



St. Benedict School

REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS

2017 holds much promise for our St. Benedict students. Grade 8 will be finishing up the year looking to further education in high school. New STEM projects will be making their way through all of the grade levels. The new MakerSpace is taking shape as part of a Center for Innovation. And our new "Student of the Month" program will continue with announcements for December's Students of the Month at the First Friday Mass on January 6, 2017.

2017 will be a year of many exciting new programs including our Preschool, which will begin in September, 2017. Parents who have already pre-registered their children are assured a spot, and the registration will become open to the public during Catholic Schools Week.

I look forward to a year full of growth, both spiritually and academically, as we continue this journey together. God bless us all, everyone!

~Candace Wallace

COMMUNITY SUNDAY - SUNDAY 1/8

We are asking for volunteers who are available to represent the school and answer general questions to stay a few minutes after each Mass to assist Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Ulrich. PLEASE WEAR YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORMS to MASS. There is no need to RSVP. Thank you for your support.

FILING FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2107-18 - MONDAY, 1/9

Tuition Assistance applications, formerly filed with PSAS, will now be filed with FACTS Management. All applications MUST be filed online. In order to help families who are filing for the first time or, who are not comfortable filing online, FACTS is conducting filing "Help" sessions at various locations within the diocese, during the month of January.

The first session will be held in the computer lab at St Benedict, this Monday, January 9 from 6-8 pm. This will be an opportunity to complete and file your application with the help of our FACTS Representative.

Please read the information for explanations regarding how the process works, what things you need to bring with you and what other dates and locations are available if you cannot make it to SBS on January 9. All information is located on our school website at: <https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/financialassistance>

Pre-Registration is necessary, so be sure to respond, following the steps explained in the attachments.

If you plan to file for tuition assistance, I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.
~Diane Laskowski

SBS OPEN HOUSE PARENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING - MONDAY, 1/23

Thank you to those volunteering for our upcoming SBS Open House taking place on Saturday,

January, 28th. Training will take place:

- Monday, 1/23 at 6:30 pm in FAL Rooms 1 and 2

For those still interested and able to volunteer on 1/28 from 2:30-5:30, please contact Lori Ulrich at ulrich@stbenedictnj.org.

[SBS OPEN HOUSE - SATURDAY, 1/28](#) [GET THE WORD OUT!](#)

Tell your neighbors and friends about our OPEN HOUSE on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017** from 3-5PM. Registration for new families begins at our Catholic Schools Week kickoff open house.

[NEW WEBSITE](#)

The new website launched on January 3rd and we are up and running. Please check it out and familiarize yourself with it, we are very excited with the new transition in time for Open House and Catholic Schools Week.

[SCHOOL CHOIR SIGN UP](#)

The School Choir is open to all students in grades 3-8. If you like to sing, come join us! We will begin rehearsing on February 1 and continue until the Spring Concert on May 10. Choir rehearses on Wednesdays after school until 3:15. Choir does not rehearse on half days. Please fill in the permission slip in the Principal's Packet and return no later than **Friday, January 27**. Any questions, email Mrs. Remick at remick@stbenedictnj.org.

[GRADE NEWS](#)

[GRADE 3B](#) [MISS CONNELLY](#)

3B is learning multiplication! They spent time this week practicing facts by using the iPads and flash cards. It's important to practice these facts every day!



[JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY - CYO](#) [FOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY, 1/15](#)

On Sunday, January 15th, the Junior Youth Ministry (CYO) will be hosting a food drive for St. Vincent de Paul food pantry after all Masses. Check the FYI/Principal's Packet for more info.

[DINNER AND A MOVIE - FRIDAY, 1/20](#)

Dinner and a movie with Junior Youth Ministry CYO will be held on Friday, January 20th at 6:30-8:00 pm. We will be watching the movie, MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN. Please RSVP by January 18th to mccahill@stbenedictnj.org as pizza will be served.

[MARRIAGE MINISTRY](#)

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 needs of all married couples through every stage of marriage and family life. This ministry is open to all married couples, our first event below is a great way to meet other couples in the parish and school.

We will kick off our Marriage Ministry with a **"Couple's Night Out"** on **January 21st, 2017** at Jacques Catering Facility with beer, wine, dinner and dancing. The cost is only \$25.00 per

couple! Cash or check made payable to St. Benedict. Please RSVP no later than January 14th to: Lori McCahill at mccahill@stbenedictnj.org.

FAITH FORMATION

Family Life Parent Meeting - Wednesday, 1/18

Within the religion curriculum at St. Benedict Catholic Church and School we offer the RCL Benziger *Family Life* program to all students in grades 1-8. This program helps to foster personal growth, moral development, and respect for life. The program is based on five themes of God's gifts - family, self, life, love and community. There will be a Parent information meeting offered on Wednesday, January 18th at 5:00 p.m. in the Church. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like information, contact Denise Contino at contino@stbenedictnj.org.

Epiphany House Blessing

This custom started many centuries ago, families marked their doorway entrances to invite Jesus to be a daily guest in their homes. A traditional way of doing this is by taking a piece of chalk and writing **20+C+M+B+17** above the doorway entrance. The initials represent the names of the three magi: *Caspar, Melchior and Balthazor* and the abbreviation of the Latin word *Christus mansionem benedicat* which means **"May Christ bless the house."** The "+" sign represents the cross and **20** and **17** represent the year. We will be handing out chalk, instructions and a prayer for all parishioners after all the Masses on Saturday, January 7 and Sunday, January 8.

Faith Formation Opportunities for Adults:

- Father Garry's four week scripture series, an Introduction to the Bible, starting Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30 pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend, no registration required.
- "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" Bible Study on Tuesdays, January 24 - March 14, 2017, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Father Anderson Library. Learn more and register online at: <https://study.ascensionpress.com/pick/holmdel-nj-st-benedict-church>
- ChristLife: Discovering Christ small group program will begin on Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 6:45-9:15 pm. Learn more and register online at: <https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/christlife>

PTA

SAVE THE DATES

Ladies and Young Gentlemen Dance - Friday, 1/27

Please do the survey from Survey Monkey, an email was resent on January 4th. This survey is only for boys' moms.

Gentlemen and Young Ladies Dance - Friday, 2/3 from 6-9:00 pm at Jacques Reception Center. Invitation will be posted on the SBS website under the FYI page.

Save the Date for Comedy Night - Friday, 2/10

Join us for a night of laughter in the SBS gym on February 10th! Tickets will be limited. More information to come.

See the [FYI page](#) under Principal's Packet or [PTA page](#) for more information.

REMINDERS

- SBS Community Sunday is 1/8 after all the Masses - Join us!
- The annual Polar Plunge is Sunday, 1/8 - Good luck to all of our plungers!

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

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

Principal's Newsletter Packet



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