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PRINCIPAL NEWS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOURLY OF CODE

December 7th marks the Second Annual Hour of Code event at SBS. Students will participate in many programming activities, including creating games by utilizing *block coding*. Mrs. Magnan has been planning and designing the activities, and with the help of Mrs. Guido (KB) and our special teachers, Mrs. Delgado, Mrs. Mertz, Mrs. Remick and Mrs. Tagliarini, will layout a flawless timeline for the day so all of the students are involved in engaging learning experiences.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

Grade 6 students presented a skit during our Thanksgiving Prayer Service which was celebrated on Wednesday, November 22nd. It was an outstanding performance.



VOLUNTEERING

The Diocese of Trenton requires volunteers working with children in our school to have a *Criminal Background Check* (fingerprinting) and *Virtus Training*. This includes any parent who volunteers as a coach, as a chaperone, class parent, or anywhere in the school, including the classrooms. I am, therefore, encouraging all parents to submit the paperwork which includes a Criminal Background Check letter, and a Virtus Training Certificate ASAP so that there will be no problem for you to volunteer. The information you need to complete these two requirements is accessible on the school website

SUPPORT FOR OUR CLASSMATE, DANIEL CARNEVALE

Students from St. Benedict School work at a Bake Sale in support of our classmate, Daniel Carnevale.



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Parents are planning many other activities such as a Spaghetti Dinner to be held in January, 2018. Our community is what sets us apart, and I know how appreciative the Carnevale Family is for all of this support.

GENESIS PARENT PORTAL

Please note that parent access is closed for all elementary schools. It will re-open the evening of 12/7/17. Please don't attempt to access the portal, as you run the risk of locking yourself out. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Report cards will be distributed on Thursday, December 7. Thank you.



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CLASS NEWS

SIXTH GRADE - MS. OSWICK ILA

The sixth grade class just finished reading the best-selling book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. After working on projects in class and finishing off with a movie viewing, the sixth graders have truly embraced the theme of the book, "When given the choice between being right or kind, choose kind." Well done sixth grade!

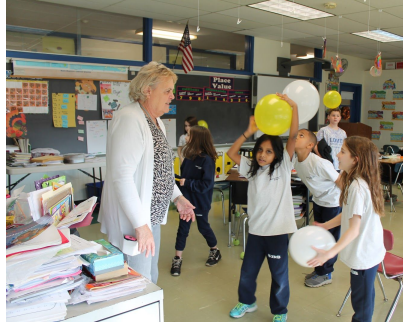


THIRD GRADE - MRS. D'AMORE

Mrs. D'Amore's third grade class learned and demonstrated various ways to create static electricity this week in class.



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See the full photo album at:
<https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/photoalbums/staticelectricity>

SECOND GRADE - MISS REDDAN

Miss Reddan's second grade class went to visit the new science lab for the first time this week. The students participated in a leaf project and learned about the different parts and functions of plants. See the full photo album at: <https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/photoalbums/2bsciencelab>



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PARENT ASSOCIATIONS + CLUB NEWS

BAKE SALE

We will be holding a bake sale fundraiser for the Carnevale family this weekend, Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd after all Masses in the Gathering Space. Donated baked goods or purchased sweets are welcome.

PTA (Parent-Teacher Association)

We are pleased to announce that the duck sale raised \$1,200 for the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH). The funds raised are going to host a Christmas party for the veterans and purchase them gifts. Special thanks to Serefina Pepe who organized and ran the sale. Her father-in-law, Joseph Pepe, is a member of MOPH. Mr. Pepe, along with his Commander, and fellow members of MOPH attended the school Mass today where a check

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 1

Parish Christmas Tree Lighting is tonight at 6:30 pm in the Church and on the front lawn.

Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3

Bake Sale for Daniel Carnevale after all Masses this weekend.



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was presented to them as part of the gift box. The students also wrote letters to the veterans that will be distributed at the party. Thank you to everyone for your support. See the December School Mass photo album [here](#).



SANTA SHOP

Thank you to Tracy Boone and Erika Falzone for doing an amazing job co-chairing the Santa Shop this year! We are grateful for their time and talents coordinating the event by shopping, tracking inventory, budgeting, envelope mailing distribution, volunteer coordination and supervising all of the shoppers. The atmosphere was very festive and a great way to kick off the holiday season. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped as well.



Thursday, December 7
Hour of Code
Report Card Distribution

Friday, 12/8
Immaculate Conception
School Closed

Monday, 12/11
Barnes & Noble Book Fair
Houlihan's Dine Out



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REMINDER:

The Parent Afternoon Escape sponsored by the PTA for PreK- 3rd Grade is tomorrow, **Saturday, December 2nd from 12:00-4:00 pm**. Parents can drop off their PreK-3rd Grade students for 4 hours of Christmas shopping. Students will have crafts, games and outside activities. See weekly packet for registration form.

Family Life Parent Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Church

Bishop O'Connell has promulgated back in 2014 that all schools will use the RCL Family Life Series in K-8. We have been using the curriculum and will continue to do so at St. Benedict. There will be a parent information meeting to review the program. A letter can be found in the weekly packet. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like information about the program, please email Denise Contino, Director of Faith Formation at contino@stbenedictnj.org.

REMINDERS

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 principal's Facebook page for St. Benedict School is: <https://www.facebook.com/SBSprincipal/>

WEEKLY PACKET

Please see the link below to access all of the newsletter attachments for the week.
<https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/fyi>

