



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## WEEK AHEAD

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

<b>MONDAY, November 24</b>	<b>STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT DRESS DOWN DAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, November 26</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>THURSDAY, November 27</b>	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
<b>FRIDAY, November 28</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>YEARBOOK ORDER</b>	Order your yearbook <a href="#">HERE</a> Place your yearbook ads (open to all grades) by November 23 <a href="#">HERE</a>
<b>NOW HIRING</b>	If you or someone you know is interested in a position here at St. Benedict School, we are now hiring a <b>Facilities Custodian</b> . Learn how to apply <a href="#">HERE</a> .

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

## RAINE FOUNDATION VIRTUAL GIVING TREE

'Tis the Season for Giving! Help make a child's Christmas wish come true by participating in the RAINE Foundation's Virtual Giving Tree.

1. Click [HERE](#) to choose a child to sponsor.
2. Go shopping for their wishes!
3. Return your UNWRAPPED gift to the Church Gathering Space by **December 1**.
4. Include the child's name and number provided on the website.

## 8th GRADE BLANKET SALE



Please support the Class of 2026 by buying a fleece blanket, perfect for the chilly days ahead! **Order by TODAY, November 21.**

All profits will go towards 8th grade activities.

Click [HERE](#) for the order form.

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## CLASS NEWS

### 8TH GRADE BRINGS THE COURTROOM TO LIFE

After finishing *Of Mice and Men*, students participated in a full Mock Trial to determine Lennie's guilt or innocence. Before stepping into their roles, students researched the trial process, including courtroom procedures, roles, rules, and formal writing styles.

Using their persuasive writing skills, they incorporated the three rhetorical appeals, ethos, pathos, and logos, into their opening statements, witness examinations, and closing arguments. Witnesses prepared by analyzing character traits and motivations, while the jury studied their responsibility in evaluating evidence and reaching a fair verdict.

**What will the outcome be? Stay tuned...the jury is still out!**



## GREENS AND GRATITUDE

Our gardens turned into a salad bar! After parent teacher conferences, our teachers were provided a salad bar with greens and vegetables grown right here at St. Benedict. Thank you to Mrs. Campasano for her successful harvest!



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## ATHLETICS NEWS

### BASKETBALL STARTS THE SEASON STRONG

Last weekend, we kicked off the basketball season with a victory. The 6th Grade Boys team won their first game 23-2. GO REBELS!



### ALL-STAR SOCCER PLAYERS



St. Benedict School had 12 Varsity soccer players chosen for the MOCMSL All Star team. These students were chosen for their leadership, discipline, sportsmanship and contributions to their teams.

Congratulations to our All Stars!

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# CLUB NEWS

## CHECK MATE!

The Chess Club had their first meeting this week. Thank you to all the students that participated!



# PARENT ASSOCIATIONS

## PTA

### THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

Thank you to all who ordered your Thanksgiving pies. We sold 141 pies with 31 of those being donations, and raised \$916.50!

**Remember: Pie pick up is on Monday, November 24th, from 2-5 PM in the Church Gathering Space.**

We will deliver all donated pies to the RAINE Foundation dinner in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### SANTA LETTERS

As part of the PTA Advent Project, you have the opportunity to purchase a personalized letter from Santa that will be mailed directly to your home.

These special letters have been a beloved tradition at SBS for more than 20 years, with Mrs. Galiano continuing the tradition this year. Each year, our 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” provided by the parents, along with the images of Christmas magic from his or her own childhood.

Santa is also happy to write letters to other children in your family (even those not in St. Benedict School).

We kindly request that you submit a separate form for each child.

**Each personalized letter is \$6.00, and all the proceeds will benefit St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry & the RAINE Foundation this Christmas Season.**

To place your order, please use the link [HERE](#) to submit your form and payment. Be sure to answer all questions to help personalize your child’s letter.

Ordering is open through Friday, December 5th.

All letters from Santa will be mailed directly to your home address.

Please feel free to email us with any questions at [pta@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:pta@stbenedictnj.org)

## BALLOON COMMITTEE INVITATION

Do you have experience making balloon arches and balloon centerpieces? Have you always wanted to learn how to make balloon decorations? Are you interested in helping the SBS PTA make every event as beautiful as possible?

Then, consider signing up for the SBS Balloon Committee. Our goal is to bring together a group of volunteers who will create balloon arches and centerpieces as needed for SBS PTA events. Not only will it add that special touch to the events our families attend, but it will also give you the opportunity to connect and meet with other parents on the committee.

Please RSVP [HERE](#) by November 25th and let us know if you have experience or if you'd need to participate in a brief training.

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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The Tuition Assistance Applications for the 2026 - 2027 school year opened on November 1, 2025. 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 November 1, 2025
- The Round 1 Deadline is March 1, 2026
- The Round 2 Deadline is May 5, 2026

For additional information, please refer to the Diocesan Tuition Assistance letter located under: Parent/Financial Information/ Financial Assistance.

## RAISE RIGHT

### GET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE AND EARN TUITION REBATES!

If you are placing an order for any RAISERIGHT gift cards that we do not have in stock, you must have your order in no later than 9:30 am on **Tuesday, December 9th** in order for the cards to be received before the Christmas break. Orders for cards that we have in stock can be filled up until Thursday, December 18th (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!)

Please feel free to contact Lorrie McGee in the Parish Office to confirm the cards you are interested in are in stock or with any additional questions about the RAISERIGHT program.

Mrs. McGee can be reached at 732-246-4712 ext. 37 or [mcgee@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:mcgee@stbenedictnj.org).

- Click [HERE](#) for RAISERIGHT order form for counter sales (gift cards in stock).
- Click [HERE](#) for RAISERIGHT order form for cards to be special ordered (cards not in stock).

Browse the full listing of participating retailers and rebates [HERE](#).

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## REBEL RACK

If you have general questions about returns, exchanges, sizes and/or store inventory, please email [rebelrack@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:rebelrack@stbenedictnj.org).

### ORDERING FORMS AND LINKS

The SBS Rebel Rack accepts cash or check payments. All purchases made in-person at the shop can also be made with Venmo as payment 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 right.

- ★ Visit the [Rebel Rack Spirit Shop](#) for more details.
- ★ PLEASE NOTE: Full zip fleeces are sold only at [Flynn O'Hara](#)

## 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

official Facebook page for St. Benedict School is:

<https://www.facebook.com/stbensholmdel>



#### SCHOOL INSTAGRAM

@stbensholmdel



#### SCHOOL TWITTER

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