



ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL NEWS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parents,

It has been another exciting week at St. Benedict School. The wintry, wet weather did not slow us down. Our PreK and Kindergarten enrollment numbers keep climbing. It seems every day our tremendous eighth grade ambassadors are giving another tour to a prospective family.

Today we welcomed families to attend our STEM showcase. It is evident our teachers and students put in a huge amount of work preparing interesting, exciting projects to show off to our visitors. Our students are immersed in science and technology daily. St. Benedict School understands the importance of science and technology. Our state-of-the-art Science Lab and Makerspace make learning fun. This week we also received the preliminary sketches for our Outdoor Learning Center (see below). It looks absolutely AMAZING! We hope to break ground when the weather breaks. We will document this entire project on our various social media outlets, so follow us to stay up-to-date with all exciting SBS news.





Congratulations are in order to our basketball teams. Our 6th grade JV team had an undefeated, championship season with a convincing victory over St. Catharine's 44-34. Thank you goes out to all the players, coaches, and Mrs. Trish Hillers for her hard work and leadership during the winter season. Good luck to our 8th grade varsity in their pursuit of a championship this weekend. GO REBELS!

This week Re-Enrollment Letters were sent home with your children. We are simply trying to get a jumpstart on things and get of sense of our class sizes. Please return them to the Main Office by March 15th. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Enrollment has begun for our new summer programs. Both SBS and non-SBS students are welcome to participate! These unique programs will continue to set St. Benedict School apart from other schools and, more importantly, give our students additional opportunities in the arts and sciences. If you have any questions, please see our website or contact the moderators directly.

Please remember for Catholic Schools Week: You and your students are our greatest salespeople and advocates. Please spread the word about the great things happening at St. Benedict School. Remember a \$500 tuition credit will be awarded to every new family that is referred and enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year.

Enjoy the Weekend.

Kevin Donahue

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- VIRTUS RE-TRAINING CLASS** - Anyone who has previously been trained in the years from 2004-2014 must attend retraining by **June 30, 2019**.
SBS will be offering additional classes for parents here on March 7 at 6:00 pm.
 There will be a re-training class offered for staff members on Thursday, 3/21 at 12:45 pm.
 Please go online to www.Virtus.org to register for the class. (NOTE: It is only 1 hour.)
 Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you for all that you do for the students of St. Benedict School!
 There will be a **complete** Virtus class for all **new** volunteers on Thursday, 3/21 at 6:00 pm.
 (NOTE: This is a 2 hour class.)
- DROP OFF REMINDERS:**
 Parents, in order for your children to be on time, they must be in their classrooms by 8:00 am. Therefore, if they are still in the chute at 8:00 am, they are tardy. We are mindful that there are sometimes extenuating circumstances, like snow and ice, and we are very forgiving on those days. Please make every effort to have your children here on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

CLASS NEWS

GREAT OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

St. Benedict School is proud to announce its continued commitment to the development of The Great Outdoor Learning Center. Building on recent investments in our state-of-the-art Science laboratory and Innovation Center, we are expanding our STEM education by offering an outdoor space dedicated to promoting environmental engagement. We are seeking parents interested in participating in our committee to aid in the realization of this project. Parents who participated in the initial exploratory and planning committee last year, as well as any interested new parents, are invited to join us to discuss this initiative, review our drawings, and contribute potential resources to help us realize this space. The Great Outdoor Learning Center will provide the necessary resources for teachers and students to tackle their investigations and challenges as citizen scientists in an authentic learning environment. Please join us!

Our first committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 7 at 2:30 pm in the Innovation Center. RSVP to Mrs. Guido at guido@stbenedictnj.org.

FIRST GRADE

Both first grade classes participated in 100 Acts of Kindness during the month of February to tie together Valentines Day and the 100th day of School. We both did 100 acts of kindness in each class.



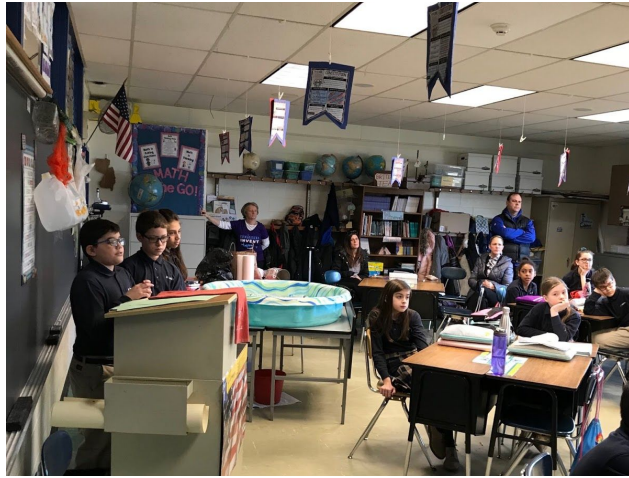
HIGHLIGHTS OF ENGINEERING WEEK AT SBS!

SJV VISIT: St. John Vianney's Network Administrator and SBS Class of 1991 Alumnus Tom McKenna spoke to our students about the history of engineering and how the science of engineering is interdisciplinary.



FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Tuttle's students giving their parents an interactive presentation on pollution.



PREK

Mrs. Gallagher's PreK building amazing bridges.

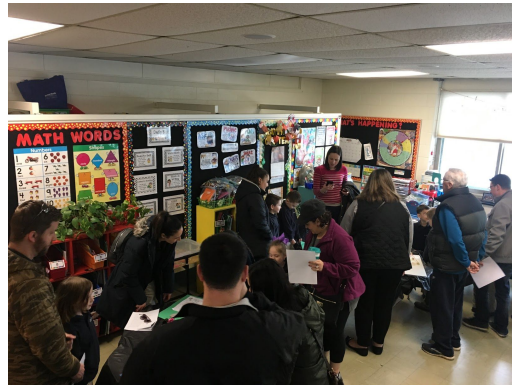
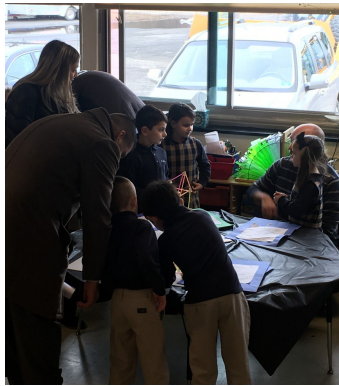


Mrs. Dulin's class and their parents building bridges. Our PreK is full of future engineers!



KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Guido and her class answering parent questions about their tower projects. Their challenge was to build a tower that could withstand wind.



SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Sakoutis' class building houses that can withstand a hurricane.



SEVENTH GRADE

Our seventh graders working on their DNA labs.



PARENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUB NEWS

ARTS ASSOCIATION: TALENT SHOW

Come see your friends in the Talent Show! Saturday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm at Lloyd Road School. Tickets will be sold at the door. Please see the flyer in the weekly packet for more details.

PTA

Saturday, March 2 - PTA presents Comedy Night at SBS

Doors open at 7:00 pm for an 8:00 pm start.

Bring your own beverages and food!

Tickets are \$30.00 each and can be purchased online via the link below.

[BUY TICKETS HERE!](#)

Scholastic Book Fair

- February 28 and March 1 (set up February 27)

SPORTS



BASKETBALL GAMES

Congratulations to the 6th Grade JV Boys basketball champions!

Good luck to our 8th Grade Varsity Boys in their pursuit of a championship this weekend. GO REBELS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 2/25

Drama Club from 2:15-5:00 pm in Gym

Tuesday, 2/26

Mini Drama from 2:15-3:15 pm in 2B Homeroom - Open to students in grades 2 and 3.

Wednesday, 2/27

Grade 8 Yearbook Retakes and Club Photos

*Mission Club Meeting
2:15-3:00pm*

School Choir from 2:15-3:15 pm in Church

Thursday, 2/28

Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, 3/1

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Friday School Mass at 9:00 am

SBS Bowling League

3:45-5:00 pm in AMF

Strathmore Lanes, Aberdeen. Open to students in grades 1-8.

Youth Choir from 4:00-5:00 pm in Church

Saturday, 3/2 - Sunday, 3/3

8th Grade Bake Sale after all Masses



NOTE:

All Club flyers are in the weekly packet or respective Club pages on the website.

CAMPS

- **Summer Camp** registration is now open:
Drama Camp for Grades 1 through 12 led by Mrs. Treglia and Ms. Reddan, click to learn more and register [here](#).
STEM Camp for Grades 1 through 8 led by Mr. Isaacs, click to learn more and register [here](#).

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINKS ARE NOW LIVE AT:

<https://stbenedictholmdel.churchgiving.com/SummerDramaCamps>

<https://stbenedictholmdel.churchgiving.com/StemAcademy-SummerCamp>

- **Liverpool Soccer Spring Programs** at St. Benedict School

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINKS:

[Mini Reds \(ages 3-4\)](#)

[Junior Reds \(5-7 year olds\)](#)

[Shoot to Score \(8-12 year olds, 13-16 year olds\)](#)

- **Liverpool Soccer Summer Camps** at St. Benedict School
 Learn more and register [here](#).



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>

