



St. Benedict School

HALLOWEEN PARTIES, MISSION FAIR AND PARADE

MISSION FAIR

The Student Council would like to make you aware of some of the details for this year's Mission Fair which will take place on Monday, October 31st. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have created games for the students to enjoy and play in the gym. Each class will be assigned a time slot to visit the fair. We are asking for a voluntary donation of \$2.00 for the Mission Fair.

In addition to the K-8 school parties and Mission Fair held during the school day, we will be hosting a parade at 1:15 pm. All students in grades K-6 will participate in the SBS Halloween Parade at 1:15 pm, parents are welcome to attend. See below for more info.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Winter uniforms will be required as of November 1st.

SCHOOL CLOSED 11/3

Don't forget that Thursday, 11/3 there is no school as it is a Diocesan Professional Development Day for Teachers.

GRADE NEWS

GRADE KB - MRS. MCDONALD

The Kindergarten classes completed their first STEM project. The children brought recycled solid shapes from home and painted them black. This was a review of the solid shapes they had learned. They practiced building houses with blocks. After viewing different haunted mansions on the computer, they helped their teachers build and decorate their own haunted mansions. The children learned about why and how spiders weave their webs.

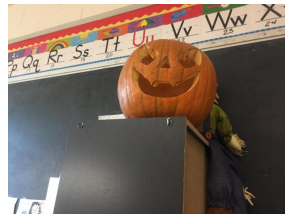
KA and KB

KA and KB practiced for the Mass on November 1, 2016. Kindergarten parents are welcome to attend the Mass as their children will be inducted into the Missionary Child Association and presented with pins from Father Garry and Mrs. Wallace.



[GRADE 2B - MS. OSWICK](#)

We had a busy month with our class pumpkin. We learned so much about math and science by observing our pumpkin. We measured it, weighed it, found out it floats, we chose a favorite face and carved it, we roasted and ate the seeds. Pumpkins are very interesting and you can learn so much from observing them. Happy Halloween to all from 2B.



[GRADE 7 - SOCIAL STUDIES](#) [MRS. HALE](#)

Mrs. Hale's Social Studies classes simulated colonial trade. The students were free to trade money or goods to achieve their particular goals. They also had to pay all taxes demanded of them, and follow the Navigation Acts. The colonies represented a lucrative source of wealth and trade. The Navigation Acts were designed to regulate colonial trade and enabled England to collect duties (taxes) in the Colonies.

[GRADE 7 - MATH](#) [MRS. BENITES - STEM UPDATE](#)

On Friday, October 28th the seventh graders participated in a STEM day. One activity was to build a bridge using styrofoam cups and paper. The students placed another paper cup on the paper bridge and added weight until the paper started to bend. They took the weighted cup and placed it on a balance scale to figure out its weight in grams. The students then folded the paper like a fan, placed the lines perpendicular and then parallel to them to see if the new bridge would be able to hold more weight. After the lab portion of the day, students researched what raw materials are needed to build a bridge, which countries produced and exported those materials, and what the cost of materials would be if they needed 1500 tons. Lastly, the students researched famous bridges and created posters highlighting fun facts and pictures.

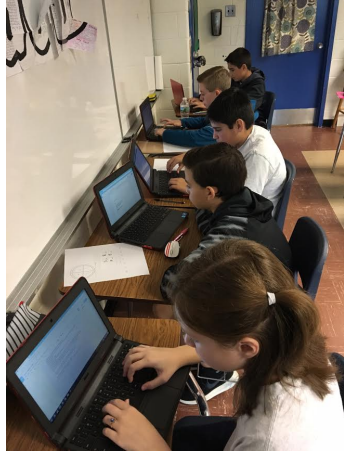
[GRADE 7 - WHITE and BLUE ILA](#) [MS. MERTZ](#)

Students in 7 White and 7 Blue wrote haunted narrative essays this week in ILA. They had to craft an original scary story, complete with all of the elements of plot, sensory details, and character development. Students read their creepy narratives to each other in a dark classroom that was lit only with candles. It truly was a spooky and entertaining day!



[FROM MRS. KEELING](#)

Today, the 7th grade students are participating in a day devoted to different STEM Activities. Mrs. Reifenheiser's classes are using the engineering design process to develop a way to place a life preserver around their gummy worm which is trapped. They can not use their hands to touch the gummy worm and must only use the items provided.



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In Ms. Mertz' STEM block students worked in pairs to solve various puzzles and problems, but could not see what their partner was doing. They also could only communicate with written communication through their Chromebooks. Students had to use problem solving, reading/writing skills, mathematics, and patience to complete the activity successfully.

MRS. DELGADO - SPANISH



At the end of October, as part of the Spanish cultural curriculum, we are learning about "El Día de los Muertos" (the day of the dead). This feast takes place on November 1st and 2nd. During this time, we remember our loved ones that have passed away. This is when we remember the good times we spent with them. It is a time to celebrate death as part of the circle of life. The Day of the Dead is a joyous celebration unique to Mexico. It combines Christian and Pre-Hispanic religious beliefs and traditions. We set up a shrine to honor and pay loving tribute to departed family members. El Día de los Muertos concentrates on the continuity of life and the devotion of family.

FAITH FORMATION

Fall Family Movie Night

St. Benedict presents Fall Family Movie Night on Friday, November 4th at 7 pm in the School Gym.

Ice cream social followed by "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" movie. Father J.M. will join us for prayer and worship. Bring your own blanket, bean bag, or lawn chair.

Please RSVP by November 1st to familyevents@stbenedictnj.org

November Donations:

During the month of November, the School and Religious Education program support the SVDP food pantry.

1. Our annual color the Turkey and donate \$5 to the food pantry. Please print out a Turkey color it and return it with your donation.

2. We will be having a parish-wide food drive for Thanksgiving! Shopping Carts will be at the end of each hallway for School and Religious Education students. Any non-perishable food item is accepted. The pantry shelves need replenishment, so all donations are accepted.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Winter Sports and Clubs Mass

There will be a Mass to celebrate all basketball, cheerleaders, and various club members on Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow in the Gathering Space.

ARTS ASSOCIATION

First, the SBS Arts Association would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all of the students that entered the Peter Pan Jr. T-shirt design contest this year! All of the designs were really terrific and will be randomly on display throughout the year on the Arts Association Board just outside of the Spirit Shop across from the Nurse's office!

That being said, the Arts Association is proud to announce the winner of our Drama Club's Peter Pan Jr. T-shirt contest is Gabriella Esposito in 5A! The runner up is Jamie McCloskey in 5B! Way to go ladies!

The winning design will be Drama Club's t-shirt this year and both designs will be featured in Drama Club's Peter Pan Jr. performance playbill!

Both designs are below and the order form with a proof of what the actual t-shirt will look like can be found in the Principal's Newsletter Packet.

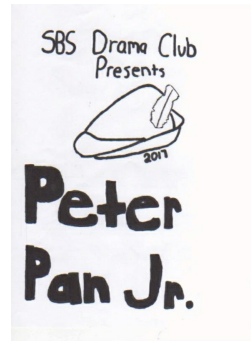
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST OF PETER PAN! (Click to view cast)

Thank you,
Your SBS Arts Association & Drama Club

Winner:



Runner Up:



I LOVE ST. BENEDICT DAY

The first Monday of every month is "I LOVE ST. BENEDICT DAY!" To show their love of SBS, students may wear an "I LOVE St. Benedict School/Ask Me Why" t-shirt with their regular uniform pants, jumpers, or kilts on the first Monday of each month. Students may also choose to substitute those shirts for their gym shirts on gym day. The next first Monday is November 7th! If you have a tee, wear it. If not, please see the Principal's Newsletter Packet for the order form.

REMINDERS

- Student Council Dance tonight for Grades 6-8, Fri, 10/28 at 7 pm in SBS Gym
- Drama Club Mandatory Parent Meeting (Option #1) is Sat, 10/29 at 10 am in FAL 1 & 2 and (Option #2) on Mon, 11/7 at 3 pm in Art Room
- School Picture Retakes on Tue, 11/1
- School Mass for All Saints' Day and Kindergarten Holy Childhood Induction at 1 pm on Tue, 11/1
- No School on Thu, 11/3

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.stbenedictchdmdel.org/schoolcalendar>

Principal's Newsletter Packet



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