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

WEDNESDAY, March 11 - FRIDAY, March 13	**BOOK FAIR** *Look for an email from the PTA for shopping schedules.*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

GENESIS PARENT ACCESS

Genesis Parent Access will close today, Friday, March 6, and re-open next Friday, March 13, for report card distribution.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR NOTES

Please put your child's first and last name and homeroom on ALL notes so the office can better identify messages and inform the necessary staff and teachers. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER 2026 CAMP OUT

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:
Registration Fee: $20 per camper.
Weekly Rate: $375 week per camper
Full Six-Week Discounted Summer Fee: $2,100 *(Savings of $150)*

MISSION RACE - EVERY PENNY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Donate between February 18 - March 31 to support children in need. The grade that raises the most money will receive a dress down day!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

We welcome our younger students to Vacation Bible School this summer! Mrs. Wahler will be hosting "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God". Through engaging stories, hands-on activities, music and prayer, students will explore God's love and presence in a joyful and age appropriate way.
When: June 29 - July 2 | **Time:** 8:30am - 12:00pm
Open to students entering Kindergarten and 1st Grade *(25 Slots Available)*

1ST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING!

Does the latest snowy weather have you dreaming of sunnier days ahead? Start planning for spring and join us on Monday, May 18 at Pebble Creek Golf Club for our 1st Annual Golf Outing!

WHEN: Monday, May 18
TIME: 8:00 am Registration | 9:00 am Shotgun Start
WHERE: Pebble Creek Golf Club, Colts Neck

Click **HERE** for more information and ways to register!

ATHLETICS NEWS

BASKETBALL ALL STARS!

St. Benedict School proudly congratulates eighth graders Matthew Gallagher and McKenna Hughes, along with seventh graders Henry Guirguis and Jackson Orr, on their selection to participate in the Monmouth and Ocean County Parochial Basketball League All-Star Game held on Saturday, February 28. These remarkable student-athletes were honored by league officials and coaches for their exceptional performance, teamwork, and commitment, exemplifying the excellence and spirit of St. Benedict School.

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION DATES

Come support our Rebel Cheerleaders at their competitions this season! Click **HERE** for more details.

Jr. JV Team

- March 14 at St. John Vianney in Colonia
- March 28 at St. Leo the Great in Lincroft

JV Team

- March 21 at St. Gregory the Great in Hamilton Square

CLUB NEWS

DRAMA CLUB: KITES FOR CAST

Help our school play soar! We invite families and friends to purchase a decorative kite sign for our cast members to show your support. Each kite will be displayed outside the school. Your support makes it possible for our students to participate in the performing arts and for our productions to continue to grow each year. Click HERE for order.

OVER EASY DINE TO DONATE

Enjoy breakfast or lunch to benefit the Arts Association on March 16 from 8am - 3pm at Over Easy in Marlboro or Holmdel. (Dine-in only). More details available **HERE**.

CLASS NEWS

SCIENCE FAIR: Imagine, Investigate, Innovate!

This year the theme for our Science Fair was Imagine * Investigate * Innovate and we showcased 201 projects from our 5th through 8th graders. Fifth grade begins their journey in the Science Fair through exploring the Scientific Method. Middle Schoolers have the opportunity to choose between the following categories: Scientific Method, Engineering Design, Invention and Innovation, and Environmental Science where students can complete either a scientific method or engineering design project. First through honorable mention was given in each category and our Science Teachers awarded additional specialty

awards to their students. Thank you to our judges! Our students worked so hard and there were so many incredible projects and ideas it was not easy to judge. Thank you students for your efforts and making our Science Fair an amazing showcase. Click **HERE** for more information!

5th GRADE 5th Grade Winners: Scientific Method 1st: Madeleine D. 2nd: Addison P. 3rd: Cooper M. 4th: Julia P. 5th Grade Specialty Awards: Most Curious Mind: Michael P. Creative Chemistry Award: Nicholas P. Physics Pioneer Award: Santino C. Problem Solver Award: Averey S. Boomerang Award: Aiden H. Escape Key Award: Luke F. 2 + 2 Award: Declan L. Future Scientist Award: Declan H. Chef's Hat Award: Sophia M. Best Use of Everyday Materials: Olivia G.	**6th GRADE** 6th Grade Winners: Scientific Method 1st: Joseph F. 2nd: Devin R. 3rd: Avari C. 4th: Adem R. 6th Grade Winners: Engineering Design 1st: John R. 6th Grade Winners: Invention and Innovation 1st: Arnie S. 6th Grade Winners: Environmental Design 1st: Thomas R. - Scientific Method 2nd: Dylan A. - Scientific Method 6th Grade Specialty Awards: Problem Solver Award: Jasin D. Escape Key Award: Bodhi N. 2 + 2 Award: Joseph A. Future Scientist Award: Leighton M. Chef's Hat Award: Panagiota R. Best Application of Science to Everyday Life: Audrey T. Big Pill Award: Mia Z. Venus Fly Trap Award: Eric B.
7th GRADE 7th Grade Winners: Scientific Method 1st: Frankie P. 2nd: Ryan R. 3rd: Hannah B. 4th: Joseph C. 7th Grade Winners: Engineering Design 2nd: Henry G. 7th Grade Winners: Invention and Innovation 2nd: Robert L. 3rd: Everett L.	**8th GRADE** 8th Grade Winners: Scientific Method 1st: James C. 2nd: Lucas F. 3rd: Dean B. 4th: McKenna H. 8th Grade Winners: Engineering Design 3rd: Lucian P. 4th: Daniel W. 8th Grade Winners: Invention and Innovation 4th: Alexa M.

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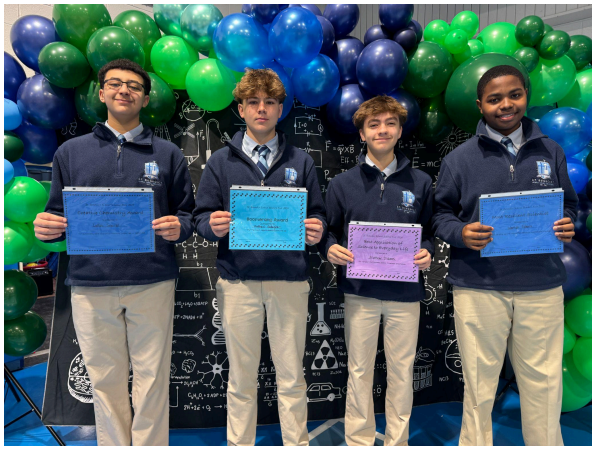

PARENT ASSOCIATIONS

PTA

2026 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
- Cash bar for all other drinks
- 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!

I:55 BOOK FAIR
In support of the SBS Reading Rally Challenge, the SBS PTA is hosting a Book Fair with I:55 Book Fairs that will be held on March 11th, 12th, and 13th. All SBS students will have the opportunity to go shopping. Please note that, due to the middle school schedule, only those students who bring money to school will go to the book fair to shop in grades 6-8.

- Please send your child in with a reusable bag to bring their purchases home on the day that they are shopping.
- Payment options:
  - Please send cash in an envelope with your child's name and homeroom on it.
  - Alternatively, you can send a blank check payable to the SBS PTA, and we will write in what your child spends and let you know. Please include a budget amount written out on the envelope.
- If you are Virtus-trained, fingerprinted, and background checked, you may sign up to volunteer.
- Please sign up here for Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. We appreciate the help!

Parents and Parishioners are invited to shop at the book fair on Wednesday night, March 11th, from 5:00-7:00 PM. We will be set up in the FAL. You may park around back and enter through door 8B.
Please email us with any questions. Thank you for the support.

Nicholas Creamery Ice Cream Wars

Mark your calendars because we've got some incredibly sweet news to share! As many of you have seen on social media, Nicholas Creamery is hosting the 'Ice Cream Wars' and we thought it would be a fun way for our school community to show our school spirit.

Join us on ****Tuesday, March 10th, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at Nicholas Creamery in Middletown**, located at 1500 NJ-35 Unit 19, where more than ten of our very own SBS teachers and staff members will be stepping up as guest scoopers. Imagine seeing your favorite teacher dishing out your go-to flavor! Plus, **15% of all sales** during our event will be donated straight back to our school.

And, because it's 'Ice Cream Wars,' we're not just scooping for fun – we're going head-to-head with other local schools. In fact, the school that sells the most ice cream during its assigned two-hour window will:

- Create and name their own ice cream flavor that will be sold at ALL Nicholas Creamery locations
- Win a Nicholas Creamery Ice Cream Party for the ENTIRE SCHOOL 🎉🍨

We hope to see you there!

FOUNDATION FOR LIFE SERIES EVENTS

Dear Families of Kindergarten - 5th graders,

Due to the weather, STEAM Night has been postponed to Tuesday, March 31st, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Please review below and use the new link to register or re-register **HERE**.

The SBS PTA is excited to sponsor another Foundation for Life Series free family event in February led by Mrs. Mackin that focuses on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics). This will provide an opportunity for our community to come together, learn, and enjoy each other's company.

RSVPs are due no later than March 24th, as we will need to ensure we have enough supplies for all.

Tuesday, MARCH 31st - STEAM Night led by Mrs. Mackin
From 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Kindergarten to 5th grade students and their families will interact with ten different STEAM activities that let them build, draw, and imagine their way to being better scientists, engineers, and artists.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please reach out if you have any questions.

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 Diocean 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, checks or Venmo.

- ★ **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**

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official Facebook page for St. Benedict School is:
https://www.facebook.com/stbensholmdel

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