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Weekly Newsletter

ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL

Grades Pre Kindergarten 3 to 8

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PRINCIPAL NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

★ WEEK AHEAD - Key Dates & Reminders

Friday, 11/10	Veterans Day Celebration 12:30 pm
Thursday, 11/16	Early Dismissal 12:15 pm Eighth Grade Retreat at 8:15 am in school
Wednesday, 11/15	Song and Scripture 7:00 pm in Church
Friday, 11/17	First Trimester Ends
Friday, 11/17	School Picture Retakes Any students who were absent or would like to take another photo should be ready on Friday. Please see email sent on 11/10.

- ★ **SONG AND SCRIPTURE** All families are invited to an evening of Song and Scripture on Wednesday, November 15 in the church from 7:00-8:00 pm. There will be short scripture readings, reflections, and Christian contemporary songs sung by Mrs. Remick. See flyer [here](#). All are welcome!
- ★ **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 as early as 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.
- ★ **BUNDLE UP!** Parents, please have your child wear a coat/jacket now that the weather has gotten chilly! Students will go out for recess every day unless it is raining. Thank you.
- ★ **WINTER UNIFORM** - The winter uniform has been in effect since October 23. This means sweatpants must be worn (not shorts) and school shoes (not sneakers) with the jumper or pants. Please refer to page 17 in the handbook for additional information.
- ★ **DIRECTORY** The [SBS Directory](#) is now posted online. Please use password: **rebels**.
- ★ **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.**
- ★ **FILING FOR DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR the 2024-2025 School Year** The Tuition Assistance Applications for the 2024-2025 school year opened on November 1, 2023. You will be able to access the application through the link on the SBS website under:
PARENTS - FINANCIAL INFORMATION - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
 - The application opened on 11/1/23.
 - The Round 1 Deadline is 3/1/24.
 - The Round 2 Deadline is 5/13/24.

For additional information, please refer to the Diocesan Tuition Assistance letter located [here](#).

CLASS NEWS

FIFTH GRADE

Fifth Grade celebrated a Seeds To Salad party with the various Garden Tower's lettuces grown since school started. A healthy, well-deserved celebration for all their hard work happened on Thursday. Nice job! 💙💜



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



It has become a tradition at St. Benedict School to honor Veterans with a Veteran Car Parade and Prayer Service during the month of November. We continued this tradition today by inviting all Veterans to join us to honor their outstanding service and sacrifice to our great country. Thank you to Mrs. Pepe and the PTA who made today happen and for helping to organize this event again this year.

This year we honored Mr. John Andrew Winkel, father of our seventh grade ELA teacher, Mrs. Galiano. To express our gratitude to Mr. Winkel for his contribution to our nation, all proceeds raised by the "Star and Stripes" fundraiser will be donated to The Wounded Warrior Project in his honor.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Veterans. See program [here](#). SBS Choir performs [America the Beautiful](#).

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.

ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADE GIRLS!

The Lauren's Light Memorial Scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year is posted, and the foundation is accepting applications through Wednesday, November 15. If you are an eighth-grade girl looking to attend Saint John Vianney next year, applying for this scholarship should be a no-brainer. Super easy questions and NO ESSAY. Visit <https://laurens-light.org/scholarships> for more information and to apply.

**ATTENTION
8TH GRADE GIRLS!**

**LAUREN HEWSKI MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY 2024-2025

- ✓ Application open to current 8th-grade girls.
- ✓ \$2,500 annually \$10,000 total
- ✓ No essay required!

**DEADLINE EXTENDED
TO WED., 11/15**





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LOWEST PRICE
OF THE YEAR**

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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.

**CELEBRATE
YOUR STUDENT
WITH A YEARBOOK AD**

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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

★ [Varsity Girls' Soccer](#) **Finals Game** - Saturday, November 11 at St. Joseph in Toms River

GOOD LUCK AND GO REBELS!

~Meaghan Lewis: Athletic Director

athletics@stbenedictnj.org

PTA



POCKETBOOK BINGO

Thank you for a wonderful night of laughs, good friends, and great handbags! Thank you to Maureen Lauria and Carissa Marshall for organizing another wonderful event. Thank you to our special guest Bingo caller Ms. Sollecito, to all those that came out to play, and to all who volunteered the night of the event and behind the scenes. Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Picciolo for winning the Gucci bag raffle!

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

Thank you to all who purchased pies and to those who donated as well. We have over 70 pies being donated! Don't forget: Pick up will be Tuesday, November 21 from 2-5pm in the Church Gathering Space.

SANTA SHOP

The beloved SBS Santa Shop will be held Wednesday, November 29, Thursday, November 30, and Friday, December 1 allowing students to go Christmas shopping for their loved ones while at school.

We are looking for VIRTUS Trained volunteers! More details to come, including sign-ups for parent "elves" who will help students shop and wrap presents.

As we prepare, we are requesting donations of wrapping paper, gift tags, gift bags, tissue paper, and tape. If you are able to donate, please drop off your donations at the school office. Any questions can be directed to pta@stbenedictnj.org. Thank you!

DROPS OF RAINE

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful for everything that we have and to think about those who are less fortunate. Click [here](#) for requested grade donations. Please have all items in by November 15, 2023.

Join us at Mater Dei with the RAINE Foundation on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 starting at 5:00 pm to fill and deliver Thanksgiving baskets.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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. 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).

- ★ **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.)



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- ★ 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.
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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>