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Weekly Newsletter
ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL
Grades Pre Kindergarten to 8

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PRINCIPAL NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watch this week's update from the Principal! Click below.



Subscribe to the St. Benedict School channel here: [YouTube Channel](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ★ **CALL-IN PROGRAM** Please remember to call the school at **732-264-5578 option 2** to report your child's absence. Kindly give a reason for the absence. If your child is out for 3 or more days, a doctor's note stating the student is cleared to return to school is required. Thank you for your continued cooperation.
- ★ **COVID PROTOCOLS REMINDER** Please be sure to watch Mr. Donahue's [video](#) this week. He discusses some very important policies and reminders for all parents and students.
- ★ **EARLY DISMISSAL** Parents, if you need to pick up your child(ren) early, please send a note to the teacher in the morning. **Students must be picked up prior to 1:45pm.**
- ★ **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY** is coming on Wednesday, October 6th. Parents may send in the order form or order online at www.bnlschoolpictures.com. Enter code **6B8R7R8**. **Please wear the regular Fall uniform on Wednesday - even if you have gym that day.**
- ★ **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION** A Virtus training class will be offered on Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00pm in the gym for any new parent volunteers. Please go to www.virtus.org to register. Please contact the school office for the fingerprinting instructions. This is a requirement in order to volunteer in any capacity; i.e., Class Parents, PTA help, etc.

- ★ **VACCINATION CARDS** The October 18th deadline is around the corner. Any person who will be a class parent and/or wishes to volunteer in any capacity at SBS will be required to provide the HR office with a copy of their vaccination card. Unvaccinated individuals will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID test prior to the event. Please send a copy of your vaccination card in an envelope to the attention of Pat Tobino/HR Office. If you have the Docket App, you can email the PDF version to tobino@stbenedictnj.org.
- ★ **“CHRISTMAS IS COMING!” MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE** Enter to win the monthly jackpot of \$1,000 on the drawing dates of October 27, November 24, and December 22, 2021. Booklets were sent home with youngest siblings this week. Purchase a booklet of three tickets for \$75 or a single ticket for \$25 each. Please send in payment along with the **filled out stubs only, not the entire ticket**. Cash or check made payable to “St. Benedict Church” please.
- ★ **LAST MINUTE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** Middle School Youth Group with Mr. Ciro Saverino
 Saturday, October 2nd
 Location: Back parking lot at St. Benedict Church
 Time: 2:00-3:00 pm
 Activity: Weeding
 Supplies: Bring working gloves, dress in working clothes, long sleeves/long pants is best to avoid bug bites

CLASS NEWS

EIGHTH GRADE - CLASS OF 2022 YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS



CELEBRATE YOUR STUDENT



Looking for a creative way to tell your student, “I love you and I’m proud of you”?

Place a recognition ad in the yearbook! In the future, seeing your message will bring a smile as they remember your love and support during these important years. And, it’s easy to create a recognition ad. Just click on the [link](#) and use your favorite photo/s and compose your message. You can also design your own and upload it to the site. We are available to assist you in any way that you need! (Don't forget to share the link with family members as well!)

While you’re thinking of what your ad will look like, also think about the size of the ad space. Select a horizontal or vertical format in a variety of sizes and costs. Click [here](#) to take a look at the examples on the site.

Reserve a space for your ad today to say how proud you are. Like the yearbook, your message will be a permanent memory. **All ads are due no later than NOVEMBER 29th!**

We are also looking to include [business ads](#) this year. Please share the [link](#) with friends and family that are looking to promote their business!

Please email us if you have any questions!

[Ms. Oswick](#) and [Mrs. Mackin](#)

Yearbook Coordinators

FIFTH GRADE

The fifth grade is learning all about planting inside and outside of the classroom! This week they planted the indoor tower garden and studied the benefits of aeroponic growing. They look forward to comparing the growth of their indoor and outdoor plants in the coming months!



COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Service hours are reinstated this year based on requirements sent to parents of middle school students (Grades 6 through 8) on 9/9. Read the letter [here](#). We are currently looking for SBS students in middle school for altar servers, lectors, Church screen operators and live stream operators. All volunteer roles include service hours (1 hour per Mass).

School service opportunities include:

- ★ School Masses (First school Friday of the month)
- ★ School events in Church, as needed

Church service opportunities include:

- ★ All Masses:
 - Altar Servers, Lectors, Screen Operators for Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8, 9:30, and 11am
 - Live Stream Operators for 9:30am Sunday Mass only

- ★ Weddings, as needed

- ★ Funerals, as needed

Please fill out the [altar server form](#), [lector form](#), [screen operator form](#) or [live stream operator form](#) to sign up. Reach out to Eileen Cannarozzo in the Parish Office at cannarozzo@stbenedictnj.org if interested or have any additional questions. We would like to start training students asap.

PARENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUB NEWS

ARTS ASSOCIATION



The Arts Association will be hosting a Fall Family Fun Night tonight, October 1st, from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the Great Outdoor Learning Center.

We will have:

- Karaoke
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Face Painting
- Snacks for purchase

Free admission!

Hope to see you there!

ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

COACHES All, it is very difficult to get teams going if we don't have coaches. I know it's hard to commit, but if you partner with another parent or two it can be shared responsibilities. We have many parents who do this! PLEASE click on the registration link below, it includes registering to coach. I will be in touch over the next couple of weeks. NOTE, on the St. Benedict School website are the requirements to coach at: <https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/sports>.

NOTE: If you can not show proof of vaccination, you will be subject to testing per the Diocese of Trenton and Executive Order 253.

PHYSICALS As I have mentioned many times, get your childrens' physicals ASAP. I think all should take the approach that when you are at your well care visit, have the doctor fill out the physical form, no matter if you think your child will be playing a sport or not! This avoids any issues.

COVID We are sticking to strict guidelines that if at any time the sport causes issues with the day-to-day teaching in school, we hold all rights to cancel the sport.

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION We are holding registration so we can get an idea on what we have, below is a description of the sports. This does NOT mean we are definitely on, this will be finalized based on what the Diocese states and then final say of Father Garry and Mr. Donahue. We have to continue to keep the students/teachers and administrators safe.

SPORTS REGISTRATION LINK: <https://forms.gle/BPaCqUXVaZROjm8M7>

WINTER SPORTS - REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, 10/8. Note: We are not collecting fees yet.

Again, these sports have yet to be determined.

- Intramural Basketball 3rd & 4th Co-Ed - \$45 Registration
- Girls JV (5th & 6th) & Varsity (7th & 8th) - If we do not have enough 7th and 8th, then we will combine 6th through 8th and possibly not have a JV team. We will know more upon completion of registration. \$125 Registration
- Boys JV & Varsity - Same as above - \$125 Registration
- Cheer Junior JV, JV & Varsity (3rd through 8th) - We had pre-registration at the end of last school year, so if already filled out, no need to do it again. Typically the teams are Junior JV (3rd & 4th) - \$45 Registration, JV (5th & 6th) - \$80 Registration, and Varsity (7th & 8th) - \$80 Registration. This is subject to change based on registration and coaches.

Assistance to run Athletic Program Request

My sincere apologies to those who have reached out to me, it's been a rough couple of months for me with a very close family member dying, caring for others in the family, along with working full time. I am raising my hand to ask for assistance with the sports at SBS with the intent for someone to take over next year. Ideally, we need a person to handle the organizing of each season, one for each (Fall, Winter, and Spring), not one to do all, along with my assistance, and someone to keep the books as treasurer. There are many more roles, but if these are taken care of, the AD role can handle the rest. I will follow up with another email on this topic later after I discuss it with the administration.

Happy Fall Rebels! Stay safe and well!

Trish Hillers, Athletics Director

Email: athletics@stbenedictnj.org

GRACE



GRACE and the GOLC have teamed up and with your support we can continue to enhance the St. Benedict School learning environments and add resources for all the students!

Plus, it will look great for Fall!

- ★ Family Sponsored Scarecrow: \$15
 - 5 ft scarecrow with family name plaque to be displayed at school entrance.
 - Limited quantities, so act fast! 😊
- ★ Student Sponsored Scarecrow: \$5
 - 16 inch scarecrow to be displayed in the GOLC.

PTA

EXTENDED: 3 Dress Down Passes for \$10 The first dress down day pass sale of the year! Purchase a set of 3 dress down passes (one for any day in October, one for any day in November, and one for any day in December) for \$10. Additional details provided on the attached order form that can be completed and returned to school with payment by Friday, 10/8. Anyone who submitted payment by 10/1 will receive their passes emailed to their SBS email account next week.

Trunk or Treat Vehicle Registration by 10/20 The PTA is excited to continue the annual Trunk or Treat tradition. The Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, 10/29 from 4:00-5:30pm in the SBS parking lot. There is no fee for participation. Pre-registration is required for all vehicles by Wednesday, 10/20 and can be done by completing this [Google Form](#). Please note, we ask that all cars arrive by 3:30pm and remain until the end of the event for the safety of all participants. As a reminder, we are a peanut free school. More information will be forthcoming for vehicles and those attending the event.



REBEL RACK

If you have general questions about returns, exchanges, sizes and store inventory, please contact Lori Ulrich at 732-264-4712 ext. 39 or email ulrich@stbenedictnj.org.

THANK YOU!

ORDERING FORMS AND LINKS

All Rebel Rack orders are done via paper order form (sent with cash or check to School Office, Attention: Rebel Rack). For Gym Uniforms, we also offer online ordering via the link below with credit card.

- ★ **FALL SBS GYM UNIFORM ORDERS** can be made online at:

<https://stbenedictholmdel.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/gymuniform2021>

Fall/Spring Gym Uniform:

- T-Shirt (Choice of Carolina Blue, Grey or Navy)
- Shorts

(Refer to the [Gym Uniform Ordering page](#) for uniform photos, dress code requirements, and sizing information.)

- ★ For the Rebel Rack paper order form listing all apparel items, see paper order form [here](#).
(NOTE: Gym Uniform items are also included on this form if you prefer to pay with cash or check.)
- ★ For SBS Spirit Item orders, see order form [here](#).
- ★ For full zip hooded sweat jackets, please [email Lori Ulrich](#) with your order request.

CURRENT SIZES AVAILABLE: Youth Medium, Adult Medium

REMINDERS

- ★ **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Located on the website in the top left titled "Calendar" or bookmark the page here:

<https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/calendar-1>

- ★ **SBS SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS**



SCHOOL FACEBOOK

The official Facebook page for St. Benedict School is:

<https://www.facebook.com/SBSprincipal/>



SCHOOL INSTAGRAM

@stbensholmdel



SCHOOL TWITTER
@stbensholmdel

WEEKLY PACKET

Don't forget to read all of the newsletter attachments for the week; all flyers, upcoming events, and any parent organization or club information is found here. Please see the link below to access all of the newsletter attachments for the week.

<https://school.stbenedictholmdel.org/fyi>