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## Weekly Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### ★ WEEK AHEAD - Key Dates & Reminders

<b>Friday, 11/3</b>	PTA Pocketbook Bingo 6:00 pm
<b>Friday, 11/10</b>	Veterans Day Celebration 12:30 pm

- ★ **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.
- ★ **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](#) 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.**

# CLASS NEWS

## SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Beyer's sixth grade science classes completed a lab exploring density differences in water. Students created a plan to test water of varying temperatures and salinities. Students then carried out their plans in the lab to determine the density differences.



## 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.

## SIXTH GRADE SCHOLARSHIP

At the All Saints' Day School Mass held on Wednesday, the first Lauren Hewski Memorial Scholarship was awarded to sixth grader Summer G. Sponsored by Lauren's Light, a charity organization founded in memory of Lauren Hewski, St. Benedict School graduate, Class of 2019, this scholarship recipient will receive \$1,500 annually for three years. Summer is the embodiment of being bold, boundless, and beautiful in all that she does both inside and outside of school. We are so proud of her accomplishments and look forward to her bright future, congratulations!

The Lauren's Light Explorers club also presented the Jane H. Booker Women's Center at Riverview a check in the amount of \$1,710 from dress down day proceeds and T-shirt sales, along with comfort packages for breast cancer patients. Fantastic work, Explorers! Thank you to our school community for the ongoing love and support to honor our beloved Lauren's legacy and helping us do meaningful work for others.





## VETERANS DAY

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 will continue this tradition on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 12:30 pm. We invite all Veterans to join us on that day. Please take a look at the attached flyers for more detailed information. We ask that you RSVP to Mrs. Pepe ([pepep1@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:pepep1@stbenedictnj.org)) by Tuesday, November 7, so that we have an accurate account of the number of Veterans who will be attending. Thank you to the PTA and Serafina Pepe for helping to organize this event again this year.

This year we will be honoring Mr. John Andrew Winkel, father of our 7th 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 (see [flyer](#)) will be donated to The Wounded Warrior Project in his honor.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our Veterans.

## NOTE FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

The "Mission Club" held their annual Mission Fair on Halloween. Students dressed up in costumes and played carnival games made by the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Everyone had a blast playing games and singing karaoke with Sal, our student council DJ. Thank you to everyone who sent in money. The Mission Fair raised \$1,084 which will be donated to the Catholic Missions.

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.

## 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 Monday, 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.

Laurens-Light.org  
Leave No Doubt



**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**

*Lauren's Light*

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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](https://www.jostens.com) 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

We had an exciting finish to the Cross Country season with almost every runner putting up a personal best time at the Ocean County Park course in Lakewood. Congratulations to the top 10 finishers for Boys 400m - Lucas T. (5th place), Girls 800m - Allisyn H. (4th place), and Boys 2K - Michael P. (10th place).

The 6th and 7th grade girls team placed 4th overall and 3rd in the Girls 3K among Catholic schools participating in the Shore Athletic



Club League. Congratulations to Ella F. placing fifth, McKenna H. placing eighth, Sloane R., and Faye H.

## SOCCER

- ★ Congratulations to the Varsity Boys' Soccer team on a well-played season and a hard fought battle in playoffs. Thank you to Coach Calogera for all her hard work and dedication to this team and guiding them through a successful season.

- ★ **Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. St. Mary Playoff Game** - Tuesday, November 7 HOME AT SJV FIELD 3:15 pm

GO REBELS!

~Meaghan Lewis: Athletic Director

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

## PTA

### POCKETBOOK BINGO - NOVEMBER 3

REMINDER: Arrive at 6:00 pm tonight for a BYOB and food Happy Hour. Doors open at 7:00 pm to purchase Bingo boards and raffle tickets! Games begin at 8:00 pm sharp!

### TRUNK OR TREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered to help make the annual Trunk-or-Treat an amazing event! Congratulations to the 2023 trunk winners!

- ★ 1st place: Who-Ville (The Zahakos & Colonna Families)
- ★ 2nd Place: Flo-Dar's House of Horrors (The Family of Giovanna Montana)
- ★ 3rd Place: Star Wars (The Puma Family)



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



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## PTA PIE SALE FUNDRAISER

Please remember to order your pies by tonight! Thank you to everyone who has purchased so far!

## 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!

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## 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

- ★ **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.



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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>