SBS NEWSLETTER

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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

Sunday, 2/11	Bake Sale after all Masses this weekend to support the Drama Club.
Monday, 2/12	Grade 8 Bake Sale - All lunch periods
Wednesday, 2/14	Ash Wednesday - School Ashes Distributed at 1pm Grad Picture Retakes and Club Photos
Friday, 2/16	SBS Open House 1-3pm Half Day - Early Dismissal 12:15pm

Presidents' Day Holiday - School Closed
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- ★ OPEN HOUSE Our second Open House will take place on Friday, February 16, 2024 from 1-3pm.
- ★ CURRENT FAMILY SIBLING REGISTRATION forms for new students are now due. Please bring them in as soon as possible to ensure a space for your child.
- ★ **SCHOOL MASS** Parents please be aware that all of the church doors are locked except the back door (Door 6). Please drive around the back of the church to enter for all School Masses. Thank you.
- **★** ASH WEDNESDAY TIMES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Mass with Distribution of Ashes:

9:00 am Mass

Prayer Services and Distribution of Ashes:

- 6:30 am
- 8:00 am
- 12:10 pm
- 1:00 pm School
- 3:30 pm
- 5:00 pm
- 7:00 pm
- ★ 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.

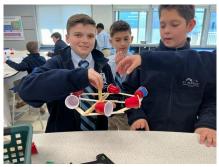
CLASS NEWS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Announcing SBS's winning pick for the Super Bowl champions is the San Francisco 49er's with 455 soup cans versus the Kansas City Chiefs with 331 soup cans. All donations will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

SIXTH GRADE

Sixth graders eagerly took on a STEM Challenge of designing an ancient irrigation system. Armed with creativity and an understanding of simple machines, they took on the task. They had to brainstorm, design, and build their models with limited supplies, incorporating a lever or pulley system. As they tested their creations, excitement filled the room as water flowed from one bin to another, simulating the watering of plants. Each group tried to minimize spills and waste, aiming to move the most water efficiently. Collaboration and problem-solving were fully displayed as the students worked together to meet the challenge criteria. Ultimately, the group with the most effective system won, showcasing their ingenuity and teamwork. Way to go; you are all engineers!













YEARBOOK

PreK-7 REMINDER: ORDER THE 2024 YEARBOOK TODAY

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.



CAMPOUT 2024 IS BACK!

Campout Summer Camp is created specifically for children entering PreK4 through second grade in September 2024. Our focus is to allow our young learners to grow academically and socially in a fun and engaging environment. Campers will enjoy indoor and outdoor experiences designed to engage their natural curiosity, expand their academic skills through interdisciplinary exploration, and most importantly, have fun! Campout at SBS believes that our youngest children learn best when they are fully engaged in hands-on and minds-on experiences. We also believe that play is a key component to early development and enables our campers to develop to their highest potential.

DATES: JULY 8 - AUGUST 16, 2024

- ★ 6 full weeks of themed-activities.
- ★ Camp days are Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm.
- ★ Register for all 6 weeks or pick and choose the weeks that suit you and your schedule.
- ★ Weekly Pizza available on Fridays.*
- ★ Air Conditioned Indoor Facilities including play area for rainy days!
- ★ Great Outdoor Learning Center and Natural Playscape

^{*}Additional Fee

Age Requirements:

- ★ Child(ren) must be four years of age by October 1, 2024.
- ★ Child(ren) must be entering PreK 4 up until Grade 2 in September 2024.

REGISTER HERE

PARENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUB NEWS

CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

Do you serve on a parent organization? Volunteer at a club? Help out as a class parent? Never met a volunteer sign-up sheet you didn't like? Do you find yourself a chronic handraiser to help out our school and students? If the answer is "yes" to any or all of the above, then you are invited to a special SBS Volunteer Appreciation Night.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, March 14, 2024

St. Benedict School welcomes all school parent volunteers for a night of appreciation on Thursday, March 14, 2024 from 6-9pm in the School Gym. This event is our way of saying "thank you" for all that you do for our students and school community. Please note, this evening is intended for adults only, food and alcohol will be served. Please RSVP below so we can have a headcount to plan accordingly.

RSVP here by Monday, March 4! Thank you and we hope that you can make it!

ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

Spring Registration is open and will close on February 15, no exceptions. Please make sure physicals are up-to-date with the nurse.

REGISTER HERE FOR SPRING SPORTS

Meaghan Lewis SBS Athletic Director, athletics@stbenedictnj.org

DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club is hosting a Moana Beach Bash on Saturday, March 9 from 12:00 to 1:30 pm in the SBS Gym. Click here to **RSVP**. Due by March 1.

Booster Ads are now on sale for the Moana Jr. Playbill, click here for order form. All ads are due by February 16!

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POLAR PLUNGE

Thank you to all participants! Special thanks to Mr. Cammarano & Mrs. Mackin. Winners will be announced shortly!

SAVE THE DATE

The Gentleman & Young Ladies Dance is Friday, March 1 from 6-9pm at Jacques Reception Hall in Middletown. Details have been sent home and emailed. <u>Click here</u> for RSVP form. If you have any questions, reach out to the <u>pta@stbenedictnj.org</u>.

The Ladies & Young Gentleman Dance is Friday, March 8. More details to follow!

SAVE THE DATE

Amazing books are on the way! March 13-15 is our Book Fair! More details to come!



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

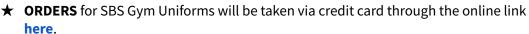
The SBS Rebel Rack accepts Venmo payments. All purchases made in-person at the shop can accept Venmo as payment. The Rebel Rack can be found at:

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 <u>form</u> (sent with cash or check to School Office, Attention: Rebel Rack).



(Refer to the <u>Gym Uniform Ordering page</u> 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.



SBS Rebel Rack

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Scan this code to pay

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