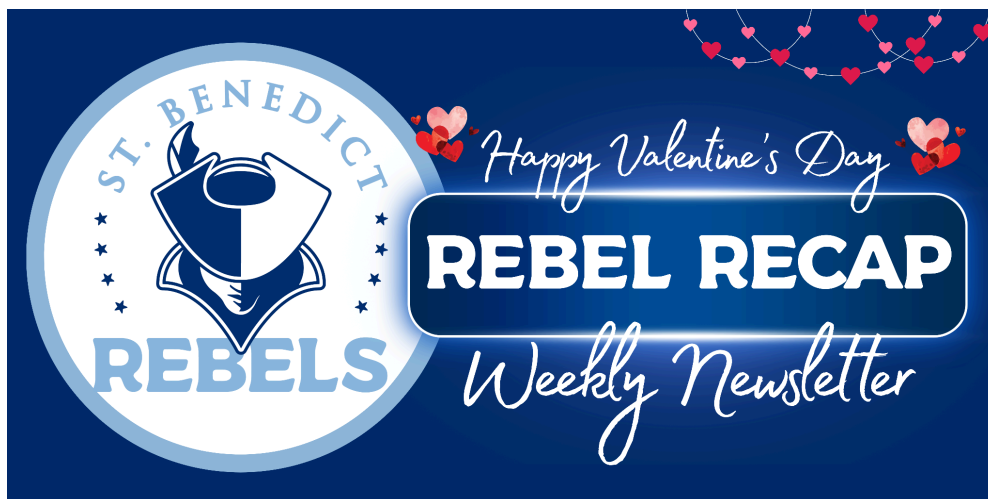




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL WEEKLY VIDEO UPDATE

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



Subscribe to the **St. Benedict School Holmdel** channel here: [YouTube Channel](#)

WEEK AHEAD

IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY, February 14	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
MONDAY, February 16	NO SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, February 18	ASH WEDNESDAY Check <u>HERE</u> for Mass and Prayer Service times.
THURSDAY, February 19	8th GRADE FUNDRAISER DRESS DOWN DAY \$5 fee to dress down

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

8TH GRADE TEAM USA FUNDRAISER - DRESS DOWN DAY

The 8th grade is hosting a **Dress Down Day on Thursday, February 19**. The fee is **\$5** and it goes toward 8th grade end-of-year activities.

DIOCESE OF TRENTON ESSAY CONTEST

The Diocesan Tuition Essay Contest is now underway. Not only do students have the opportunity to win a \$500 tuition scholarship for the next academic year, but they will also be recognized at the Diocesan Fall Conference, have their name in The Monitor and be acknowledged on the diocesan website. Students must have their submissions to their teacher by **February 27**. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

SUMMER 2026 CAMP OUT

A colorful poster for the Summer Camp Out at St. Benedict's School. The poster features a central sign with registration details, a QR code, and a list of weekly themes. The text on the poster includes: "SUMMER CAMP IS BACK AT ST. BENEDICT'S", "REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!", "6-WEEK SUMMER CAMP OPEN FOR KIDS ENTERING GRADES PREK 4 TO 2 IN SEPTEMBER", "JULY 6- AUGUST 14 MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM TO 2PM", "EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BY MARCH 6 \$350 PER WEEK \$1,950 ALL SIX WEEKS", "AFTER MARCH 6 \$375 PER WEEK \$2,100 ALL SIX WEEKS", "Week 1: July 6-10 Under the Stars", "Week 2: July 13-17 Wizards & Magic", "Week 3: July 20-24 Camp Pawsome", "Week 4: July 27-31 Holiday Fun", "Week 5: August 3-7 Pete the Cat Cooking Class", "Week 6: August 10-14 Campout Circus", "WORKING STAFF ON PREMISES ALL 6 WEEKS", "VISIT SCHOOL.STBENEDICTHOLMDEL.ORG/CAMP FOR MORE INFORMATION", and "ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL, 245 BETHAM RD., HOLMDEL, NJ 07733". The poster also lists activities: "Weekly Themes", "Fun Games", "Daily Art & STEM Projects", "Special Guests & Presentations", and "Music & Dance".

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Fun Games
Daily Art & STEM Projects
Special Guests & Presentations
Music & Dance

The SBS Camp Out Registration is now open! Open to students entering PreK4-2nd Grade in September 2026.

- 6 full weeks of themed-activities
 - Camp days Monday - Friday 9am-2pm
(Extended Day Option Available: 2-3pm, cost is \$100/week per camper)
 - Register for all 6 weeks or pick and choose the weeks that suit you and your schedule
 - Weekly Pizza available on Fridays*
- *Additional fee

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Register [HERE](#).

RATES AND EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS

Registration Fee: \$20 per camper.

Weekly Rate: \$375 week per camper

Early Registration Discount

Before March 6, 2026

Weekly Rate: \$350 week per camper

Full Six-Week Discounted Summer Fee: \$1,950 (Savings of \$150)

After March 6, 2026

Weekly Rate: \$375 week per camper

Full Six-Week Discounted Summer Fee: \$2,100 (Savings of \$150)

CLASS NEWS

STEM

Over the last few weeks our 6th and 7th graders had special presentations from our Monmouth County AmeriCorps watershed ambassador, Richard Robinson. Our 6th graders learned about microplastics and how this plastic pollution not only affects the cleanliness of our beaches and water quality, but can also affect our food supply as well. Students had the opportunity to sort through sand samples, searching for nurdles (tiny plastic pellets) and learned how to differentiate them between rocks and pebbles. In 7th grade, students learned that macroinvertebrates are bioindicators and can provide insight on the water quality of our freshwater streams. Students learned how to identify species using preserved specimens and then determined if the water source would be healthy or polluted.



WRITING CELEBRATION WITH SECOND GRADE

Miss Buffa's 2nd Grade class celebrated completing their Non-fiction Books featuring animals. Each student was assigned an animal to research and write what they learned. They then presented their books to the class. Well done 2C!



CLUB NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Attention 6th through 8th Graders: Sign Up for St. Benedict's Middle School Youth Group!

Are you looking for a fun and exciting way to make new friends, help others and deepen your faith? Then the St. Benedict's Middle School Youth Group is for you!

The fun begins at 6:00 PM in the Father Anderson Library on Sunday, March 1 with pizza and games, but most importantly, this is YOUR chance to share your ideas to make this a fun time for you and your friends. Can't make it on March 1? Our second gathering is on March 15.



Follow us on Instagram: @stbensyouthgroup

Questions? Reach out to Tim Hoye, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry:
hoye@stbenedictnj.org

Scan the QR Code or click [HERE](#) to register!

PARENT ASSOCIATIONS

PTA

POLAR PLUNGE



We weren't kidding when we said the theme of this year's Polar Plunge would be "Shore to be Freezin"! Unfortunately, we received notice this morning that it would be so freezing that the **Polar Plunge is being cancelled**. The AOH shared that as of last evening, the Polar Plunge site remains snow covered, with snow piles and more snow. It is not safe for the students and other plungers. As safety is our first priority, we wanted to notify everyone immediately. Thank you for all of your continued support.

[Check out the video with Mr. Cammarano, Mrs. Gallagher and Benny the Polar Bear for the winners!](#)

POLAR PLUNGE HALL OF FAME

Congratulations and thank you to our 2026 Polar Plunge Hall of Fame families:

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| • Bellantuono | • Marshall |
| • Capone | • Montana |
| • Cordaro | • Nekulak |
| • DiMura | • Porcelli |
| • Hamill | • Rundlett |
| • Kenny | • Tallon |
| • Lorenzo | • Vecchio |
| • Mackin | • Zeller |

Hall of Fame inductions will be held at the First Friday mass in March.

FOUNDATION FOR LIFE SERIES EVENTS

- 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: ANNUAL GIFT AUCTION



The PTA is excited to announce that this year's Gift Auction will be held at Palms Plaza Catering, 343 Highway 34, Matawan, on March 20, 2026, from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm. This event is our Spring Fundraiser, where attendees purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win baskets of prizes, similar to a "tricky tray". The Gift Auction is a wonderful opportunity to gather with family and friends for an adult-only night of dinner and dancing.

Tickets are \$100 per person and include:

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Buffet dinner
- Dessert
- Wine & Sangria
- A starter pack of raffle tickets valued at \$30

The event will be emceed by DJ Sway J and will feature three basket tiers with values ranging from \$50 to \$1,200, along with a cash 50/50 raffle.

Please note: this event is for adults aged 21 and older only. Cash, check, or Venmo will be accepted as payment on the night of the event.

For more details, please see the attached invitation, and be sure to scan the QR code to RSVP, or follow the [LINK HERE](#), by March 13th.

Please keep in mind that tables can only accommodate a total of 10 people. While filling a table is not required for attendance, if you do not have a full table, we will seat you with others. Please note, seats are only reserved if ticket payment is made by the RSVP deadline and the deadline is firm as it is only one week prior to the event.

If you know of a business that would like to donate to the event, please reach out to Amy Morris at morrisp1@stbenedictnj.org

We hope to see you there!

As we prepare, we are excited to announce some of the prizes you can expect to find in the baskets at the auction!



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TUITION PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2026-2027

Current Families: If you will be making a change to the way you pay tuition next year, please complete the [Current Family Tuition Payment Option Form](#) here, also found on the SBS website under Parents, Financial Information, Tuition Policy. The form is **due by April 13, 2026**. If you do not plan to make a change, then you do not need to send in a form.

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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