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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>Saturday, 12/2</b>	Tree Lighting at 6pm
<b>Monday, 12/4</b>	PreK 3 Christmas Show 1pm in the Church
<b>Tuesday, 12/5</b>	Second Grade First Reconciliation 11am Grades 3-8 School Reconciliation at 12pm and 1pm Reindeer Candy Gram <a href="#">Orders</a> Due
<b>Friday, 12/8</b>	School Closed for Immaculate Conception

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- ★ **GENESIS PARENT ACCESS** will reopen on Friday, 12/1 for report cards. If you attempt to log onto the system 3 times with incorrect credentials, the account will be disabled for security reasons. All disabled accounts will be re-enabled on Tuesday morning at 8:00 am.
  - ★ **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](#).

CHRISTMAS TREE  
*Lighting* SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023  
AT 6PM  
MAIN PARKING LOT  
165 BETHANY ROAD, HOLMDEL



*A Wonderful Spirit-Filled Christmas Tradition Featuring...*  
*Prayer & Christmas Caroling*  
*Knights of Columbus Memorial Christmas Trees*  
*Big Christmas Tree Lighting on Father Adam's Lawn*

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 732.264.4712 EXT 4.

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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 **Tuesday, December 5**. 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.

**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.

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# PARENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUB NEWS

## ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

### BASKETBALL

The Basketball season has begun and SBS has all league games listed [here](#). Students \$2, Adults \$3 at the door. Email questions to [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

This year's Santa Shop was a huge success! The students were very proud to work through their shopping lists. A big THANK YOU to all the elf volunteers who helped make the Santa Shop possible, especially Erika Falzone and Tracy Boone for organizing the event. Many thanks to everyone who donated the wrapping paper, gift bags, and other supplies!

### ADVENT PROJECT

#### SANTA LETTERS

As part of the PTA Advent Project, parents have the opportunity to purchase a personalized Letter from Santa which is mailed directly to your home by the eighth-grade students.

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These special letters have been a part of our school's tradition for more than 20 years. Each year, Mrs. Sargent and her eighth-grade students work hard to make sure that our younger 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 by Thursday, December 7th.

All proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and the RAINE Foundation. Santa will also write letters to other children in your family (even if they are not in school yet).

### **GIFT DRIVE FOR TEENS**

Please consider helping us fill a need at the RAINE Foundation for teenage focused gifts including wallets, purses, and gift cards (ULTA, Amazon, Target, etc). If you can donate, please bring unwrapped gifts to school between Monday, December 4th and Friday, December 8th.

### **DRESS DOWN DAY**

Please bring in \$3 for a dress down day on Friday December 15th. All proceeds will benefit the RAINE Foundation and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

## **DROPS OF RAINE**

Our Drops of RAINE members celebrated their efforts with a pizza party on Thursday. Our members recently dedicated their time and energy to making a difference in the lives of others. Their dedication to positively impacting others this holiday season exemplifies the true meaning of gratitude and generosity. We are so thankful for all of them and look forward to helping in December. Students in 5th through 8th grade are welcome to [join the club](#) and give a helping hand. Please [visit our page](#) for more information.





## 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!



SBS Rebel Rack  
@Rebel-Rack

### 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)

<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).



**venmo**

Scan this code to pay

- ★ **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.)
- ★ 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>