

# SBS NEWSLETTER


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## Weekly Newsletter

### ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL

*Grades Pre Kindergarten 3 to 8*

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### ★ WEEK AHEAD - Key Dates & Reminders

<b>Friday, 10/27</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL for Students - Parent Teacher Conferences</b>
<b>Tuesday, 10/31</b>	<b>Half Day - 12:15 pm Early Dismissal</b> Halloween Parade 11:30 am Halloween Class Parties 10:30 am See details below.
<b>Wednesday, 11/1</b>	All Saints' Day School Mass at 1:00 pm
<b>Friday, 11/3</b>	PTA Pocketbook Bingo 6:00 pm

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- ★ **TARDINESS** Please be aware that students are supposed to be in their classrooms at their desks and ready for the day at 8:00 am. Students may be dropped off in the chute after 7:35 am. Please make every effort to bring your children to school ON TIME. It is very disruptive to the class when students come late. Thank you.
  - ★ **STUDENT ABSENCES** Parents, please note that if your child is absent, he or she **MAY NOT** attend any after school activities. This includes all clubs, sports events, and special events. See page 18 in the handbook.
  - ★ **DIRECTORY** The [SBS Directory form](#) is due by October 20. Please fill out. Thank you for your cooperation.
  - ★ **TRANSPORTATION CHANGES - Parents, please DO NOT send a personal email to your teachers during the day regarding transportation changes.** For any last minute transportation changes for the day, please fill out the [Transportation Change Form](#) online. It must be submitted by 1:30 pm on a full school day and 11:30 am on a half school day. **If you know in advance, it is best to send a note in to the teacher in the morning.**
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# CLASS NEWS

## NOTE FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

The “Mission Club” is holding their annual Mission Fair on Halloween from 8:30-10:25 am. Students dress up in costumes and play carnival games made by the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The Missions Club is asking for a suggested \$5.00 donation from each student in grades K-5, which will be donated to the Catholic Missions. Students participating in games will need to bring in a ziploc bag for the prizes they collect from the games.

In addition, the “Student Council” will be collecting any leftover or unwanted Halloween candy to donate to our troops overseas. Treats for Troops is a Halloween candy collection program where local businesses and organizations collect excess Halloween candy for troops. As Veteran’s Day is quickly approaching, it is important to show support to our service men and women as they are away from their families for long periods of time. Additionally, we are asking that each student give \$1.00 which will help pay for the cost of shipping to send the candy to the Treats for Troops headquarters. Thank you so much for your interest in supporting our troops! Candy will be collected from 10/31-11/10. There will be a box near the office for the candy collection.

Thank you for your participation and support of these causes.

Sincerely,  
SBS Student Council

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Whether your student is in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade, it’s time to start thinking about your child’s next chapter in education. You can start exploring the Catholic High Schools in our area and researching the options by attending upcoming Open Houses. The Diocese of Trenton has put together helpful documents to help navigate the search and summarize all the dates for all of the upcoming Open Houses of schools in our area, [click here](#) to learn more.

## MISSION FAIR

The MISSION FAIR will be held outside on Tuesday, October 31. Our students in Grades K-5 will visit and participate in the Mission Fair which is run by our sixth, seventh, and eighth graders who create various Halloween games for the younger grades to play. The Mission Fair is held every year to support The Pontifical Missions Society. This is a wonderful way for us to help so many people around the world with our donations! We have a suggested \$5.00

donation per family to help raise money for the Missions. Of course, any donation that students can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you again for all your support. The Pontifical Missions Society is very appreciative of your generosity. See below for important information regarding Halloween.

## HALLOWEEN REMINDERS

- ★ October 31st is a half day with a 12:15 pm Dismissal.
- ★ Only Class Parents will be permitted in the building.
- ★ The Mission Fair will be held outside. Students are asked to make a \$5 monetary donation to the The Pontifical Missions Society in order to play the games. Please have your child(ren) bring a Ziploc bag to hold "prizes."
- ★ The day will begin with our Halloween shows by our PreK3 class in their classroom and PreK4 class in the Great Outdoor Learning Center at 8:30 am. Older siblings will be allowed to attend the show.
- ★ Class parties will begin promptly at 10:30 am. Class parents will receive further instruction from their homeroom teachers. All parties must be wrapped up by 11:25 am.
- ★ The school parade for Grades K-5 **WILL** take place promptly at 11:30 am. Kindergarten will lead the parade out the front door and will go right and do a full loop back to the front door. No parent or guardian is to take a student from the parade for dismissal. The normal dismissal procedure will take place at 12:15 pm.
- ★ Absolutely no costumes with masks and weapons will be permitted. Students will be told to change if they do not comply.

## YEARBOOK

### PreK-7

#### ORDER THE 2024 YEARBOOK TODAY: Lowest Price of The Year!

HURRY, this price will not be around for a while.

The yearbook staff is working hard on this year's yearbook. Order by February 23, 2024, to **guarantee** your yearbook this year at [Jostens](#) or call 1-877-767-5217.

### EIGHTH GRADE ONLY

#### ORDER YOUR STUDENT'S YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY

Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. If you would like to purchase your ad online, please follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below when you create your ad online. All orders must be placed by **November 27, 2023**.

Yearbooks Ad Link: <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1057372/St.-Benedict-School/>

# PARENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUB NEWS

## ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

SOCCER PLAYOFFS AND XC CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE COMING, SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!

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- ★ [Varsity Boys' Soccer](#)
  - ★ [Varsity Girls' Soccer](#)
  - ★ [Cross Country](#)

The Parochial Soccer League All-Star Team has named 10 SBS students to represent our school at the All-Star event! The All-Star Event will be held on Sunday, November 12 at Donovan Catholic HS. Come out and support! Congratulations!

**Girls:**

Mia A. - Fwd; Sophia D. - Fwd; Kate L. - Fwd; Lillie L. - Keeper; Julianna M. - Def.; Libby W. - Def.

**Boys:**

Christian N. - Striker, Center-Mid; Austin F. - Defensive Center-Mid, Center Back; Robert R. - Center Back, Offensive Center-Mid; Dylan C. - Outside Mid, Striker

~Meaghan Lewis: Athletic Director  
[athletics@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:athletics@stbenedictnj.org)

## GRACE

Thank you to all who participated in the St. Benedict School GRACE "You've Been Boo'd" Fundraiser! Boo'ing will occur on 1 night during the time frame of Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - Monday, October 30, 2023.

## PTA

### TRUNK OR TREAT

A big THANK YOU to our PTA for holding a well-attended Trunk or Treat yesterday on a gorgeous day. We had over 300 attendees at the event and we are grateful for the participants, the volunteers, and our amazing PTA for all they do for our kids and school. See [PHOTO GALLERY HERE](#).

### PTA THANKSGIVING PIE SALE FUNDRAISER

Orders due November 3rd! Please fill out the link [here](#) to order and pay online, or check your email for additional information and ways to order! Thank you for your support! Please contact Michele Brusca [bruscap1@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:bruscap1@stbenedictnj.org) with any questions.

### POCKETBOOK BINGO - NOVEMBER 3

Gather your friends and join us in the school gym for an evening of fun!

Arrive at 6pm on Friday, November 3rd for a BYOB and food Happy Hour. Doors open at 7pm to purchase Bingo boards and raffle tickets! Games begin at 8pm sharp!

To reserve a table, please complete the online form [here](#) or alternatively you may print and complete the paper form [here](#). Note that pre-registration is REQUIRED for participation in this event. The event will sell out so please register ASAP. We look forward to seeing you there!

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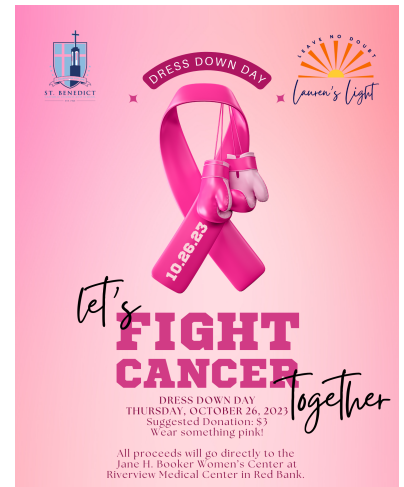
## LAUREN'S LIGHT: EXPLORERS CLUB



On Thursday, October 26, a [Breast Cancer Awareness Dress Down Day](#) was sponsored by the Lauren's Light Explorers Club. Our entire school raised an impressive \$1,185 for a great cause. The club also raised \$525 in "Leave No Doubt" T-Shirt sales. All proceeds will go directly to the Jane H. Booker Women's Center at Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank. Club members made care packages containing various items including hand lotion, socks, journals, and cards for breast cancer patients which will also be delivered to Riverview next Wednesday.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity. Together we will make a difference in the fight against breast cancer.

All SBS middle school girls in Grades 6-8 are welcome to attend the next club meeting on Tuesday, October 24 in the FAL right after school. Please contact Mrs. Hickman with any questions about the club.



### 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 [rebelrack@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:rebelrack@stbenedictnj.org). THANK YOU!

### ORDERING FORMS AND LINKS

The SBS Rebel Rack accepts Venmo payments. All purchases made in-person at the shop can accept Venmo as payment. The Rebel Rack can be found at:

Venmo **@Rebel-Rack**

<https://www.venmo.com/u/Rebel-Rack>

The QR code to scan is available at the shop, also pictured on the right.

Rebel Rack orders are also done via paper order [form](#) (sent with cash or check to School Office, Attention: Rebel Rack).



SBS Rebel Rack

@Rebel-Rack



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- ★ **ORDERS** for SBS Gym Uniforms will be taken via credit card through the online link [here](#).

(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 and spirit 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.)

- ★ The Rebel Rack is taking orders for Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, and Alumni crewneck sweatshirts in navy blue. Place your order online [here](#). All orders are due by November 24.

- ★ For full-zip hooded sweat jackets, please [email Lori Ulrich](#) with your order request.

**SIZES AVAILABLE: Youth Large, Youth XL, Adult Medium**

Please send cash or check made payable to St. Benedict School for \$25 to the attention of the Rebel Rack.

- ★ For Full-Zip Fleece Jackets, you can purchase at [Flynn O'Hara](#). \*Note: This is the only jacket allowed to be worn throughout the day with the SBS uniform.

## 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

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# 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>