on us!
- **Tuesday August 18:** Attention parents of children in the **Rainbow Krewe** (Prek 3, Prek 4, and Kindergarten)! Your **Back to School Night** is at **7:00 PM**. We will start in the cafeteria, where Mr. Downey will review what is new for the 2015-2016 school year. Then you will head over to your child's classroom to meet with the teacher and get important information that is particular to the programs and activities for your child in the school year ahead!
- **Wednesday August 19, Part One:** Please join us for the Open of School Liturgy starting at 8:20 AM in the Church! There is no better way to start a year than by praising and giving thanks to God!
- **Wednesday August 19, Part Two:** In the evening, parents whose children are in **Grades 1-7** can join us for their **Back to School Night**. We begin at **6:30 PM for Grades 1-4**. Parents will go directly to their child's homeroom to meet with the teacher and learn more about the programs and activities for the class. Then at **7:00 PM, all grade 1-7 parents will meet in the cafeteria**, where Mr. Downey will review what is new for the 2015-2016 school year. When that is

finished, **Middle School parents** will go to their child's classroom to meet with middle school teachers!

- **Thursday August 20:** It is time for our **School Picture Day!** This day is for individual student pictures. Students must dress up in their uniforms.
- **Friday August 21:** Come learn about the exciting year ahead for our **SBS scouts** at our first meeting of the year, scheduled for **7:00 PM in the Cafeteria.**
- **Sunday August 23:** Join us for our first **SBS Family Mass at 11:00 AM in the Church.** Listen to our wonderful children's choir lead us in song and SBS students serve as lectors and altar boys. Whether you attend Mass regularly or if it has been many years, please join us in prayer and worship.

Uniform Shortage

SBS is seeing significant growth in our enrollment of over 10%, which is wonderful. But it has created a problem! We have grown so fast and so rapidly that our uniform supplier has run out of uniforms for girls in Prek 3 and 4, and some uniform sizes for girls in the older grades. Our supplier has promised that the uniforms are on their way, but that not all may be in by the first day of school. So for those girls who do not have uniforms, we will allow them to dress "up" for the first few days of school until their uniforms are delivered. We also have a limited number of used uniforms available. Please contact Mrs. Beth Theriot at btheriot@stbenilde.com to find out more about used uniforms options.

"Every Day is Rainy Day!"

Actually, we hope every day is a sunny day. However, we are going to try something different for afternoon dismissal by using our "Rainy Day" procedures for "Every Day." Here is how it works:

1. Starting as early as 2:30 PM, parents may enter the main parking lot and will be parked in rows by Mr. Fellman. The first row will now be the row closest to the palm trees. Parents with children in Prek 3 and the Loreto Center will pull into the Loreto Center horseshoe and then form a line on Division St. Parents of "Walkers" will stand on the opposite side of Division St. across from the cross walk area.

Important Dates

August 17: First Day of School, 7:45 AM

August 17: Men's Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Cafeteria

August 17: Flag Football Begins

August 18: Back to School Night, Rainbow Krewe, 7:00 PM

August 18: Cross Country Begins

August 19: Open of School Liturgy, 8:20 AM, Church

August 19: Back to School Night. 6:30 PM, Grades 1-4 in Classrooms. 7:00 PM, Grades 1-7 in Cafeteria. 8:00 PM, Grades 5-7 in Classrooms.

August 20: School Picture Day. Uniform Dress Code.

August 21: Volleyball Begins

August 21: Cub Scout Pack Meetings, 7:00 PM, Teen Center

August 23: SBS Family Mass, 11:00 AM, Church

August 28: City Park Night

2. At 3:00 PM, Mr. Downey will dismiss walkers, students in Extended Day programs, and children who have siblings in the Loreto Center or Prek 3. At the same time, a teacher and members of the student council E-Board will walk to the cars in the parking lot to begin calling names. Please have the names of your children displayed in your front window at this time.
3. Once walkers have cleared Division St., we will begin dismissing students from their homerooms to the front entry of the school. Cars will be directed one-by-one into the school horseshoe to pick up their children. In the Loreto Center, our adult staff will bring children out to be placed into their cars.
4. At 3:15 PM, any remaining students in classrooms will be sent to the Cafeteria as part of Extended Day Programs. Parents who arrive after 3:15 PM will need to park in the parking lot and walk into the school to pick up their child(ren).

We will try this process through Labor Day, and then determine if we will adopt this process for the remainder of the year.

Some Additional Important Info

- Parents whose children must be buckled and secured into a car seat or booster seat must secure their child in their seat prior to leaving the pick up area. Teachers are no longer allowed to buckle the child in for you. In addition, no parent is allowed to leave the pick up area until all children in the car are seated and properly buckled.
- Please note that Jefferson Parish has designated Division St. a cell free zone during drop off and pick up hours. When you arrive on site to drop off or pick up your child, put down your phone and call whoever you may be talking with back.
- Division St. runs one way towards West Napoleon from 7:00 - 8:00 AM and from 2:30 - 3:15 PM, Monday through Friday. In addition, DO NOT PARK on Division St. when you are dropping your children off or picking them up. This creates a safety hazard to you, your car, and most important, children. If you are worried about getting to your own work on time, please consider dropping your child(ren) off at 7:00 AM and let them take advantage of the school's breakfast program!

Cafeteria News!

Welcome to St. Benilde_ School Cafeteria! We are planning great things for our lunch/breakfast program this year including new menu items, nutrition days and special events. Our prices for the 2015-16 school year are:

- *Student Breakfast: Pre K – Elementary (\$1.25), High School (\$1.50), Reduced (\$.30)*
- *Adult Breakfast: Faculty (\$2.25), Visitor & (\$2.50)*
- *Student Lunch: Pre K - Elementary (\$2.25), High School (\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.65), Reduced (\$.40)*
- *Adult Lunch: Faculty (\$4.25), Visitor (\$4.50)*
- *Extra Sale Items: Milk (\$.75), 4.23 oz. Juice (\$.50), 6.75 oz. Juice (\$.75), Bottled Water (\$.50)*

School Food and Nutrition Services does not allow any charges. All meals and extra sale items must be **paid in advance.** In an effort to go “Green” and to simplify the payment process, we are encouraging parents to take advantage of our on-line payment option. It is fast, easy and beneficial!

On-Line Payments: Visit our website www.schoolcafe.org and click the online payment link for more information.

- Minimal fees are charged for all bank drafts and all credit card payments
- Make payments to your child’s cafeteria account anytime during the school year
- View student purchases & account balances
- Sign up for monthly auto drafts, emails or text alerts for low balances
- You will need the student’s name, birth date and school name.
- Money added to student’s account every 3-5 minutes.

If you are unable to do on-line payments, you may send any amount of money at anytime. Please include the student’s name, grade and computer number on all payments. Prepaying saves time and allows more time for the students to enjoy their meal.

Listed below is some additional information about our program:

- If a student is returning to the same school, the student will continue to use their pre-assigned computer number. New students will be issued a number before the first serving day.
- All balances will be rolled over to the next school year unless a refund is requested.
- Students may use advance payments to purchase extra sale items. If you request that prepayments be used for lunch only, students would be required to pay cash on the line for extras.
- School Meal Modification forms are available upon request and must be completed by your doctor or medical professional. *You must provide a new form each school year.*
- The **2015-2016 Free/Reduced Meal Applications** will be available online. Visit our website www.schoolcafe.org and click on the free and reduced meal application link. Online applications process faster than the paper applications. Therefore, we encourage you to fill out the online application. If you do not have access to a computer, you can obtain a paper application from your cafeteria manager. If your child received free or reduced price meals last school year, you will need to complete a new application before September 1, 2015.

If I may be of assistance, please feel free to contact me. Your comments are always welcome.

Sincerely,

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