



# St. Benedict School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

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/6XiquUDRhErfr7c2>

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS NEXT WEEK!

On December 13th at 7:00 pm in the church, KA, 1A, 2A, and 3A will present this year's Christmas pageant. On December 15th at 7:00 pm, KB, 1B, 2B, and 3B will present the pageant. This year's pageant is called "Jesus Means Christmas to Me" and features angels, sheep, shepherds, kings, soloists, narrators and fabulous singers. This is a must see event for experiencing the true meaning of the season!

## GENESIS PARENT PORTAL

Report cards have been distributed today. Genesis Parent Access will re-open the day following report card distribution, which is Saturday, December 10.

## 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).

## GRADE NEWS

### **Students of the Month Staff Members of the Month**

In conjunction with the celebration of the season, I awarded a Student of the Month for each homeroom, and a November Student of the Month for SBS (Zaria P.). These students exemplified the qualities that we hold dear at SBS. In addition, Mrs. Humi and Mrs. DeMuria are both the Staff

Members of the Month. Each has taken on additional roles and duties in the face of much change for the 2016-2017 school year. They are dedicated and greet every day with a smile, which makes being in school with them a joy. Congratulations to all.

~Mrs. Wallace



### COMPUTERS

#### HOURLY OF CODE EVENT - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

The Hour of Code was held on Wednesday, 12/7, and was a huge success. Throughout the day classes went into the FAL for instruction on how to program, and then into the gym for the "Hour of Code" challenge, wherein the students spent a full hour doing block coding on the chrome books. Younger students were treated to a few different activities prepared by our Computer Teacher, Mrs. Magnan. We are excited to be part of this international event happening over several days from December 5th-11th.

A big thank you to Mrs. Magnan for bringing this event to our school during Computer Science Education Week and enabling our K-8 students to join more than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.

Thank you to the staff and students who also volunteered to help throughout the day!





## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **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 PTA Advent Project "Angels of Peace" is going strong! See the Principal's Packet for all of the Advent Project calendar events and information. Below are reminders for the upcoming week.

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

- Please remember to drop off your toys at the "Angels of Peace" Christmas Tree in the school lobby
- "The Barn" Sandwich Project will take place on Monday, 12/12
- Pajama donations will be accepted until Tuesday, 12/13
- Snack donations will be accepted all week
- Lunch sales all week
- "Angels of Peace" Templates all week

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

## **REMINDERS**

- St. Benedict Christmas Tree Lighting is tonight, Friday, 12/9 at 6:30 pm on the front lawn followed by a SJV HS Choir performance in the Church, please join us!
- Knights of Columbus Santa Breakfast and PTA Santa Shop is this Sunday, 12/11. Stop in for a pancake breakfast after the 8:00 am or 9:30 am Masses and do a little Christmas shopping. Open until 11:30!
- Arts Association Barnes and Noble Book Fair and Houlihan's Dine and Donate fundraiser will take place on Monday, 12/12.
- Christmas Pageants are next week - Tuesday, 12/13 "A" and Thursday, 12/15 "B"
- The new Before Care Program is slated to begin on Thursday, 12/15. If you are interested, please submit a registration form by Monday, 12/12. [Click here for more info.](#)

Note: EDP families who have already paid the annual registration fee (\$25) do not need to submit payment. However, a [Before Care Registration Form](#) is required for all participants.

## **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.stbenedictshdmdel.org/schoolcalendar>

## Principal's Newsletter Packet



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