



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL WEEKLY VIDEO UPDATE

[Watch this week's update from the Principal and Vice Principal!](#)



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WEEK AHEAD

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

WEDNESDAY, November 26	NO SCHOOL
THURSDAY, November 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

FRIDAY, November 28	NO SCHOOL
SUNDAY, November 30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WEDNESDAY, December 3 - FRIDAY, December 5	PTA SANTA SHOP
SATURDAY, December 6	CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 6:00 pm following 5:00 pm Mass
MONDAY, December 8	NO SCHOOL - Immaculate Conception
NOW HIRING	If you or someone you know is interested in a position here at St. Benedict School, we are now hiring a Facilities Custodian . Learn how to apply HERE .

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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 **Monday, December 1**.
4. Include the child's name and number provided on the website.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Our SBS Christmas Tree will be lit on **Saturday, December 6** at 6 pm, following the 5 pm Mass. Please join us for a special kick-off to the Christmas season. There will be an 8th grade bake sale, a performance from the choir and special guests. Stay tuned for more details!

8TH GRADE POINSETTIA SALE

Decorate for Christmas and support the 8th grade class by buying poinsettias. Click [HERE](#) for the order form. Return the form and payment to the office in an envelope marked Poinsettia Sale by **December 11**.

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL GAME

The Monmouth Ocean County Parochial Basketball League (MOCPBL) team that sells the most tickets to the Monmouth University Basketball game on **December 31**, wins a once-in-a-lifetime chance to play on the Monmouth University court at halftime. Our SBS 8th Grade Varsity Boys are in the running and we need your help to pack the stands! Get your tickets [HERE](#).

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CLASS NEWS

8th GRADE MOCK TRIAL...THE VERDICT IS IN

Last week, our 8th graders participated in an exciting mock trial based on *Of Mice and Men*. Students worked in teams to examine the actions of Lennie, the defendant in the case, and practiced rhetoric and persuasive writing as they built their arguments.

- The **Blue Team** found Lennie guilty of First-Degree Murder, believing he knew right from wrong when he hid the crime and ran away.
- The **White Team** found Lennie guilty of manslaughter, reasoning that he ran away out of fear and, because of his disability, did not fully understand that what he did was wrong.

Through this project, students learned to use evidence, persuasive language, and logical reasoning to convince others of their point of view, key skills in both writing and speaking.



SHAVING CREAM FUN

Mrs. Testa's PreK-3B class had fun with sensory play, writing their letters in shaving cream!



PARENT ASSOCIATIONS

PTA

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

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.

SANTA SHOP

Please check your p1/p2 inbox for details, schedules and volunteer sign-ups!

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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.

- 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](#).

REBEL RACK

If you have general questions about returns, exchanges, sizes and/or store inventory, please email 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



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