



St. Benedict School

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

BEFORE CARE

The new Before Care Program is slated to begin on December 15, 2016. The program allows for students to be dropped off as early as 6:30 a.m. There will be a Director of Before Care, and a Before Care Monitor on duty every morning. Students should bring snacks or easy items to consume for breakfast. Students will be able to read, use electronic devices, color and/or generally prepare for the start of the school day. At 7:30 students will move to the gym as usual. Please click here for the registration form or visit the School website, look under the Before & After Care link.

GENESIS PARENT PORTAL

Genesis Parent Access is now closed, effective Friday, 12/2/16, and will remain closed until report cards are distributed on 12/9/16.

It will re-open the day following report card distribution, which is Saturday, December 10. Saturday, December 10

The following notification is on the Parent Access logon page:

WELCOME TO THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON GENESIS PORTAL. Parent Access will be closed for all elementary schools on the last day of Trimester 1 - Friday, December 2. It will re-open on the Saturday following report card distribution, which is Saturday, December 10. If you have children in both high school and elementary school, you will still have access to your account to view your high school age child.

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. 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.

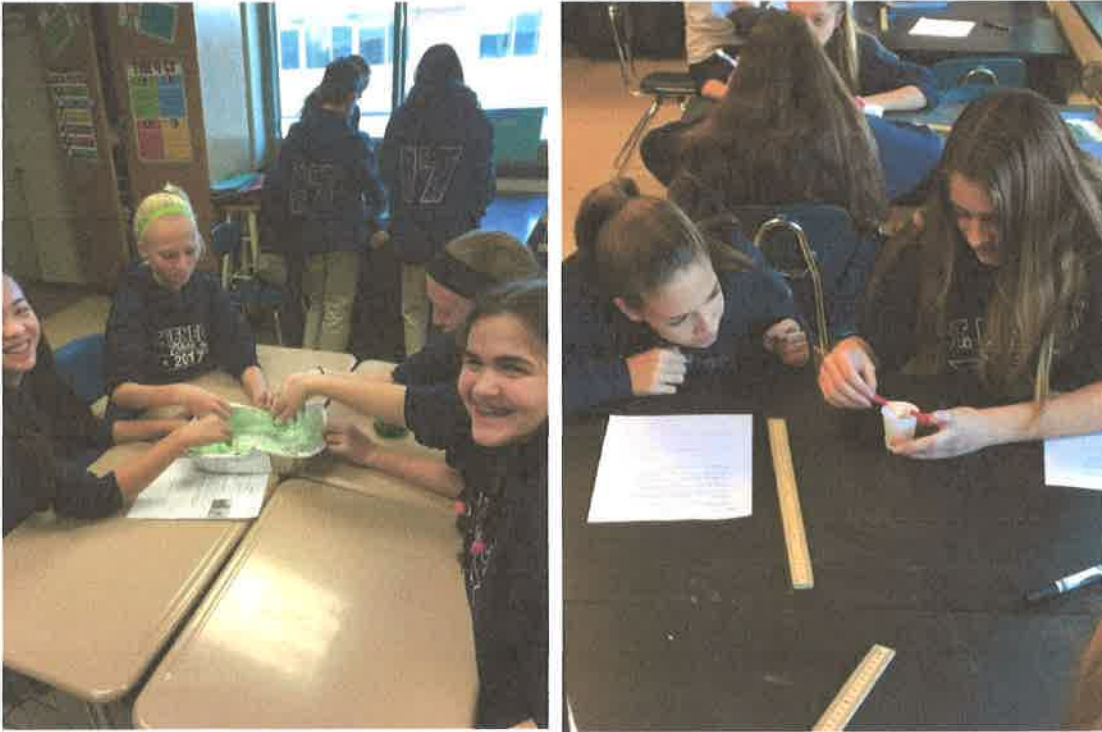
GRADE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

GRADE 8 - SCIENCE

MRS. REIFENHEISER

The 8th graders continue to investigate properties of Matter. Oobleck was made to demonstrate how a substance can move freely between liquid and solid states. Students also performed an experiment which separated ink colors demonstrating a physical property of matter.



GRADE 7 - MRS BENITES

In preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday, 7th graders were charged with coordinating a mock dinner party. They had to figure out the quantity of items necessary to host a party of twenty. The chromebooks were accessed to research the price of turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie, along with at least fifteen various menu items. The students calculated the quantity needed by reading the nutritional labels on the Shoprite and Stop and Shop websites. The total costs were calculated by multiplying the price by the quantity and adding all figures. The cost per person was then ascertained by dividing the cost by twenty. Some students researched recipes and had to triple the ingredients, and mock shop for the items needed. Some students calculated the fat and calorie content for one serving of each item. Students were surprised that the one meal made up approximately 2,600 calories. Lastly, 7th the students created google slides and included a prayer for Thanksgiving. Our students had a life lesson on the many details that go into successfully enjoying Thanksgiving.

COMPUTERS



REMINDER

HOUR OF CODE EVENT - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works.

But only a tiny fraction of us are learning how technology works. Fewer than half of all schools teach computer science.

That's why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 5-11). More than 100 million

students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.

Our Hour of Code is making a statement that St. Benedict School is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills by hosting our first Hour of Code event on Wednesday,

December 7th. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code event known. See <http://hourofcode.com/us> for details, and help spread the word.

FAITH FORMATION

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

Children are asked to participate in the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant at 3:30 p.m., 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. There will be two rehearsals that children will need to attend, Monday, December 5th and 19th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. All children are welcome from the Parish and School.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY - NEW

A new Marriage Ministry has been formed at St. Benedict. The ministry will be a peer, intergenerational ministry that serves the full range of spiritual, emotional and social/relational need of all married couples through every stage of marriage and family life. We will kick off our Marriage Ministry with a "Couple's Night Out" on January 21, 2017 at Jacques Catering Facility with beer, wine, dinner and dancing. The cost is 25.00 per couple, cash or check made payable to St. Benedict. Please RSVP no later than Jan. 14th with your response to Lori McCahill at mccahill@stbenedictnj.org.

PTA

The PTA Advent Project "Angels of Peace" is well underway! See the Principal's Packet for all of the Advent Project calendar events and information. Thank you for your participation!

[Click to see Santa Shop photos here!](#)

Visit www.stbenedictholmdel.org/PTA for the latest PTA information.

REMINDERS

- Hour of Code is coming on Wednesday 12/7!
- School is closed in observance of the Immaculate Conception holiday on Thursday, 12/8.
- St. Benedict Christmas Tree Lighting is on Friday, 12/9 at 6:30 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

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

School Calendar

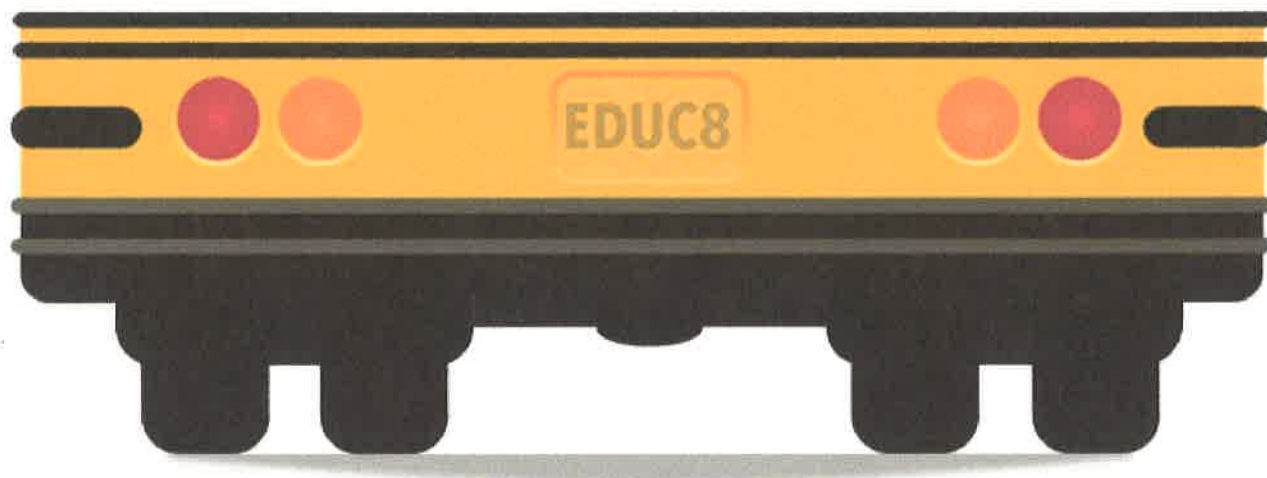
Don't forget, the website school calendar will reflect the latest event information and any updates to the printed calendar should there be any changes made to dates, times, and locations of events/activities throughout the school year.

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

Principal's Newsletter Packet



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