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SCHOOL NEWS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT ALERT: TALENT SHOW POSTPONEMENT

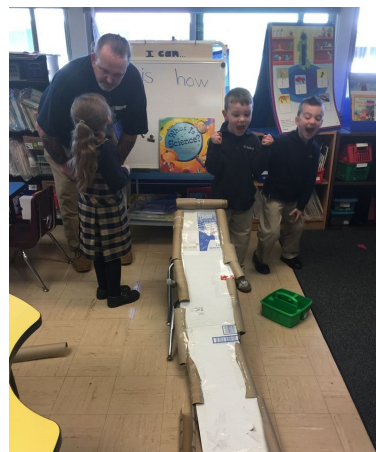
Due to a threat in the Aberdeen-Matawan School District and the canceling of all after school activities in the district, the SBS Talent Show scheduled for this evening, February 23rd, at Lloyd Road School has been postponed until Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 pm at Lloyd Road School.

We are very sorry for the inconvenience.

STEM SHOWCASE

St. Benedict School students in grades PreK to second have been actively engaged in the engineering process. Focusing on the theme, "Engineers Can Move It," students worked on various STEM projects that focused on movement and motion. Today students were able to share their work and what they learned with their families at our STEM showcase. Great job students and teachers!

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MARCH 2: SBS CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Next Friday is Dr. Seuss' birthday and we will be celebrating National Read Across America Day, see the [full week's schedule](#) in the weekly packet.

We will also be kicking off our reading rally for grades PreK-5. The Reading Rally will go from March 2nd until March 23rd. The student in each class who reads the most books will receive a certificate at our next school Mass. They will also have their names announced at morning announcements and receive a dress down pass.

REMINDERS

- IOWA Standardized Testing will take place the week of March 5th through 9th for grades 2-8. More information will be sent out next week.
- **ATTENTION SCRIP USERS:** Starting Monday, February 26, Mrs. Lorrie McGee will be processing all SCRIP sales for St. Benedict Church and School. You should continue to send in your orders for both Counter Sales and Tuesday Special Orders with your children. Any SCRIP cards you wish to purchase in person will be available at the Parish Office Window between 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. The window is just inside the building where you see the Parish Office sign. If you are dropping an order before 9:30 am, you can drop it in the School Office and Lorrie will pick it up and fill it as she would an order sent in with your child. Should you need to contact her, Lorrie can be reached at: Email: mcgee@stbenedictnj.org or phone: 732-264-4712 (x37)
- We are still missing the Application for Private School Transportation and Textbook Loan Request forms for many students. One form for every student MUST be completed. Please see the following link.
<https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/registration-packet>

CLASS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO SBS STUDENTS FOR DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST

Below are the 2018 Respect Life Poster, Essay & Meme Contest Winners in Monmouth County:

First Runner Up Grades K-2 Poster: Summer Green, kindergarten, St. Benedict School and Parish, Holmdel

First Runner Up Grades 3-5 Essay: Octavia Rose Musilli, fifth grade, St. Benedict School and Parish, Holmdel - Read [Essay](#)

First Runner Up Grades 6-8 Essay: Kathleen Grace Crowe, sixth grade, St. Benedict School and Parish, Holmdel - Read [Essay](#)

Well done students! Read the Monitor article here:

<http://www.trentonmonitor.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubsectionID=147&ArticleID=17551>

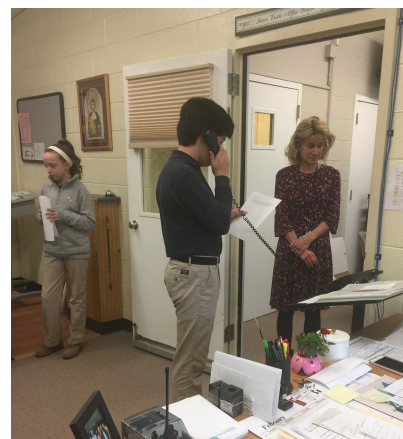
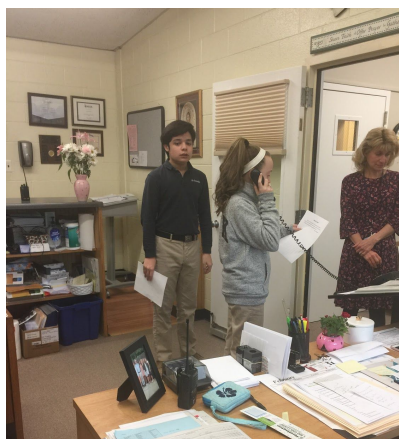
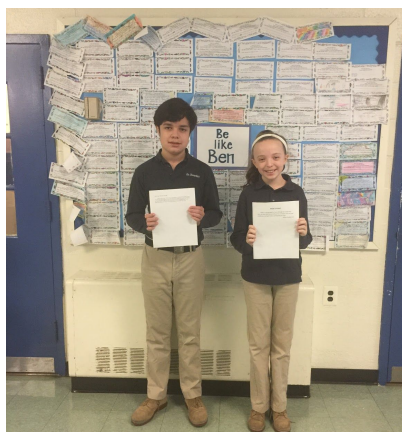
The students will be invited to attend a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Rick Osborne being held at 12:00 pm at St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Middletown; light reception to follow.

SBS TAKES A LENTEN JOURNEY

As part of Lent, teachers and students are taking a "Lenten Journey guided by the Virtues". Each week we will be focusing on one of the Theological or Cardinal Virtues. This week's Virtue is Faith. Students have



been reflecting on what Faith means to them and how they can practice the virtue in their lives. On Thursday, 6th graders, Liam and Alison shared with students what the virtue of Faith means to them. Thank you, Alison and Liam, for sharing the Light of Christ with our school and the world.

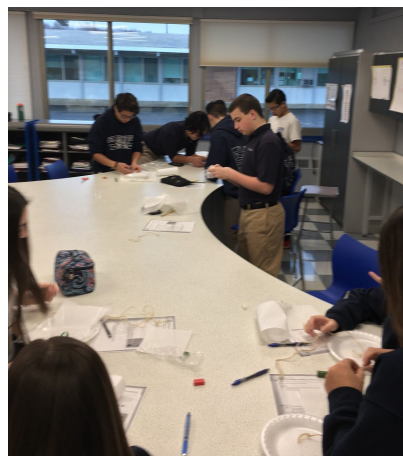


Today 7th graders Kevin and Lauren shared with us their feelings on the virtue of Faith. Lauren practices the virtue of Faith by talking to God every day and attending Mass on Sunday. Kevin believes that the virtue of Faith helps him to understand how God can help us. Kevin practices his Faith by talking to God. Thank You, Kevin and Lauren, for modeling this virtue for the other students at SBS.

On Thursday and Friday of the weeks of Lent, we will be highlighting students thoughts on each virtue.

8TH GRADE SCIENCE - MRS. REIFENHEISER

Continuing their investigation on motion, forces and gravity, the eighth grade designed and constructed parachute prototypes to test air resistance on falling objects. Like all great scientists' experiences, we had great successes and epic failures! Lots of fun was had!



7TH GRADE ILA - MISS MERTZ

The seventh graders have been analyzing different methods of characterization while reading *Holes*, the novel by Louis Sachar. In order to identify with the main character of the text, students had the opportunity to dig a hole of their own on Wednesday. Students took turns digging a portion of the hole in order to experience what the characters have to go through on a daily basis. Students wrote a reflection about their activity, and they were challenged to calculate how long it would take to dig a hole that is five feet deep and wide.



PARENT ASSOCIATIONS + CLUB NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St. Patrick / St. Joseph Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 3rd from 6:00-10:00 pm. The proceeds of the dinner will be given to the Carnevale family. Ticket Order Form: [BENEFIT DINNER FOR DANIEL](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 2/27
 SBS Talent Show at Lloyd Road School 7:00-8:00 pm



ARTS ASSOCIATION

SBS Talent Show - The SBS Revue has been moved to Tuesday, 2/27 at Lloyd Road School at 7:00 pm.

GRACE (formerly ASNA)

Beef and Brew tickets are on sale now! Get yours today! If you're 21 or over, please join us for St. Patrick's Day fun on Saturday, March 10th from 6:00-9:00 pm. Please use the [attached ticket](#) form.

FAITH FORMATION

Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience that invites people to explore the meaning of life and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. A weekday session includes a free meal, prayer, a video-based presentation of the Gospel, and small group discussion. A Saturday retreat follows the 5th session. Join us on Tuesdays, March 13- May 1. Afternoon or evening sessions available! **Afternoon Session is 12:00-2:15 pm** OR Evening Session is 6:30-8:45 pm. For more info, view video and register online at: <https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/christlife>

Wednesday, 2/28

Parish Carnival Meeting for Interested Volunteers at 7:30 pm in Art Room

Thursday, 3/1

PTA Paint and Sip 7:30 pm in SBS Gym

Friday, 3/2

Read Across America Day
Friday School Mass 9:00 am

Saturday, 3/3

Benefit Dinner for Daniel 6:00-10:00 pm in SBS Gym

REMINDERS

- **CALENDAR** - is located on the website in the main navigation tab titled "Calendar" or bookmark the page here: <https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/calendar-1>
- **SCHOOL FACEBOOK** - 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>

