



ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL NEWS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parents,

Spring is upon us! We are in the middle of a very long stretch here at school. Our 8th graders are in their home stretch of their careers. They are actively practicing for the Stations of the Cross. They are working extremely hard and are eager to perform this beautiful event.

Our Walk-A-Thon is only a month away. We are deep in the planning stages and will hold this important event on Thursday, May 2nd at the St. John Vianney Football Field. Please pass the information along to family and friends. All are welcome to come to the Walk-A-Thon. Our intention is to make this an annual event to bring SBS and the community together.

St. Benedict announced an exciting addition to our Walk-A-Thon to help fund our state of the art Outdoor Learning Center. Three student prizes will be awarded to the student/family that raise the most money for the project. Third prize is a \$50 dollar Visa gift card, Second prize will be a \$100 gift card, and the GRAND PRIZE will be a brand new Apple Ipad Air. There is definitely a buzz in the building and the competition is definitely evident. We will also be awarding the class with the most donations with a pizza party. The teacher of the class with most donations will be rewarded with a much needed day off. I hope this initiative motivates the students and helps us reach our goal of building this unique classroom that will truly change the way science is taught at St. Benedict School. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Tara Guido, Mrs. Kelly Cannizzo, Mrs. Megan Gallagher, Mrs. Christine Keeling and Mrs. Lori Ulrich for their hard work on this project. Also, thanks to the many parents who have served on committees to bring us to this point in this project. Please follow our social media to track our progress and watch the dream of the Great Outdoor Learning Center become a reality.

Next week is the Week of the Young Child. There are many exciting events all week for our younger students (Pre-K to 3rd). We will hold an Ice Cream Social from 6:00 to 7:30 pm this upcoming Tuesday. I look forward to seeing many of you as we open our doors for "Family Friday." You are invited to visit your child in their classroom for a variety of activities. This should be an exciting week showcasing our youngest learners and the talented group of teachers who instruct them everyday.

Finally, our new merchandise has arrived and it looks amazing! Our new logo and look really resonates with our students. We have gotten tremendous feedback from the students who had the opportunity to check out the apparel. We will open at 1:45 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday next week. Remember you can preview the clothing online at <https://school.stbenedictholm.del.org/spiritshop>.

Have a Great Weekend!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **TUITION PAYMENTS FOR 2019-2010**

CURRENT SCHOOL FAMILIES: If you will be making a change to the way you pay tuition next year, please complete the [Current Family Tuition Option Form](#) which is on the SBS website under Parents, Financial Information then click on TUITION POLICY. The form is due on April 15. If you do not plan to make a change, then you do not need to send in a form.

NEW SBS SCHOOL FAMILIES: Please go onto the SBS website (www.stbenedictholmdel.org) and complete the [New Family Tuition Option Form](#) which is located under the under Parents, Financial Information then click on TUITION POLICY..

The form is due on April 15.

SOMETHING NEW

This year you will be able to make Payments in Full with your Credit Card. To do this you will need the [Credit Card Form](#) which is located under under Parents, Financial Information then click on TUITION POLICY. You can either complete the form and send it in, complete the form and bring it in, or call Diane Laskowski with the information and Mrs. DeMuria will process the payment. Of course, cash or check is still accepted. The credit card is for convenience only. There is a 3% convenience fee attached to each transaction.

- **VIRTUS RE-TRAINING CLASS** - Anyone who has previously been trained in the years from 2004-2014 must attend retraining by **June 30, 2019**.

There will be additional re-training classes offered on Thursday, 4/11 at 6:00 pm and Tuesday, 5/21 at 6:00 pm. All classes are in the FAL. Please drive around the back to Door 8B.

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.

- **SPRING UNIFORM CHANGEOVER - MONDAY, APRIL 15th**

Please refer to the school handbook for the approved uniform. Click here: SBS [Handbook](#)

- **APPLE GIVE BACK PROGRAM**

St. Benedict School is seeking old, unwanted Apple iPhones, iPads, Samsung Smartphones, Mac Desktops & Macbooks for our technology recycle program. We can earn cash for our school by recycling your old devices. See flyer in weekly packet or click [here](#).

CLASS NEWS

GREAT OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER WALK-A-THON - MAY 2



Donate to the Walk-A-Thon fundraiser, for online donations, click [here](#).

A walk-a-thon pledge sheet has been created and sent home with students to collect pledges from sponsors as well, in addition to accepting donations online. If a sponsor prefers a cash or check donation, please use this [pledge sheet](#) as a tracking form. We ask that this sheet, along with all donations collected, be submitted to the school office no later than Friday, May 3rd.

Please share the poster image (shown on left) on your social media to help spread the word.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - APRIL 9

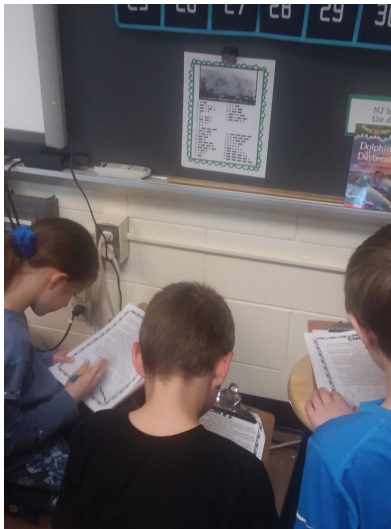
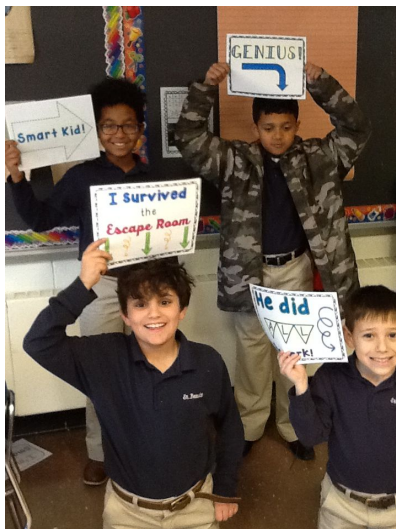
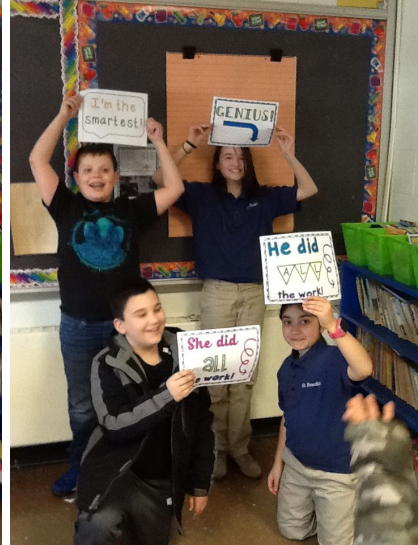
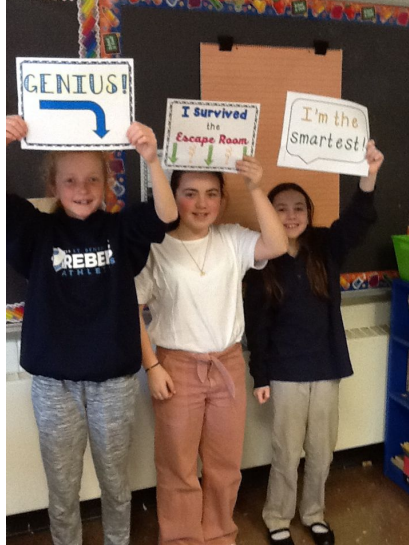
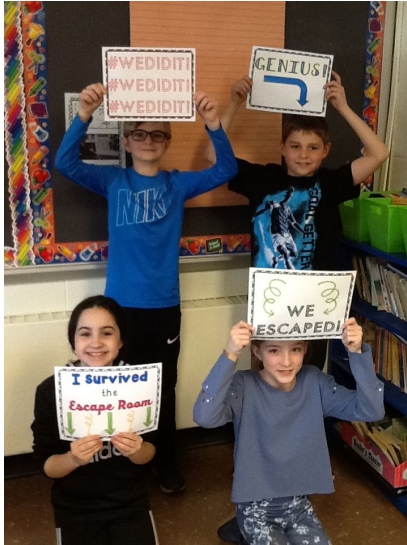
An [Ice Cream Social flyer](#) to raise funds for the Great Outdoor Learning Center has been sent home to grades PreK to 3. We hope to see you there!

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD - APRIL 8-12

The "Week of the Young Child" is promoted annually by the National Association for the Education of Young Children to celebrate early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. The St. Benedict Early Childhood Program (PreK-3) was thrilled to receive a supporting grant and is proud to announce a weeklong schedule of fun-filled activities next week. See the weekly packet or click [here](#).

FOURTH GRADE

4A students have been learning about The Great Depression. As a culminating activity, teams of students were sent on a secret mission to decode interesting facts from this time period. Students were given secret code names, such as Cheetah Lightning and Hedgehog Racer. The codes included ciphers, Morse Code, cryptograms, and a final 4-digit code to unlock the last puzzle. Everyone successfully "escaped" and learned the importance of teamwork!



SAVE THE DATE: DIOCESE OF TRENTON DAY OF SERVICE MAY 1, 2019

Help Us Help Others! Our students are once again participating in the Trenton Diocesan Catholic Schools **Hearts to Hospitals: Hearts to Lead – Hands to Help** Elementary School Day of Service on May 1, which will benefit sick children (babies to age 17) and their families at local hospitals in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, and Ocean counties. We are collecting the following new items: coloring books; crayons; markers; small toys; books; games and crafts.



Gift cards for convenience stores, restaurants, coffee, gas stations, pharmacies, and grocery stores in any denominations are also needed. For more information, please contact Christine Keeling or Lori Ulrich.

Grade collections are listed in the [flyer](#) posted in the weekly packet.

PREK

The PreK had a "pop up" art museum in the FAL this week to supplement their week on famous artists!



PARENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUB NEWS

ARTS ASSOCIATION

Rehearsal Information

Monday, April 8, 2:30-5:00 pm: Dress Rehearsal at SBS for Full Cast and Crew

**Students should bring in all costume items for this dress rehearsal.*

Play Tickets Order Form

Pre-order your tickets for *High School Musical, Jr.* by April 10 at a discount! See weekly packet for ticket order form or click [here](#).

Sign Up Genius for Rehearsal Dinner Donations

As a reminder, please consider making a donation for dinner during the full dress rehearsal at Holmdel High School on April 11. We are still in need of a few items. Please click [here](#) to view the Sign Up Genius.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 4/6

PTA Easter Eggstravaganza
from 3:00-6:00 pm in School Gym

**Week of the Young Child
Monday, 4/8**

Students in grades PreK-3
are invited to wear their gym
uniform with purple accents.
(Socks, ribbons, wristbands)

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

GRACE

The Gertrude Hawk Candy estimated order pick-up date is the week of April 8th. Online orders shipped directly to your home may be placed until Sunday, 4/14.

Order online at www.gertrudehawkfundraising.com and enter our group code which is **127359** or visit page [here](#).

PTA

Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, 4/6 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the SBS School Gym. Thank you for your support.

Plant Sale

Our annual Mother's Day plant sale will be held on Friday, May 10th. All plants and flowers will be ordered from Casola Farms in Holmdel. Please pre-order selections; see [order form](#) in the weekly packet. All orders are due by Monday, April 8th.

Save The Date: Saturday, June 1 for Steak & Fries

A fundraiser to support capital improvements at SBS. Details to follow.

SPORTS



SPRING SPORTS

All Baseball, Softball and Track Schedules are now available online, visit the Sports Calendar at: <https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/sports-calendar>

***Remember to also check the provided League links for all important updates.**

NOTE:

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

Tuesday, 4/9

Mini Drama from 2:15-3:15 pm in 2B.

Ice Cream Social for Grades PreK-3 and their families from 6:00-7:30 pm in School Gym

Wednesday, 4/10

School Choir from 2:15-3:15 pm

Mission Club Meeting from 2:15-3:00 pm in 6B Homeroom

Thursday, 4/11

12:15 Dismissal

Drama Club Dress Rehearsal from 4:00-9:00 pm at Holmdel HS

Virtus ReTraining Class from 6:00-7:00 pm in FAL Rooms 1,2,3. Please drive around to Door 8B.

Friday, 4/12

Progress Reports K-2

Grades PreK-3 Family Friday 1:00-2:00 pm in Homerooms

Week of the Young Child: For parents with students in grades PreK-3.

Join your children in their classroom for a variety of activities, while viewing their completed art projects.

High School Musical, Jr. 7:00 pm

Saturday, 4/13

High School Musical, Jr. 7:00 pm

Sunday, 4/14

High School Musical, Jr. 2:00 pm

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 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>

