



# 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

|                               |   |
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| <b>TUESDAY, December 16</b>   | <b>PTA DRESS DOWN DAY</b>                   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, December 17</b> | <b>ARTS ASSOCIATION OPEN MEETING 6:00pm</b> |
| <b>FRIDAY, December 19</b>    | <b>CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES</b>              |

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14



The Third Sunday of Advent emphasizes joy as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus.

*Our Father, as we enter this Third Sunday of Advent, we pause in joyful anticipation of the coming of Your light into our lives. May our hearts be filled with hope and love, guiding us to spread Your peace to all. Help us to prepare our souls for the joy of Your presence. Amen*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

### 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](#).

### TEACHER HOLIDAY GIFT COLLECTION

We are conducting a voluntary gift collection for our teachers. A \$10 - \$25 donation is recommended and once all funds are collected it will be divided evenly among all teachers. Please send your donations in an envelope marked School Office: Teacher Gifts by **Tuesday, December 16**. Please make all checks payable to CASH. Thank you in advance for your generosity! *\*Note: Class parents should not hold a separate collection.*

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## CLASS NEWS

### MODEL UN WINS BIG AT CBA CONFERENCE

The SBS Model UN team participated at the CBA Model UN Conference and came home with 8 medals! The team won Best Small Delegation and Arnie Sharma was awarded the Secretary General's List. This award is in honor of St. Benedict and CBA alumnus, and current Harvard student, Aiden Zagel. He previously ran the Model UN program at CBA with such success that they now give an award in his honor.

Thank you to our staff Mrs. Galiano and Mrs. Nielsen for their leadership.

Here is the full list of awards.

- CBA Middle School Best Small Delegation
- Best Position Paper: Alexa Mallack
- Outstanding Delegate: Frank Picciolo
- Best Delegate: Jasin Duka
- Secretary General List: Arnie Sharma
- Honorable Mention - Position Paper: Frank Picciolo
- Honorable Mention - Best Delegate: Everett Letowsky
- Honorable Mention - Best Delegate: Nicholai Kolodziej





Congratulations to the entire team for a job well done!

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## PARENT ASSOCIATIONS

### ARTS ASSOCIATION

#### OPEN MEETING

When: Wednesday, December 17

Time: 6:00pm

Where: SBS Art Room

### PTA

#### 2nd-8th Grade Young Ladies Dance

We cordially invite you to attend an evening of dinner and dancing at The Gentlemen & Young Ladies Dance. This annual St. Benedict tradition will be held early this year on Friday, January 9th, from 6:00-9:00 pm at The Reception Center in Matawan, 172 Freneau Avenue. Please note that, based on feedback, we are holding the dances in January this year so as not to have them fall on a Friday in Lent.

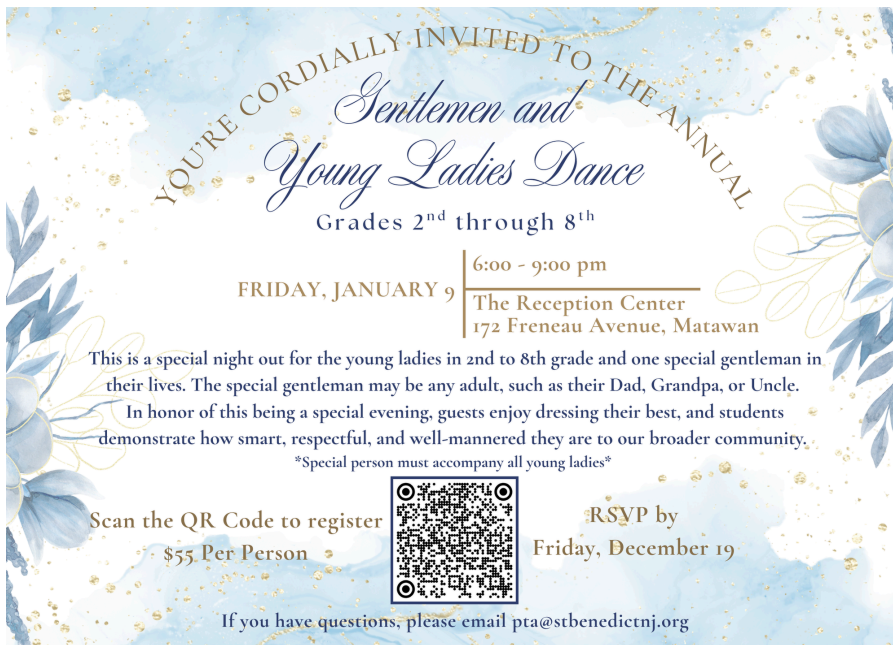
For those new to the school community, this night out is for the young ladies in 2nd to 8th grade and one special gentleman in their lives. The special gentleman may be any adult, such as their Dad, Grandpa, or Uncle. The price is \$110 per couple (\$55 for the adult & \$55 for one child). If there is more than one child (in 2nd to 8th grade), each additional child's ticket is \$55. In honor of this being a special evening, guests enjoy dressing their best, and students demonstrate how smart, respectful, and well-mannered they are to our broader community.

Tables will be set for 10 people total. Please note that filling a table is NOT required for attendance. If you do not have a full table of 10, we will sit you with children of similar ages.

Ticket purchases can be made online, [HERE](#). Please note the following:

- Ticket purchases are due no later than Friday, December 19th.
- A Special person must accompany all young ladies; this is not a drop-off event.
- We cannot accept any late requests as we must submit a final headcount and seating arrangement ahead of time.
- Tables cannot be made for more than 10 people, no exceptions.
- A ticket must be purchased to reserve your seat. While someone may list you at their table, that seat reservation is not complete until a ticket has been purchased.
- Please confirm that your total amount reflects the number of seats that you intended to purchase, as each seat must be added.
- All ticket sales are final.

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



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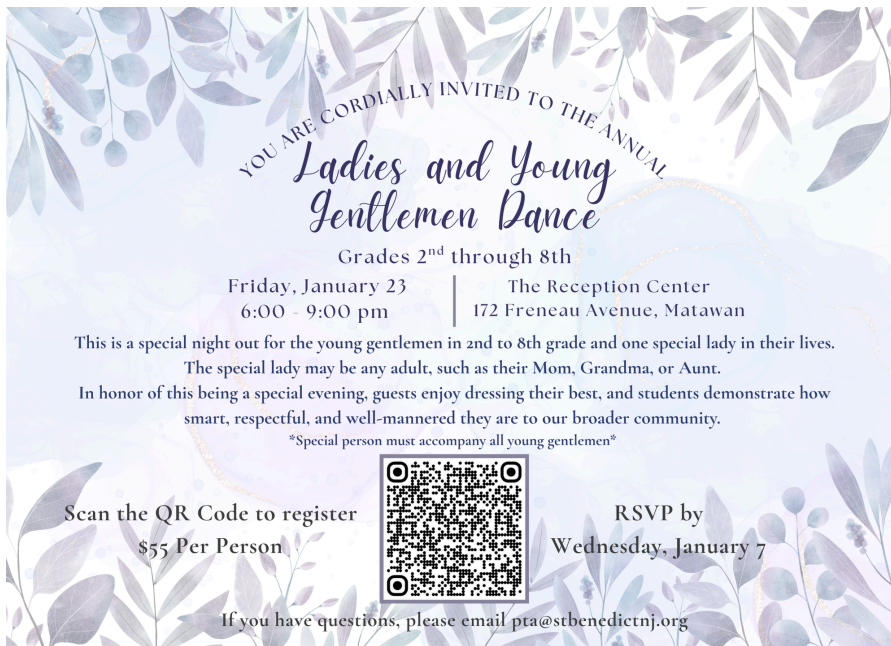
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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 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!

RAISERIGHT gift card orders for cards that we currently 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).  
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.stbenedicholmdel.org/calendar-1>

## ★ SBS SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS



### SCHOOL FACEBOOK

official Facebook page for St. Benedict School is:

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



### SCHOOL INSTAGRAM

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