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SCHOOL NEWS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

IOWA REMINDERS

Due to the snow days, the remaining IOWA Standardized Testing will take place on Monday, March 12th. The rest of the week of March 12th will be make-ups for grades 2-8. Please read below for important reminders.

Dear Parents of Students in Grades 2-8,

- Please make sure your children arrive at school on time next week for IOWA testing.
- Testing will begin **PROMPTLY** at 8:15 am.
- (If your student arrives after testing has begun, they may not be able to join their class for that testing session).
- They should be well-rested and have eaten a good breakfast.
- Please remember that these tests are only one measure of their academic progress, so they should come in, take their time and just do their best.

REMINDERS

- All forms for the school are located under the tab called [FORMS](#) on the school website. This includes EDP, Scrip gift card orders, Textbook and Transportation forms, Sports forms, etc.
- For Honeywell Instant Alert instructions [click here](#). This information is also on the school website under the Parents tab, Honeywell Alert Instructions. You can update your profiles and check your settings to include additional phone numbers, email addresses, text messages, etc.
- School Choir is cancelled for Wednesday, 3/14.
- Report card distribution is on Friday, 3/16.

CLASS NEWS

SBS students are in the third week of our Lenten Journey with the Virtues. This week's virtue is Love/Charity. This gift makes it possible for us to love God among everything else and to love others as we love ourselves. This morning some of our Kindergarteners and First Graders shared what this virtue means to them.



Victoria N. in KA said that Charity is, "Loving my family."

Matthew D. in KB said that love and charity are about, "Loving your Mom and Dad and giving them hugs."

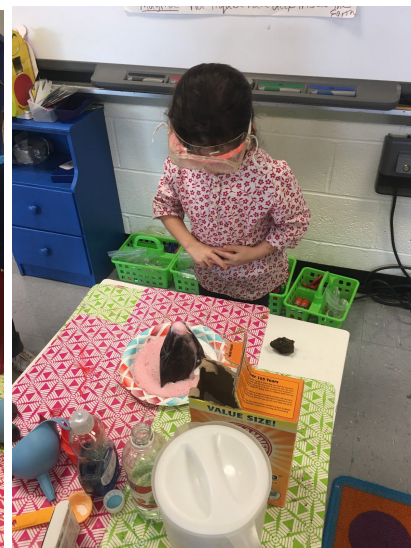
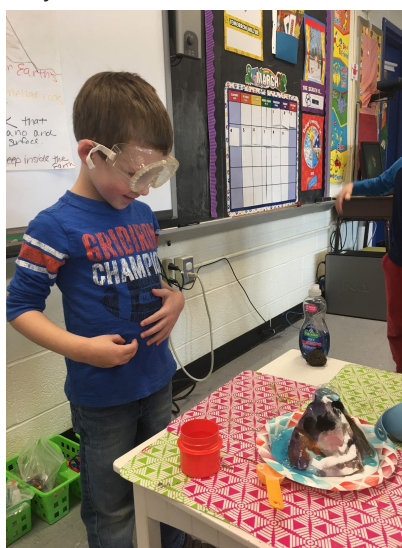
Dylan C. in 1A thinks that the most important part of being charitable is to, "Visit other people when they are sick."

Sophia D. in 1B shared with us that, "Love is when someone is hurt, and you take care of and love them."

Thank you, Kindergarteners, and First Graders for shining your light and bringing the virtue of Love and Charity to our school and world.

PREK B

PreK B class is exploding volcanoes today!



1B

The first grade class did a STEM activity for March using pipe cleaners, playdough, pennies, and a paper cup. The challenge was to see who could create a sturdy bridge and how many pennies could the cup hold on the bridge without falling over. Some of the students were able to hold about 50 pennies in their cup on top of the bridge.



MASS AT ST. MARY IN MIDDLETOWN

SBS students Katie Grace, Octavia, and Summer were honored at a special Mass held on Sunday, March 4th at St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Middletown for each earning 1st Runner Up for the Respect Life Essay and Poster contest. Congratulations! Pictured here with their awards:



PARENT ASSOCIATIONS + CLUB NEWS

ARTS ASSOCIATION - DRAMA CLUB



Tickets are now on sale for Madagascar Jr.!

Come and enjoy this year's Drama Club production: *Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr.!* Shows will be performed the weekend of March 23rd at Holmdel High School.

Please see the flyer in the weekly packet and **Advance Ticket Order Form**.

GRACE (formerly ASNA)

As emailed earlier this week, the **Beef and Brew** on 3/17 has been cancelled. Thank you to the many supporters who have graciously donated time, effort, talent, and donations to this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 3/12
IOWA Testing Gr. 2-8

Tuesday, 3/13
IOWA Testing Make-Ups Gr. 2-8

Wednesday, 3/14
IOWA Testing Make-Ups Gr. 2-8
Choir cancelled

Thursday, 3/15
IOWA Testing Make-Ups Gr. 2-8

Friday, 3/16
IOWA Testing Make-Ups Gr. 2-8
Report card distribution



PTA



The PTA **Gift Auction** invitation, coming on April 14th, is now posted in the weekly packet or [click here](#) to access.

The PTA is in need of donations for the gift baskets, see flyer in weekly packet or [click here](#) to access.

*Middle School Youth
Ministry Retreat*

Saturday, 3/17
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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>

