

# St. Benedict School

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## **BISHOP O'CONNELL'S MASS**

On October 4th, the Student Counselors, Mrs. Contino, Mrs. Keeling, Mrs. Ulrich, and Ms. Wallace were blessed to be able to participate in the Bishop's Mass held in the Cathedral in Trenton.

## **Goings-on!**

### **Bulletin Boards**

Mrs. D'Amore's bulletin board presents biographical information regarding each of the children in her class.

### **Mrs. Keeling - Gr7**

7th Grade Students in Mrs. Keeling's History class did a history investigation on the Mystery of the Colony of Roanoke. The colony was founded in 1587 but when the English returned in 1590 the colony had vanished. Students examined the clues left behind by the colonists and developed a theory about what happened to the colonists. They then shared their theories with the class and the students analyzed the strengths and weaknesses of the theories. Great Job historians!

### **Mrs. Sargent - Gr8**

The 8th grade Integrated Language Arts has completed the study of the classic, To Kill a Mockingbird. Students explored the novel and the movie. The lessons we learned from Lee's classic characters will hopefully be a part of us forever, most especially, " Do not judge another person until you have a chance to walk around in his shoes."

### **Mrs. DeSilvestri - KA**

KA has been learning about God's gift of senses. This week they explored their sense of smell by playing a cooperative game called "What's That Smell?" They also learned to draw and follow a map from the classroom to the nurses office.

### **Ms. Connelly - 3B**

3b is counting money!

## **Mrs. McDonald - KA & KB**

KA and KB had fun making their annual scarecrow project this week. They will be displayed in the main hallway for Halloween.

## **Mrs. Magnan - Technology/Library**

There have been lots of new additions to our Library/Media Center this month!

- Bee Bots - an exciting new and friendly little robot designed for kids in grades K-2. It's the perfect little tool for teaching beginning computer programming concepts like sequencing and problem solving skills. Students program a few simple steps and off they go!
- iPad Minis - a set of new iPad minis were purchased for the library, equipped with some very special apps including Speakaboos - an interactive reading app designed to keep kids reading, capture attention and build early reading skills.

Circuit Kits - Future engineers will love using our new circuit kits. They are a great new addition to our Maker Space in the library. Students can use their kits to build exciting projects, such as FM radios, digital voice recorders, burglar alarms, doorbells and much more.

## **Mrs. McCahill - 6A & 6B**

Both 6A and 6B had a wonderful day in Religion yesterday meeting their 1st grade buddies. It began with an extremely warm and excited welcome. The 1st grade eagerly showed 6th grade how to make Jack-O-Lantern plates and much fun was had by all. A very heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Ballon and Ms. Fredda for sharing their students with us.

## **Miss Fredda - 1B**

On Thursday afternoon the class of 1B met with their 6th grade buddies to do a Halloween project together. Next week, the 1st graders will write a friendly letter to their buddy thanking them for helping them with the project. They will also write in the letter a few questions and fun things about themselves that they want to share with their new buddy. This tradition will continue all year, as the 1st and 6th graders get to know each other both face to face and in a letter format. This will help the 1st graders learn how to write a friendly letter and how to use different types of sentences. This is a very exciting activity for both 1st and 6th grade and they look forward to it each month.

## **Ms. Treglia - 4B**

"It's Haunted Story Month in 4B! This month we will be writing scary radio plays and performing them for our friends in 4A on Halloween. This month's book report task is to find the scariest villain in a book. Who will win our Scary Radio Play Contest? Who will find the scariest villain? Stay tuned....."

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## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Our annual Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place according to the following schedule:

- **Tuesday, October 18-3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, October 20-4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Reminder: No students permitted in the foyer or gym**
- **Reminder: Conferences limited to 10 minutes for Gr. K - 4**
- **Reminder: Conferences limited to 5 minutes/teacher for Gr. 5 - 8**
- **Where necessary, longer conferences may be scheduled for another day.**

All conferences will be held in the gym. Teachers will be seated at tables along the corridor wall and the window wall. All conferences operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents will wait on a line across from the teacher's station, and as one parent (or parents) leaves, the next parent in line will step up. With this system, parents can see as many teachers as they wish, and decide in what order they wish to see teachers. In order to accommodate all parents, we will hold to a 10-minute limit for K - 4 teachers and a 5-minute/teacher limit for 5 - 8 teachers. I have instructed teachers to use timers and I respectfully request that you honor those time limits. Parents who need a longer session can always schedule a conference with the teacher(s) for another time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation-the teachers are looking forward to seeing you soon.

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## **WINE TASTING**

Don't forget our WINE TASTING fundraiser is:

**Saturday, October 15  
6:30 pm**

**Support the PTA  
Click [here](#) for the Wine Tasting Brochure**

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## **PLEASE NOTE**

**The PTA's Free Frozen Yogurt for SBS students scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th is postponed until a later date.**