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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

<b>Friday, 11/17</b>	First Trimester Ends Genesis Parent Access Closes
<b>Tuesday, 11/21</b>	Thanksgiving Prayer Service 9:45 am
<b>Wednesday, 11/22 - Friday, 11/24</b>	School Closed for Thanksgiving

- ★ **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. Please make every effort to bring your children to school ON TIME. Thank you.
- ★ **LOST AND FOUND** Parents, please label ALL of your child's belongings. There are so many items left each day that are not labeled. We will be donating items that are unclaimed by next week. Thank you.

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- ★ **GENESIS PARENT ACCESS** will close on Friday 11/17 and re-open on Friday 12/1 for report cards. No passwords will be reset until 12/1.
  - ★ **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](#).
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# CLASS NEWS

## EIGHTH GRADE CANDY GRAMS

Spread some holiday cheer by sending a Reindeer Candy Gram to a loved one, teacher or faculty member! Order forms and payment must be sent to the School Office by December 1. Deliveries will be made during school on December 18. All proceeds will go to the 8th Grade Class of 2024. Click [here](#) for order form.

## 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 of schools in our area, [click here](#) to learn more. See Spotlight Dates section.

## TEACHER NEWS

Mrs. Magnan, SBS Director of IT, self published a book about her grandson Liam. Liam's First Adventure is based on a true story about a boy who was born prematurely, and though he struggled through his first few months of life, he persevered. As he laid in his bed in the NICU, he dreamed of a wonderfully whimsical journey into the sea. He encounters fascinating characters emulating the doctors and nurses who tirelessly cared for him in the NICU. Throughout his underwater journey, Liam befriends the guppies, tiny fish that represent the other preemies in the NICU, each with their own unique story. Together, they explore the vibrant undersea world, experiencing colorful and magical adventures that parallel the challenges and triumphs faced in the NICU. As Liam's journey unfolds, he learns a profound lesson - that even in the darkest and most challenging moments, there is always hope. His determination and the unwavering support of his new friends, guide him toward strength and resilience, enabling him to overcome all obstacles and make his way home.

Liam's First Adventure is a heartwarming and beautifully illustrated book that celebrates the resilience of premature babies, the dedication of the NICU healthcare professionals, and the enduring power of hope. It instills the message

that, no matter how tough the journey, there is always a way to find light and positivity. This is an enchanting story of imagination, friendship, and hope that will captivate and inspire children and parents alike. The book is available on Amazon [here](#) starting November 15th. The link can also be found on Mrs. Magnan's author page: [www.anitamagnanwrites.com](http://www.anitamagnanwrites.com).

Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Magnan! Make sure to check out her website and support this wonderful message.

**ORDER NOW  
FOR THE  
LOWEST PRICE  
OF THE YEAR**

**GET YOUR YEARBOOK**

## 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**

**ORDER NOW**

### 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

- ★ Congratulations to our fall sports for wrapping up the season a high note! Our Cross Country and Soccer teams were successful in kicking off a great athletics year for SBS!
- ★ Congratulations to the [Varsity Girls' Soccer](#) team for winning the Final Game and becoming MOCPSL Champions in the Monmouth and Ocean Counties Middle School Soccer League on Saturday, November 11 at St. Joseph in Toms River. Way to go Rebels, and a stellar return to soccer with a 12-0 undefeated season!





### **BOWLING**

- ★ Now that soccer is back at SBS, we are also bringing back Bowling! Remember the bowling days with Ms. Lilly? Open to Grades PreK through 8, please complete the Google Form to register here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsP9Xy2HwoU5UTCYYlCHmPOOFkqM97SovJA8ukE61O-9\\_wIA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsP9Xy2HwoU5UTCYYlCHmPOOFkqM97SovJA8ukE61O-9_wIA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **BASKETBALL**

- ★ The Basketball season is starting and SBS will have 4 home games on Saturday, 11/18 starting at 12:30pm. Students \$2, Adults \$3 at the door.

~Meaghan Lewis: Athletic Director

[athletics@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:athletics@stbenedictnj.org)

### **DRAMA CLUB**

Please find the flyer [here](#) explaining the rules to our Moana Jr. T-shirt contest. The winner will have their drawing featured on our cast/crew Moana Jr. T-shirts. The 2nd place winner will be featured in our playbill. Please note that you do not need to be in Drama Club to enter the contest. If you have any questions please email [dramaclub@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:dramaclub@stbenedictnj.org).

### **PTA**

#### **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! If you are available please sign up using the links below.

- Tuesday, November 28 [here](#) (set-up only)
- Wednesday, November 29 [here](#) (PreK 3, PreK 4, 6th, 8th grades)
- Thursday, November 30 [here](#) (Kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades)
- Friday, December 1 [here](#) (1st, 5th, 7th grades)



On Monday, November 27, your child(ren) will come home with a Santa Shop shopping list, please fill this out with the names and a price range of gifts your child will be buying.

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](mailto:pta@stbenedictnj.org). Thank you!

### ADVENT PROJECT

As part of the PTA Advent Project, parents have the opportunity to request a personalized Santa Letter be written and mailed home by the eighth-grade students. These special letters have been a part of our school's tradition for more than 20 years. Each year, the eighth-grade students work hard to make sure that our students receive a special message from Santa. This creative writing experience is an important part of reminding these adolescents just how special the magic of Christmas truly is. Each eighth-grader writes with the young child in mind, combining the traditions and "hints" sent by the parents with the images of Christmas magic from his or her childhood.

If you would like your child to receive a personalized letter from Santa please complete the [form](#) and submit it to the attention of "Santa's Elves", with your payment of \$6, cash or check made payable to **SBS PTA**. All proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry & the RAINE Foundation. Santa will also write letters to other children in your family (even if they are not in school yet).



### 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).

- ★ **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.



SBS Rebel Rack

@Rebel-Rack



**venmo**

Scan this code to pay

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- ★ 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

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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>