



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL WEEKLY VIDEO UPDATE

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WEEK AHEAD

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SATURDAY, December 6	CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 6:00 pm <i>Immediately following 5:00 pm Mass</i>
SUNDAY, December 7	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY, December 8	NO SCHOOL - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
WEDNESDAY, December 10	CHRISTMAS PAGEANT KA, KC, 1A, 2A, 2C, 3A
THURSDAY, December 11	CHRISTMAS PAGEANT KB, 1B, 2B, 3B
FRIDAY, December 12	ADVENT PROJECT DRESS DOWN DAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7



The Second Sunday of Advent emphasizes peace as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus.

Gracious God, on this Second Sunday of Advent, we pause in the quiet to remember Your promise of peace. As we light the candle of peace, calm our restless hearts and still our anxious thoughts. Teach us to walk in Your ways, to speak words that heal, and to extend kindness where there is division. May Your peace flow through us into our homes, our communities, and our world. Prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace, who reigns forever. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

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

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](#).

REBEL RACK FLASH SALE

Tuesday, December 9, the Rebel Rack will be holding a flash sale of items that will no longer be available for purchase starting 2026. Select colors and sizes will be available. Come see what we have! Sale will take place in the courtyard in front of the church during school pick up.

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.**

CLASS NEWS

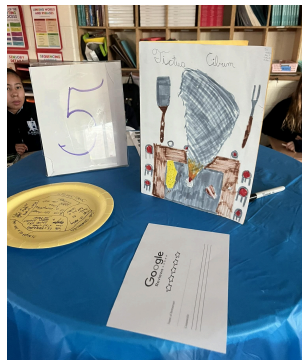
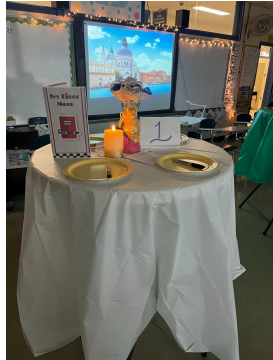
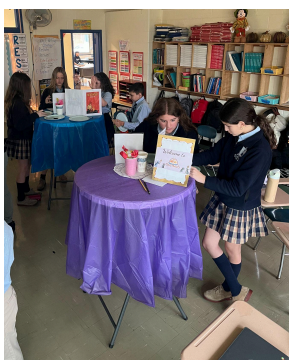
5 YEARS OF THE GREAT OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

The Great Outdoor Learning Center reached a huge milestone this fall! We are celebrating the 5-year anniversary of the space. What started as an idea, has now grown into a thriving garden filled with plants, fish, frogs and its own ecosystem. We are so proud of how this has developed over the years. In June, the Class of 2025 class gift was outdoor shades for the garden. They were just installed in the fall and will be available for use in the spring. These shades will provide cover over the benches, making the area more accessible during the hotter months. Thank you to Mrs. Campasano for making this possible!



FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE CAFE

The 7th Grade created a Figurative Language Cafe. They created menus and restaurants to practice their reading, writing and exercise interpreting figurative language. Their words brought their cafes to life!



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](#) and let us know if you have experience or if you'd need to participate in a brief training.

SANTA SHOP

Thank you to all of you for your incredible support of this year's Santa Shop. Whether you donated items, helped with set up or clean up, wrapped gifts, worked a table, or simply trusted us with your children's shopping experience, we truly could not have done this without you. Your time, generosity, and enthusiasm are what make events like this so special for the kids.

Special thank you goes out to all of the table chairs who shopped all year to fill our Santa Shop tables! Mrs. DeTota, Mrs. Sorrentino, Mrs. Ballesteros, Mrs. Beyer, Mrs. Conon, Mrs. Cordaro, Mrs. Mendelsohn, Mrs. Treanor, Ms. Lindsay, and Ms. Lind.

And we would be remiss if we did not thank Mrs Valerie Moran, whose vision came to life this week, and we could not be more thankful for all of your time organizing and truly running the show; and to Mr. Moran, who was behind the scenes, supported through all of this as well.

COOKIES AND CRAFTS WITH MRS. CATALANO



COOKIES & CRAFTS
WITH **MRS. CATALANO**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
6:00 - 7:30 PM
SBS GYM

OPEN TO PRE-K3 AND PRE-K4 STUDENTS
SIBLINGS WELCOME

ENJOY A VARIETY OF GINGERBREAD THEMED CENTERS

LISTEN TO "HOW TO CATCH A GINGERBREAD MAN" AND DECORATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE!

EACH FAMILY WILL TAKE HOME A GINGERBREAD ORNAMENT

Scan the QR Code to Register!

RSVP by December 12

Part of the PTA's Foundation for Life Series

As part of the PTA Foundation for Life Series, Mrs. Catalano will be hosting a Cookies and Crafts night for PreK3-4 students. Enjoy a variety of gingerbread themed centers, listen to "How to Catch a Gingerbread Man" and decorate a gingerbread house!

Each family will take home a gingerbread ornament.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 16

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

WHERE: SBS Gym

Click [HERE](#) to scan the QR Code to register by December 12.

Siblings welcome

ARTS ASSOCIATION



Join Us For A **Christmas Art Class**

Presented by the SBS Arts Association

Christmas Carols and Kandinsky:
A Symphony of Color in Your 2025 Christmas Tree

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13

PREK-2ND GRADE
9-10AM

3RD-8TH GRADE
10:15-11:45AM

\$40 PER PERSON
SBS ART ROOM

Scan the QR Code to register!
Deadline: December 5

Hosted by Creative Chickens Studio

CHRISTMAS ART CLASS

**Christmas Carols and Kandinsky:
A Symphony of Color in Your 2025 Christmas Tree**

WHEN: Saturday, December 13

TIME: PreK - 2nd Grade: 9 - 10 am

3rd - 8th Grade: 10:15-11:15 am

WHERE: SBS Art Room

Register by Friday, December 5.

PreK - 2nd Grade Register [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.

3rd - 8th Grade Register [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.

Be sure to select the correct registration for your child's grade.

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.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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