



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

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## **PRINCIPAL NEWS + ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **School Theme**

The theme for this year at SBS is: **WE ARE THE WORLD!**

T-shirts are being offered by the Arts Association with the theme logo designed by our very own Mrs. Mertz. Special days will be assigned that will be WE ARE THE WORLD days, on which ONLY these T-shirts can be substituted for the uniform. BECOME PART OF THE SBS COMMUNITY, and show your support by ordering a T-shirt for your student, yourself, and your family and friends. Get them while you can. Orders cannot be guaranteed after November 10th! Click [here](#) to print the order form!

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### **Makerspace News**

The pictures on the header of this page were created using our MakerSpace Green Screen Technology in our Center for Innovation. Volunteer parents assisted the children in the activity, and the photos above are the result. St. Benedict School programs are moving forward on a daily basis, so check back for more wonderful projects. Thank you to our volunteer parents, Mrs. Healy and Mrs. Orr! We couldn't have done it without you!





## Pumpkin News

From PreK to Grade 5, students are picking pumpkins and participating in a Math activity of counting pumpkin seeds. Parents provided a "Pumpkin Patch" outside of the Pre K Classrooms and the students were able to go out and choose which pumpkin they would like to "pick".



Kindergarten students were paired with their buddies who helped them to empty the pumpkins of seeds and proceed to count them. Kudos to Mrs. Cannizzo, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Guido, Mrs. Mackin and Mrs. Misch for orchestrating an outstanding learning activity for the students.





#### REMINDERS:

- Parents: Please make sure to use the "Room Request Form" under the Forms tab if you are looking to book a room for any meeting or event at the school. This includes evening meetings. Only rooms requested through the proper channels are guaranteed.
- Weds, November 1 - 9 am School Mass
- Fri, November 3 - No School for Students

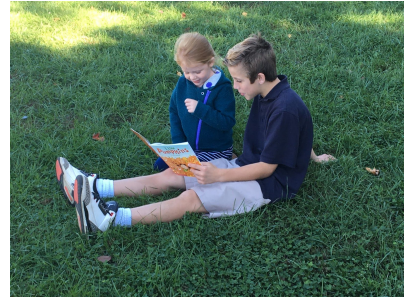
## CLASSROOM NEWS

### PRE-K AND SEVENTH GRADE BUDDIES

The pre-K and seventh grade buddies met for the first time on Friday, October 20th. After getting to know one another, the buddies went outside to read a Halloween-themed book in the beautiful fall weather. After, they teamed up to go on a leaf hunt! They found leaves of different shapes, sizes, and colors.

On Unity Day, the buddies met once again. They talked about how they can be nice to everyone. All of their ideas were written on a giant paper chain! The buddies also talked about how to fill imaginary buckets with kindness. The buddies are looking forward to completing a lot of fun activities together in the future!





See more photos [here](#).

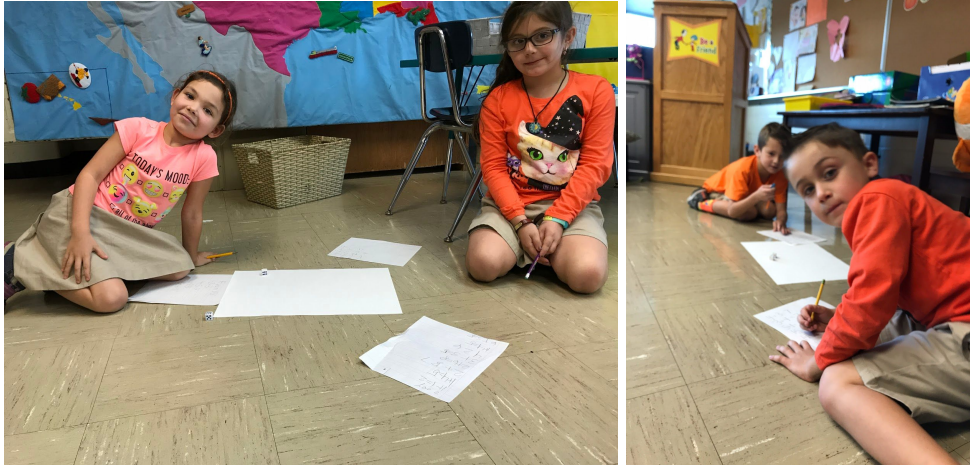
### FIFTH GRADE

The fifth graders are building an island as the Aztecs did in 1325 AD. It was built using rafts, then covered in dirt to grow crops. The students paired up to make 5" square rafts, covered them in dirt and planted maize. The next few weeks will determine if we can grow maize in a classroom in autumn, the opposite season of Aztecs. Stay tuned!



## FIRST GRADE

During Unity Day, first graders in 1A collaborated to create related addition sentences. Through this learning activity, students filled their buckets by sharing, taking turns, and encouraging one another.



## HOURLY OF CODE



The Hour of Code 2017 is coming! The Hour of Code is designed to excite and ignite interest in young students to learn how to code. This year's Hour of Code will be even better than the last! All students, in all grades, from PreK-8, will have the opportunity to learn how to code. Technology is transforming every industry on the planet. In 2015, 7 million openings in the U.S. were in occupations—including art and design—that value coding skills. But 75 percent of schools in the U.S. don't teach computer science. It's time to catch up to the 21st century. We know that regardless of what our students do when they grow up, whether they go into medicine, business, politics, or the arts, knowing how to build technology will give them confidence and a competitive edge. Here's our opportunity to spark their interest in code.

## PARENT ASSOCIATIONS + CLUB NEWS

### ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Arts Association has extended their T-shirt sale!

The SBS ***We Are the World*** themed T-shirts designed by Mrs. Mertz with the message "**Restore One Another in a Spirit of Gentleness**" can be ordered until Friday, 11/10. The Arts Association is not doing the magazine sale this year, so please consider supporting this fundraiser. Children can wear this T-shirt on gym days too!

[https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/documents/2017/9/T-shirt%20Orders\\_2017\\_Parents.pdf](https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/documents/2017/9/T-shirt%20Orders_2017_Parents.pdf)

### CHOIR CLUBS

Attention School Choir, Girls Jam, Guys Jam and Youth Choir:

All choirs will be singing for the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, November 5th for the special occasion of the ***Dedication of the Science Lab***. The Vicar of Education will be presiding. Please arrive at 12:15 wearing school uniform.

### DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club Mandatory Parent Meetings are scheduled for **Monday, October 30th from 3:00-4:00 pm** and **Saturday, November 4th from 10:00-11:00 am**. Please attend one of these meetings if your child will be involved with the play (cast or crew).

### PTA (Parent-Teacher Association)



**PTA Pocketbook Bingo** is coming on Friday, November 10th in the SBS Gym. Doors Open at 6:00 pm! Cost is \$25; Includes Admission and 40 Bingo Game Cards; 4 cards for each game. See the weekly packet for invitation.

The **PTA Delicious Orchards Pie Sale** is happening, don't miss out on ordering pies and supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry during this time of year. See weekly packet for order form. Orders are due by Wednesday, November 8th.



The **Advent Project** is already underway, in order to be able to distribute the Advent art project in time for Christmas, personalized note card orders are due by Monday, October 30th. Please check your child's folder this weekend and see the artwork he or she created! Click here for the [order form](#) or see the weekly packet.

We look forward to this year's Advent Project, it is a great way to "Let Our Light Shine"!

**Stay tuned for the Advent Project updates!**

### ALTAR SERVERS

We are accepting new registration for altar servers. All altar servers who register must be at least in the fifth grade for the 2017/2018 school year. St. Benedict School students are to meet on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. The Mass of Installation will be held on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Visit this link to sign up on the website: <https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/altarservers>

### REMINDER

The school calendar is located on the website in the main navigation tab titled "Calendar" or bookmark the page here:

<https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/calendar-1>

The home page of the school website also has upcoming events for the week, be sure to check it for quick calendar reminders!

### WEEKLY PACKET

Please see the link below to access all of the newsletter attachments for the week.

<https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/fyi>

**HAVE A NICE WEEKEND!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[Family Movie Night](#) on **Friday, 10/27** at 7:00 pm.

Halloween Parade  
**Monday, 10/30** at 8:30 am for PreK  
**Tuesday, 10/31** at 8:30 am for PreK thru 8

Mission Fair **Tuesday, 10/31**

School Mass on **Wednesday, 11/1** at 9 am

No School **Friday, 11/3**

