

SCHOOL BUS

St. Benedict School

UNIFORM REMINDER

Winter uniforms will be required as of November 1st.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

Don't forget that Thursday is an early dismissal day. Students will leave the building at 12:15 pm.

FACEBOOK

Both the "SBS Principal" Facebook page and the "St. Benedict School and Church" Facebook page are feeds that appear on the home page of our [website](#). you can view from there or click on them to be taken directly to the Facebook public pages.



NEW KID - GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE

SBS students were treated to a play about anti-bullying from the George Street Playhouse titled "New Kid." Thanks to ASNA, the Arts Association, the PTA and Mrs. Potterton for helping bring this performance to our school, just in time for Unity Day.

GRADE K

Kindergarten students in Mrs. DeSilvestri's class are working in small Reading groups which allows for differentiation and individualized instruction.



GRADE 1A - MRS. BALLON

As one of the extension activities related to the Unity Day activities this week, the 1A students read and discussed the story "The Legend of Spookley, the Square Pumpkin." Although initially Spookley is upset because he is different from his peers, he learns an important lesson about

how each of us is made unique by God. Students each got to create their own unique pumpkin representing the uniqueness in all of us! Just as Spookley's friends did accept him with his differences, students also discussed ways they accept others, as well.



GRADE 3A - MRS. D'AMORE

Look out Aesop! Third Graders are in the publishing stage of their Fable writing. They included animal characters who have a problem to solve. Great Moral to the story was chosen to complete the fable. Also, if you are traveling anywhere in the world ask us for directions! We completed learning and locating the continents, oceans, and special communities in Social Studies. Counting and making change was exciting too. The class used iPads to practice this skill in Math.

GRADE 3B - MS. CONNELLY

Class 3B learned about the elements of culture and how different areas of the world have different customs. Students compared our culture in the United States to the culture of people who live in Timbuktu, which is in the country of Mali in Africa. They discussed the different clothing styles, religion, ways of entertainment, and languages spoken in both countries.

GRADE 7 MATH

MRS. BENITES and MRS. HICKMAN

The seventh graders are in the process of creating Google Slides encompassing investigating the uses of Scientific Notation. They have composed paragraphs explaining professions that use Scientific Notation, why it needs to be taught in school, and in what circumstances it is used. The students have also created slides with examples of exponents, order of operations, and equations with integers. The students will be working on the slides next week as well.

GRADE 8 ILA - MRS. SARGENT

The 8th grade ILA classes are exploring the works and life of Edgar Allan Poe for the next two weeks. Students are researching Poe's life and how his loves and pain are reflected in his classic writings. After research, students will also form a hypothesis on the cause of Poe's death.

GRADE 8 - SOCIAL STUDIES

MRS. KEELING

After learning about the Civil War military draft, 8th Grade Social Studies Students participated in a Socratic Seminar on the relevance of a military draft in today's society. Students researched the benefits and drawbacks of required military service. Using the information they gathered, students articulated their thoughts on several different topics. The topics included whether or not 18 year olds should be required to register with selective services, should woman also be included in the draft and whether or not they believed that young people should be required to serve their country either in a military or community organization for two years. They made excellent points and supported their point of view with factual and statistical evidence. Great job 8th graders!



GRADE 8 - SCIENCE

MRS. REIFENHEISER

Through various games and experiments, the students in Mrs. Reifenhiser's 8th grade Science classes have been learning about physical and chemical changes. It didn't take too much time for the copper to oxidize when it reacted with vinegar and oxygen. The students performed tasks to prove that a burning stick is a chemical change, separating sand and iron is a physical change and that effervescent tablets react causing an irreversible change. What a great week to be a scientist.

MRS. MAGNAN - TECHNOLOGY

Keyboarding

It's keyboarding week at SBS! Every year, all of our students work on their keyboarding skills. Kindergarten through eighth grade use age appropriate software to learn and build their

keyboarding skills, and in some cases, develop letter recognition and key placement. This week, our younger grades joined the Keyboarding Zoo, practicing upper and lower case letters, the spacebar, the shift key, and punctuation, while 6th and 8th graders joined Typing Races to develop speed and accuracy.



Google Classroom

Our Fourth Grade students joined the ranks this week as they entered into the world of the Google Classroom. Over the next few weeks we'll be building upon joining a classroom by working in Google Drive and Docs.

Fables

Mrs. D'Amore's class wrote their own fables and have begun to put their stories together into their own book of fables. Together with Mrs. Magnan, students typed their stories in Microsoft Word. They learned how to format a page, use bold, italics and underline, how to copy and paste a picture to represent their story.

THIS WEEK'S REMINDERS

- Grade 2 Sacramental Parent Meeting on Sun, 10/23 @ 10:30am or Thu, 10/26 @ 5pm
- Half Day 12:15 Dismissal on Thu, 10/27
- Altar Server Training Thu, 10/27 @ 5pm in Church
- Drama Club Mandatory Parent Meeting (Option #1) on Sat, 10/29 @ 10am in FAL 1-2

PRINCIPAL PACKET ATTACHMENTS

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

Principal's Packet

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