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PRINCIPAL NEWS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a day that celebrates the Virgin Mary during Advent, the season leading up to the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. St. Benedict School is closed today in recognition of this Holy Day of Obligation. Here is our prayer for the day:

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for thy Son, we beseech thee that, as by the foreseen death of this, thy Son, thou did preserve her from all stain, so too thou wouldst permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto thee. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

HOURL OF CODE

PreK-Grade 8 engaged in the Second Annual "Hour of Code" activities. Thank you Mrs. Magnan and all the STEM team helpers, Mrs. Oswick, Mrs. Mertz, Mrs. Cannizzo, Mrs. Guido, Mrs. Tagliarini and Mrs. Delgado. Could not have been better! How lucky are our students to be having these experiences!





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Hour of Code is on!!!!

Thursday, December 7th marks the Second Annual Hour of Code event at St. Benedict School. Here's a snippet of Mrs. Magnan's presentation to Grade 3 & 4 students.

You can view it at: PLEASE NOTE: You must be signed into your google account to access the video!
https://drive.google.com/a/stbenedictnj.org/file/d/1SUEuT_-aT4oul3nEBmxFrk6K_XZbjy3/view?usp=sharing

FROM THE PTA:

We have gotten some feedback that people were having difficulty opening the link to the Sign Up Genius for making donations to the Blessing Bag Project.



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You can send your donations into school via your child. Food items can be dropped in the blue bin under the tree in the lobby. Monetary donations can be put in envelope marked Blessing Bags. You can send in cash or checks. Checks should be made out to SBS PTA.

Below is a direct link. We hope you can make a donation to this very worthwhile charity that will bring blessings and prayers for the NYC homeless.

I can't tell you enough how much we appreciate all your support!

Prayers for a wonderful and meaningful Advent!

Mary Beth Crowe

PTA President

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E0D45AFAF2AA3FF2-thesbs>

FACEBOOK

Please be advised that the Facebook Groups for each class are meant to be informational centers. Posts that address individual students and/or classroom issues are inappropriate because it is a public forum, and they can make a situation worse by hurting the individuals involved. St. Benedict staff works tirelessly to address all conflicts that arise among the students. These efforts are not always visible, nor made known to the entire class or school as they can be very sensitive and confidential in nature. Please be assured that we take many different roads to address the wide variety of needs and issues that arise in the school setting. We are the guides for your children while they are in our care. We take that seriously. If there are any individual issues that any parent needs to discuss, please reach out to your child's teacher, Mrs. Potterton or myself.

SUPPORT FOR OUR CLASSMATE, DANIEL CARNEVALE

Sixth grade students from St. Benedict School work at a Bake Sale this past weekend in support of our classmate, Daniel Carnevale.





CLASS NEWS

HOURLY OF CODE

See more photos at:

<https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/photoalbums/hourofcode>

PARENT ASSOCIATIONS + CLUB NEWS

PTA (Parent-Teacher Association)

The Advent Committee is very excited to announce that we will be running "The SBS Blessing Bag Brigade" for this Advent season. Last year we ran "The Sandwich Project", which was a huge success. This is very similar. The students will be coming to the Gym on December 14th during scheduled times to make Blessing Bags for the homeless. First, they will write an inspirational saying, or draw a picture on an index card. Next, they will line up with a gallon sized ziploc bag and fill their bag with travel sized products such as toothpaste, toothbrush, body lotion, soap, socks and deodorant. Included in the bag will be a bottle of water and 3 healthy snacks. These bags will be distributed in NYC on Christmas day to the homeless. This event cannot be possible without your help. Below is a link to our Signup Genius where you can donate what is needed. Our students will learn so much from this event as well as help so many homeless people during this holiday season.

Update:

So far we have raised \$300, but need close to \$1,000 to purchase the toiletries. Any donation amount would be most greatly appreciated!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45afaf2aa3ff2-thesbs>

CHOIR - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Don't miss the annual SBS Christmas Concert featuring the School Choir, Girls Jam, Guys Jam, and Band. The gym will be a melodious place on December 13 at 7:00pm. You can't help but be in the Christmas spirit after hearing these enthusiastic performers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 12/8

*Immaculate Conception
School Closed*

Monday, 12/11

*Barnes & Noble Book Fair
Houlihan's Dine Out*

Wednesday, 12/13

*Christmas Concert
7:00 pm in Gym*

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/>



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WEEKLY PACKET

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

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

