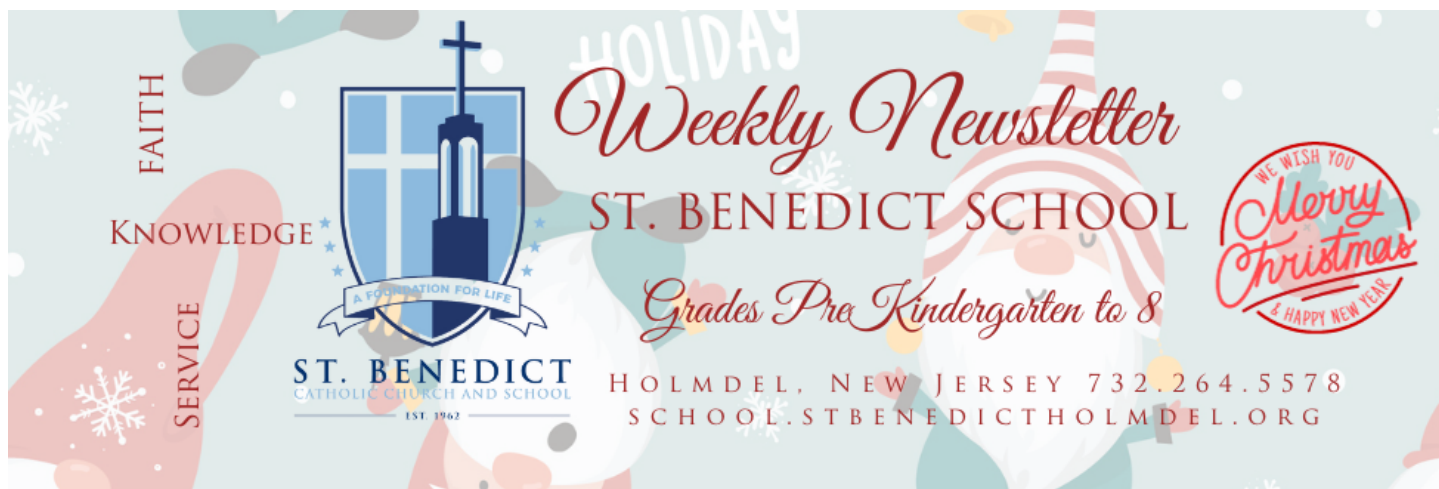


# SBS NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**CLICK HERE**

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

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### ★ WEEK AHEAD - Key Dates & Reminders

<b>Thursday, 12/21</b>	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal 12:15pm Christmas Prayer Service 10am Christmas Class Parties 11am
<b>Friday, 12/22 - Tuesday, 1/2</b>	Christmas Break - School Closed Students return on 1/3/24.
<b>Friday, 1/5</b>	Half Day - Early Dismissal 12:15pm

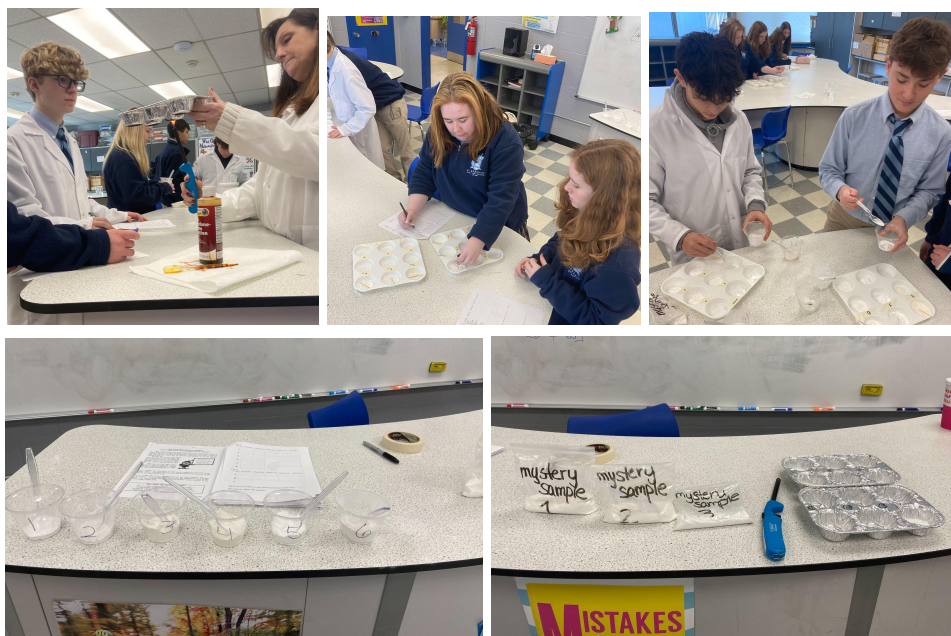
★ A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARENTS WHO DONATED TO THE TEACHER GIFT COLLECTION THIS YEAR. YOUR GENEROSITY WAS ONCE AGAIN OVERWHELMING!  
MERRY CHRISTMAS! PEACE AND JOY TO ALL IN THE NEW YEAR!

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- ★ **TARDINESS/STUDENT ABSENCES** Please remember that the school day begins promptly at 8am. Remember to call the Call-In Program at 732-264-5578 Option 2 to report your child's absence. This is very important for student records. Thank you for your cooperation.
- ★ **OPEN HOUSE TOURS NOW OPEN!**  
**SBS Open Houses will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 9am-12pm, 1-3pm and Friday, February 16, 2024 from 1-3pm.**  
Tour sign-up is now open! [Click here](#) to sign up online. Please bear in mind space is limited, if you can not keep your appointment, please let the School Office know.
- ★ **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

The North Pole Bureau of Investigations requested the help of Mrs. Reifenhiser's 8th graders to identify the ingredients of Mrs. Claus' cookie recipe. The elves were very mischievous and mixed up all of Mrs. Claus' special baking powders.



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MORNING CREW



**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 league games are listed [here](#). Reminder: Students \$2, Adults \$3 at the door.

~Meaghan Lewis: Athletic Director

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

## DRAMA CLUB

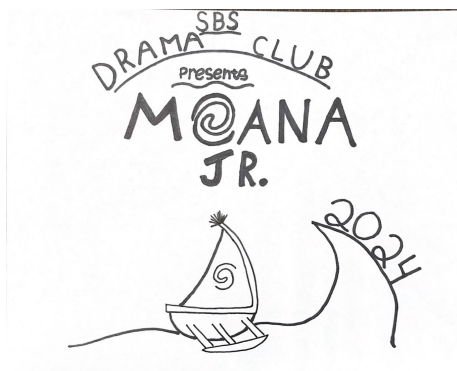
What amazing artists we have at SBS!!

Thank you so much to everyone that shared their designs with the Arts Association last night at the Christmas Concert. They were all incredible. Unfortunately, there could only be one winner. We would like to congratulate Brielle B. in 5B for winning the T-shirt contest. Her design will be featured on the cast/crew t-shirts for our production of Moana, Jr. taking place on March 22, 23 and 24. Our runner up was Katelyn M. in 6A. Katelyn's design will be featured on the back of our playbill.

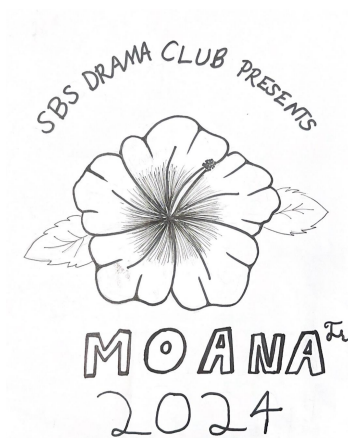
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Everyone from the Arts Association wishes you and your family a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!  
Enjoy your break and congratulations again to our winners.

Winner:



Runner Up:



If you have any questions, please email [dramaclub@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:dramaclub@stbenedictnj.org).

## SPRING SCHOOL CHOIR

Sign up [here](#) for Spring School Choir.

## PTA

### ADVENT PROJECT

We are happy to announce we raised over \$1,500 from last week's dress down day and Santa letters. The money will go to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and the RAINE Foundation to help those in need. Thank you to all who participated!

### DRESS DOWN PASSES

Winter dress down passes are still on sale. Purchase a set of 3 dress down passes (one for any day in January, one for any day in February, and one for any day in March, excluding Mass days) for \$10. Additional details are provided on the order form that can be completed and returned to school with payment. Final orders due by Friday, January 5th.

## POLAR PLUNGE

Each year during Catholic Schools Week the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) hosts a Polar Plunge for Catholic Education. St. Benedict School will once again participate in this wonderful tradition that brings Catholic Schools across NJ together to celebrate and raise money for their schools. 100% of the money raised goes to St. Benedict School. This is a great way for SBS students, staff, and parents to show their support for Catholic education and "Take the Plunge". You can join us at the SBS tent at 12pm, we will line up at 12:45pm. The plunge happens promptly at 1:00pm.

**We are very excited to announce that Mr. Cammarano, our principal, will be taking the plunge as well!** Please stay tuned for details on how you can sponsor his polar plunge and help raise money for our school!

Any "Plunger" (participant, going in the water, whether a Student, Adult, or Teacher) MUST have a Paper Registration Form printed, filled out, signed, and sent into school.

- ★ To pay online, use the link [here](#).
- ★ To order Polar Plunge swag online, use the link [here](#).

The SBS PTA thanks you for your continued support and wishes everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Enjoy the break!



## 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.)
- ★ 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.



SBS Rebel Rack  
@Rebel-Rack



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Scan this code to pay

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- ★ 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>