



# St. Benedict School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

### TALENT SHOW

Got Talent? Get your act together for **The St. Benedict Revue** a family talent show sponsored by the SBS Arts Association being held on Saturday, February 11 at 7:00 pm in Lloyd Road School. Dress Rehearsal is February 10. All musical acts must be limited to 2.5 minutes, skits to 5 minutes. No lip syncing or singing along with a CD that still has the singer's voice on it. Auditions will be held Friday, January 27 at 12:15 dismissal, first come, first served and then you are dismissed.

CD player will be provided, please bring all other supplies, props, costumes needed. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE APPROPRIATE CD (IF NEEDED) READY ON AUDITION DAY- NO SINGING ALONG WITH A RECORDED SINGER IS PERMITTED. If an alternate audition date is needed, please email Mrs. Remick. Please return the form in the Principal's Packet to Mrs. Remick by January 25. Questions? Email Mrs. Remick at [remick@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:remick@stbenedictnj.org).

### SBS PRESCHOOL REMINDER

SBS families can pre-register their 4 year olds for a full day PreSchool Program that is slated to begin in September, 2017. The program will include:

- 5 full days
- 3 full days
- 5 half days

If you already have students in SBS, you can complete the pre-registration form to ensure a spot for your child. Full registration will be completed during Catholic Schools Week. Spots in the program are limited, so complete your registration form ASAP by following the link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/6XiQUdRhErfr7c2>

## GRADE NEWS

### GRADE 7 MRS. HALE

The middle school students in Mrs. Hale's Stock Market elective course competed in the New Jersey Stock Market Game Fall session. They invested a hypothetical \$100,000 in stocks, mutual funds and bonds.

The students learned that it is very difficult to accurately predict how any one company will perform over time. They used diversification as a strategy that helped the students to protect their portfolio. It is a widely used and highly successful way to reduce risk. By investing in different types of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, they learned that the value of their entire portfolio should not be wiped out if one investment fails.

**Jacqueline Benites** placed 2nd out of 131 team in our division and 17th out of 1677 teams in the state. She made **over 15.5% return** on her investment.

Other students who placed in the top 10 are:  
3rd place **Tighe Steineke (over 13% return)**,  
5th place **Priya Thamburaj (over 8% return)**,  
7th place **Colin Farrell (over 8% return)**,  
8th place **Gavin Tabije (over 8% return)** and  
10th place **Kaitlyn Givens (over 6% return)**.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

Our Christmas Pageant performers in K-1-2-3 did a spectacular job. Many thanks to Mrs. Remick and the other teachers and classroom aides!



#### **GRADE 1A** **MS. FREDDA**

The class of 1B has been busy during Advent doing good deeds at home to help prepare their hearts for the coming of Jesus. Each day ref students complete a job at home to help their family and friends for the month of December. Every morning in prayers we talk about the good deed for the day and students are excited to share their stories. Each student wrote about one of our good deeds on the bulletin board outside our room.



#### **COMPUTERS**

Thursday's edition of The Independent Newspaper includes a wonderful full page article on our school's "Hour of Code" event that was hosted by Mrs. Magnan. Please make sure to take a look!

**Read the full article here.**

#### **SCHOOL CHOIR, GIRLS JAM AND GUYS JAM**

On December 9, Girls Jam and Guys Jam went on a field trip to sing Christmas cards for the residents of The Willows and Bayshore Health Care Center. The students brought many smiles to the residents as they were eating their lunch and were serenaded! On December 14, the School Choir went to the nursing homes to perform their Christmas Concert selections. SBS singers brightened the day for others with their beautiful music!



On Monday, December 19, SBS will present a Christmas Concert in the gym at 7:00 pm. All are welcome! Featured ensembles will be the School Choir, Band, Girls Jam, and brand new Guys Jam in their debut performance.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

#### **Christmas Prayer Service**

The Christmas Prayer Service will take place on Thursday, December 22nd at 9:30 a.m. in the Church. We will begin with prayer followed by the Advent Committee's presentation and then we will conclude with performances by the School Choir, Girls Jam and Guys Jam, the Pageant Players and the band. Families are welcome to join us.

#### **Christmas Eve Children's Pageant**

Children are asked to participate in the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant at 3:30 pm, Mass will immediately follow the pageant. If children are interested in the reenactment of the Christmas Story, being a reader or bringing up the gifts, please sign up in the Gathering Space or email Carol Cesario at [cesario@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:cesario@stbenedictnj.org). The last rehearsals that children will need to attend is Monday, December 19th from 4:30-5:30 pm. All children are welcome from the Parish and School.

#### **Epiphany**

The feast of the Epiphany is Sunday, January 8th, we are looking for children to dress up as the three Kings to bring up the gifts at all the Masses. If your son/daughter is interested please sign up in the Gathering Space or email Carol Cesario at [cesario@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:cesario@stbenedictnj.org).

### **PTA**

The "Sandwich Project" which took place on Monday, 12/12 was a huge success. Thank you for all of your donations, and to our students and parent volunteers for getting 400 bagged lunches to the homeless. All 444 students participated in this amazing event.

The lunches were brought to "The Barn for the Poorest of the Poor, Inc."

The Barn distributed the sandwiches to different areas in NJ/NY. For more information about "The Barn", please visit their website at [www.barnforthe poor.org](http://www.barnforthe poor.org).

### **Check out photos here.**

The PTA Advent Project "Angels of Peace" is wrapping up, below are reminders for the final week.

#### **Advent Project Week of 12/19:**

- Toiletry & Toy Drive Donation Deadline is Tuesday, 12/20
- "Angels of Peace" Templates by Wednesday, 12/21
- Agenda for the Christmas Prayer Service:
  - 9:30 am: Begin with prayer
  - 9:45 am: Advent Committee presentation
  - 10:00-10:30 am: Performances by the School Choir, Girls Jam and Guys Jam, Pageant Players and Band.

We will conclude at 10:30 am to ensure enough time for class parties.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

#### **SBS OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS WANTED - SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH**

We are in need of parent volunteers for our upcoming SBS Open House taking place on Saturday, January, 28th, 2017. If you are interested and able to volunteer as a parent tour

guide on Saturday, January 28th anytime from 2:30-5:30 pm, please contact Lori Ulrich at [ulrich@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:ulrich@stbenedictnj.org). A follow-up parent meeting will take place in January for training with Mrs. Wallace. Thank you.

#### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

We are in need of parent volunteers for our new school Library. If you are able to donate an hour or so of your time per week, we would love to have you as part of our library team.

Currently, we will have open hours from Monday - Thursday throughout the day. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Magnan with your availability at [magnan@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:magnan@stbenedictnj.org).

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#### **REMINDERS**

- SBS Christmas Concert is Monday, 12/19 at 7 pm in the Gym
- Last day of school before Christmas break is Thursday, 12/22 which is a half day, 12:15 dismissal
- Christmas Prayer Service on Thursday, 12/22 at 9:30 am in Church
- Class parties will be held on Thursday, 12/22

#### **PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS**

Please click on the button below to access all of the newsletter attachments for the week.

#### **School Calendar**

Don't forget, the website school calendar will reflect the latest event information and any updates to the printed calendar should there be any changes made to dates, times, and locations of events/activities throughout the school year.

Visit <http://www.stbenedictmodel.org/schoolcalendar>

Principal's Newsletter Packet



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