



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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!	
SATURDAY, January 24	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS 3:45pm
SUNDAY, January 25	NO MASSES Due to impending inclement weather, Masses will be cancelled this Sunday.
MONDAY, January 26	CELEBRATE THE COMMUNITY White Out Dress Down Day - Wear all white

TUESDAY, January 27	CELEBRATE STUDENTS <i>*Reminder: Surprise note for your child*</i>
WEDNESDAY, January 28	CELEBRATE THE NATION <i>Red, White & Blue Accessories</i>
THURSDAY, January 29	CELEBRATE VOCATIONS <i>Crazy Day: Hair, Hat and/or Socks</i>
FRIDAY, January 30	CELEBRATE YOUR TEACHERS AND STAFF <i>Pep Rally and Ice the Principal</i> <i>Students wear SBS Spirit Gear. Sports Teams wear your sport uniforms.</i>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SNOW AND VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS

In the event of inclement weather this weekend and we can not safely return to school next week, the first snow day that closes the school will be a true snow day. (This means no virtual classes will take place) Each additional day that closes school where we can not enter the building, we will transition to a virtual learning day. If we close school it will be clearly communicated with you through our school messenger system.

A few notes about a virtual learning day:

- Time frame is between 9am -12pm
- Students may dress comfortably, they do not have to be in our SBS winter uniform
- Please have all chromebooks charged and cameras on

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026

Students are invited to wear their gym uniform the week of January 26-30, 2026.

Catholic Schools Mass will be held Saturday, January 24 at 3:45pm.

Click [HERE](#) for the full calendar of activities and more details.

CLASS NEWS

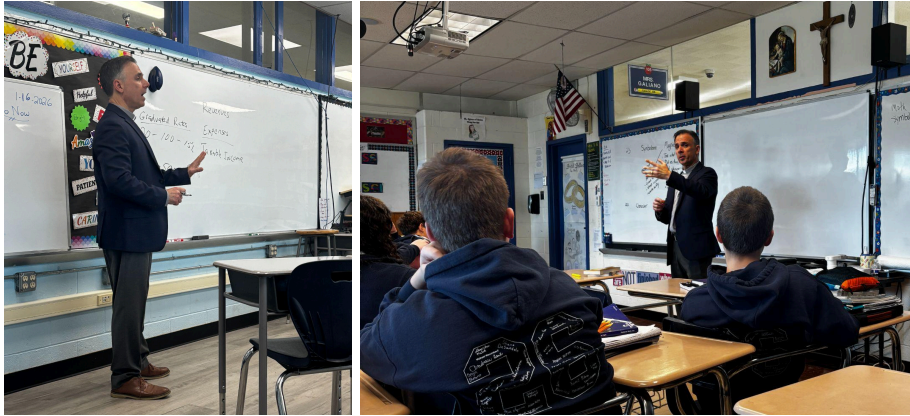
MASS AND MUFFINS



On Tuesday morning, Catholic Athletes for Christ and fellow students celebrated St. Sebastian's feast day, the patron saint of athletes. Mass & Muffins has become a monthly tradition, welcoming 5th-8th graders who are part of Catholic Athletes for Christ or involved in Campus Ministry as altar servers, lectors or screen operators. New students are always welcome!

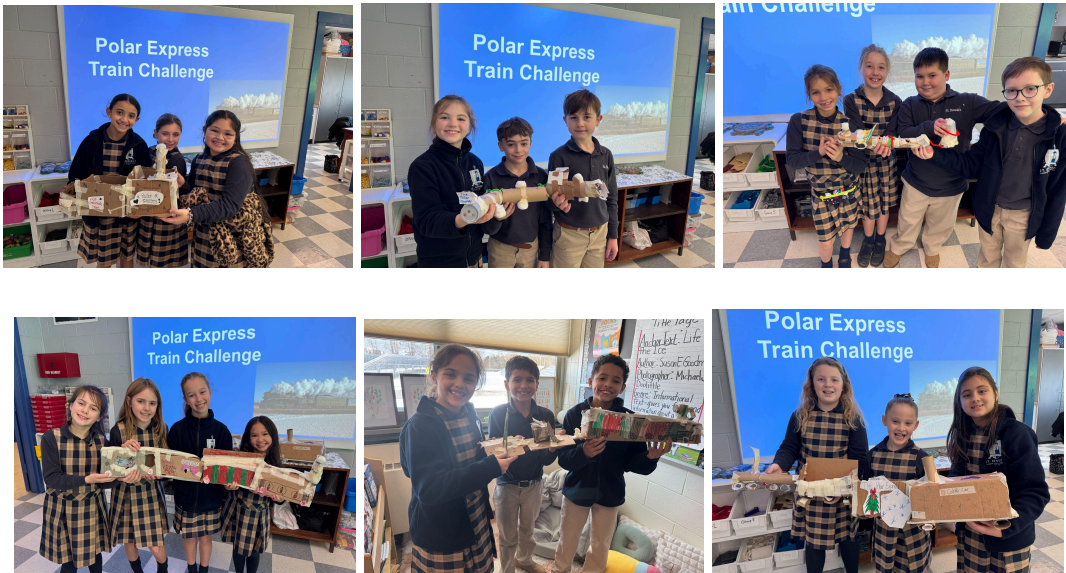
DEACON JOHN VITALE VISITS SBS

Deacon John Vitale from St. Gabriel's in Marlboro visited our school this week. Deacon John was ordained alongside our own Deacon Anthony Cullen in November. His day job is a corporate tax attorney from Ernest and Young. He assisted in daily Mass and also taught the two 8th Grade Financial Literacy in Business classes about taxes. Thank you for the special visit, Deacon John!



3RD GRADE ENGINEERING PROJECTS

Our 3rd graders challenged themselves with engineering principles to design and build their own Polar Express! Students learned about criteria and constraints and worked with their team to pick supplies, stay within budget and improve things that may not have worked as expected. Well done, 3rd Grade!



CLUB NEWS

DRAMA CLUB - JOLLY HOLIDAY WITH MARY!

**Join us for a
Jolly Holiday with Mary!**
It's a Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
Tea Party with Mary Poppins and friends!

**Saturday, February 21
12 -1:30 pm**
SBS Gym, Holmdel

Play and sing with Mary and friends!
Ticket price includes pizza slice, drink & treat.
Additional pizza available for purchase. \$3/slice.

Register by February 13.

Scan the QR Code to Register!

NOTE: This is not a drop off event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join the Drama Club for a Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Tea Party with Mary Poppins and Friends!

WHEN: Saturday, February 21

TIME: 12:00 - 1:30pm

WHERE: SBS Gym

Register by February 13 [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.

NOTE: This is not a drop off event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SCHOOL CHOIR SIGN-UPS

The School Choir is open to all students in grades 3-8. If you like to sing, click [HERE](#) to print out the permission form. Return to Mrs. Remick by **Monday, January 26**.

Important Information:

- January 28: Rehearsals begin
- Rehearsals are after school on Wednesdays until 3:15pm (No rehearsal on ½ Days)
- May 13: Spring Concert
- May 20: Field Trip right after school to sing at The Villas of Holmdel.
- June 6: Sing the National Anthem at the Blue Claws Game

Any questions, email Mrs. Remick at remick@stbenedictnj.org

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PARENT ASSOCIATIONS

PTA

POLAR PLUNGE
FEBRUARY 1, 2026

TOP SBS FAMILY PRIZES

FIRST PLACE
Banana Ball
THE JERSEY SHORE
Take Me Out to the Banana Ball Game
June 13, 2026 Banana Ball Game:
Loco Beach Coconuts vs. Party
Animals at Fire Pit #7
Includes 5 tickets, your own private
fire pit with a great view of the game.
Value: \$425 with a \$250 Visa Gift Card
for food and beverage. Total: \$675

SECOND PLACE
Music Under the Stars
Spend a summer
night at PNC Bank
Arts Center with a
delicious tailgate and
a live concert.
Value: \$350 Live Nation Gift Card and
\$100 Demarco's Gift Card for a total of
\$450

THIRD PLACE
**Blast at the
Boardwalk**
Head to
Jenkinson's Boardwalk for rides,
arcade games, mini-golf and food.
Value: \$225 Jenkinson's Gift Card

Our annual Polar Plunge is coming up! All the funds raised go right back to supporting our school. There are a few ways to help us reach our fundraising goals.

- **Take the plunge:** Remember taking the plunge includes dipping your toe, going to your ankles, knees or for the bravest of Rebels, dive in!
- **Take the challenge:** Not interested in braving the cold? You can create your own fundraising page.

What incentives are being offered this year?

- **Raise \$75:** Personalized Polar Bear Sign
- **Raise \$150:** "Any Day in February Dress Down Day Pass"
- **NEW: Raise \$300 or more:** Polar Plunge Hall of Fame

Look for the email from the PTA for additional details.

SCAN HERE

The Family

POLAR PLUNGE 2026

We are just one week away from determining which three families will get to "Ice the Principal" by each dumping a bucket of water over Mr. Cammarano's head.

As of today, January 23rd at 4:30:00pm, the following families are in the top three standings (thank you!!!):

1. The Bellantuono Family with \$1,521.50
2. The Marshall Family with \$1,175
3. The Cordaro Family with \$935

There is still time! The final standings will be determined as of Wednesday, January 28th, at 12 noon. Will that be you?

FOUNDATION FOR LIFE SERIES EVENTS

- **Developing Early Readers - A Family Literacy Night** with Mrs. Wahler for Kindergarten & 1st grade families on February 12th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Mrs. Wahler will demonstrate how to incorporate various reading strategies that enrich conversation and check for understanding during at-home read-alouds. Parents will then have an opportunity to put those methods into practice while enjoying literacy-based "stations" with their child.
Please be sure to RSVP by February 5th with your family name and number of attendees [HERE](#); space is limited to 25 families!
- **STEAM NIGHT** Led by Mrs. Mackin for Kindergarten through 5th grade families on Tuesday February 24, from 5 - 7 PM. Families will interact with ten different STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) activities that let them build, draw, and imagine their way to being better scientists, engineers, and artists.
Please mark your calendars and register your attendance [HERE](#). RSVPs are due no later than February 17th, as we will need to ensure we have enough supplies for all.

SAVE THE DATE!

Dinner and dancing at the 2026 Gift Auction hosted by the PTA at Palms Plaza Catering in Matawan on March 20th. More details to come...

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.

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

- ★ WEEKLY PACKET: Attachments Available [HERE](#).
- ★ 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>



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