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## SCHOOL NEWS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE MONTHS - MARCH AND APRIL



#### MRS. MERTZ ART

After twenty amazing years of service to our school in so many countless ways, Mrs. Mertz has made the official announcement of retirement from teaching this week. It is hard to believe that it's been twenty years, but it was fate that the incredibly talented Mrs. Mertz heard about a teacher's aide position opening in kindergarten as a class mom in KA. She pulled together a resume, interviewed, and got the job. After six wonderful years working with Pam DeSilvestri, she was then offered the challenge to start an art program for the school - her dream job. She spent thirteen fantastic years as the art teacher at SBS and here we are.

With an excited but bittersweet heart, Mrs. Mertz has decided to retire from teaching at SBS at the end of this school year. Her departure allows her to pursue a longtime dream to start her own painting instruction business near both her daughters in Virginia.

Mrs. Mertz, we will miss you more than you know; your friendly face, your positive outlook, and amazing ability to see and unearth the creative talents in each and every one of our students here at SBS. We will cherish you and all the memories you have made here forever.

#### Important Side Note!:

In true Mrs. Mertz dedicated fashion, she will be holding the Art Camps planned for this summer as originally planned. For many students, this will be their chance to enjoy her last hoorah at SBS! [Flyer here.](#)



## REMINDERS

- Wednesday, May 23 - Grade 8 Graduation Retreat, Arts Association Barnes and Noble Book Fair Fundraiser and Houlihan's Dine to Donate
- Friday, May 25 - School Closed (Teacher Professional Development Day)
- Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day - School Closed

## CLASS NEWS

### MISS MERTZ - 7TH GRADE ILA

The seventh graders were challenged to solve a murder in Bikini Bottom - the home of Spongebob Squarepants! Students were presented with evidence from a watery crime scene and had to work in groups as the prosecution and the defense. On Thursday, students argued persuasively in order to prove their case. Students were challenged to organize evidence into a logical sequence to lead their audience to the desired conclusion, and then vocalize what a piece of evidence proves and how it helps them establish their argument. All of the seventh graders did a wonderful job!



### CHILD CARE IN JUNE

**June Before and After Care Scheduling Forms are on the SBS website now.**

Emails have been sent out to all families registered for Extended Day Care with instructions for using Before and After Care next month. Because there is no billing opportunity after the end of June, we ask that ALL families planning to use Child Care fill out and Pre Pay a June schedule. The June forms, with June rates, are on the website. June forms and payments are due **Wednesday, May 23**. The June schedule starts on Monday, June 4. All billed balances must be paid in order to use Child Care in June. Any extra or daily use in May will be billed just after May month end and will be due by June 13. If you have an emergency and must request that your child be sent to EDP on a day that you have not scheduled in advance, be sure to send in a note with PRE PAYMENT. If no payment is included, you will receive a call from your child to make other arrangements or to arrange for payment to be made at pick up. Thank you for your cooperation. It helps to manage what is both an exciting and challenging month.

**Reminder:** June and August Camp Forms are on the website.



### YEARBOOK ORDERS

You can still order a yearbook online or send in the order form with \$35. Please see the order form in the weekly packet or [click here](#).

### FIELD DAY JUNE 11, 2018

Super Mario Field Day 2018 will be on Monday, June 11th. If you are interested in volunteering and spending a fun day at St. Benedict School, click this link to fill out the volunteer form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxX3OhcY5iTkIQ0Ga0aXQ9bWEoVQR32qN64NdHRVtbsu\\_WUw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxX3OhcY5iTkIQ0Ga0aXQ9bWEoVQR32qN64NdHRVtbsu_WUw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## PARENT ASSOCIATIONS + CLUB NEWS

### ARTS ASSOCIATION

Please join us after school on Wednesday, May 23rd at Barnes and Noble, Holmdel at 2:45 pm, for a musical performance from our choir and a Book Fair fundraiser. Summer reading books will be available for purchase. The SBS Arts Association will receive a percentage of all sales.

Following the Book Fair, Houlihan's is hosting a Dine to Donate evening for the Arts Association from 4:00-8:00 pm. A percentage of proceeds will go to the Arts Association when you present the flyer.

### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

#### Fall 2018 Boys Soccer Team

We are extending the deadline for registration for the Boys Soccer Team for the Fall of 2018. We still need a few more boys and a Soccer Coach. If you are interested, please send forms by next Thursday 5/24/18.

Thank you.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS will take place the week of Monday, June 25th to Friday, June 29th, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. All children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2018-2019 school year are welcome. Campers will enjoy fun Bible stories, games, recreation, crafts, music and skits all with a fun new theme! Registration form and payment is due to the Faith Formation Office.

If you are interested, please register online at this link:

<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/vbs>

**YOUTH GROUP** - The Car Wash is cancelled for tomorrow, 5/19.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday, 5/23

*Gr 5-8 Birthday Dress Down*

*Grade 5 Class Trip - Statue of Liberty*

*Grade 8 Graduation Retreat*

*Arts Association Drama Club Barnes & Noble Book Fair*

*Arts Association Houlihan's Dine to Donate 4:00-8:00 pm*

### Friday, 5/25

*No School - Teacher PD Day*

### Monday, 5/28

*Memorial Day - School Closed*



## REMINDERS

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- **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

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

