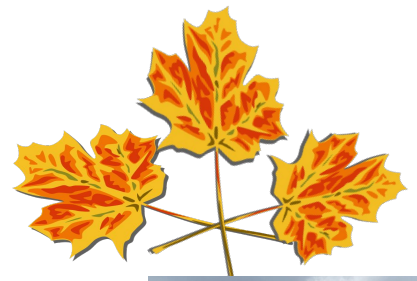




St. Benedict School Decorah, IA

**October Newsletter
2022-2023**



PE with Mrs. Tangen

We have been so blessed to be active outside during the month of October! Students have enjoyed ultimate frisbee, ultimate football, flag football, and now soccer! We love the fresh air!



Mrs. Eichinger's K-5 Computer Classes

Our kindergartners are excited about computer class! We are learning to create with Tux Paint, navigate the iPad, use bookmarks to get to educational sites safely, and experiencing many new educational APPS.



First graders use the ABCYa APP to practice Base 10 Fun Math, Monster Mansion Match (number match), build houses, and more!



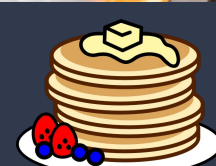
Every grade level participates in lessons from CommonSense Media®. Students learn about safe and responsible use of their digital learning environments.



The fourth and fifth graders learned about AR/VR goggles and interacted with the Merge® Cubes.



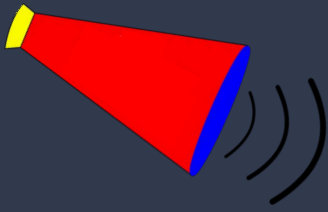
Here at St Ben's we have such an amazing opportunity to have our older students support our younger students' learning experiences. It is heartwarming to watch the interactions!



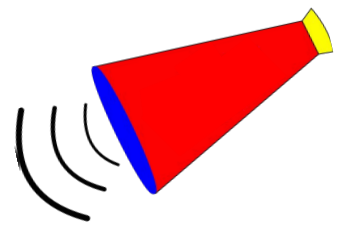
What's going on with PSA?

PSA is hustlin' with loads of fundraisers! We have our AYCE pancake breakfast coming up on October 30! Free-will donation, so come to the school between 7:45 and 12 and let us take breakfast off your plate! Keep an eye on your emails-those of you who signed up to volunteer! THANKS SO MUCH-we can't be successful without all of your help! Big shout out to all of our generous donors who helped make this event possible!

We will also be sending home some information in the coming weeks regarding our coffee/plant sale! We are again teaming up with Sean from Impact Coffee this year to bring you some delicious brews and with Vintage Lane to bring some holiday cheer to our homes in the form of gorgeous decorations!



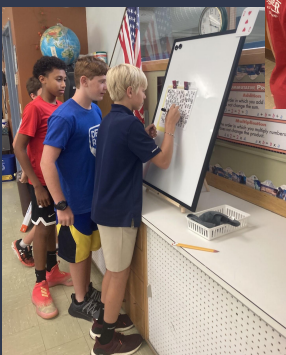
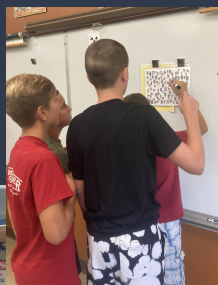
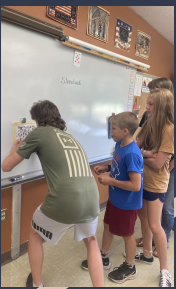
8th grade present: *Nottingham*



The eighth graders presented the musical *Nottingham*, Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM in the Carrie Lee auditorium. The rock'n'roll musical put a retro spin on the Robin Hood legend! Robin Loxey (Vivian) and her "Saxon merry men" (Audrey, William, and Andy) fought for justice against the Normans (Margaret, Gabe, Willow and not so awful Bill and Brinlee) while uniting Nottingham. We would like to thank the St. Benedict faculty and staff and the eighth grade parents for their support, as well as Carrie Lee Elementary School for the use of their auditorium. We also send a special thanks to Tom Massman, John Kerndt, and Amanda Kupka for their donations for the stage set. Director/producer – Paula Jewell; Music Director/accompanist – Sarah Kowitz; Art Director - Sherri Holland; Dance Director - Jess Tangen; Tech Crew - Jenna Hartz and Ellen Rooney



Middle School Math & Social Studies with Mrs. Lien



The middle school math students have been working hard to build their classroom into a "Thinking Classroom" as they work together in groups at whiteboards. They were so busy solving the problems they had no idea I had taken their pictures! I love all the discussion going on during these activities.

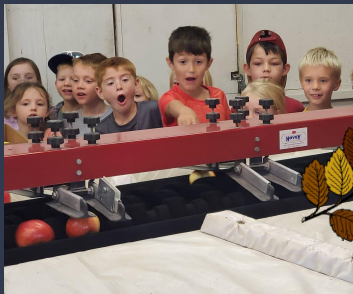
Social Studies students have started work on their National History Day projects. Professor Jackie Wilkie was back in town for a visit and stopped by to lead a discussion about "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas", which is the theme for this year. The students love visiting with her about possible topics.

The 7th and 8th graders went on a retreat to Calmar on Friday, October 21st!



2nd Grade with Mrs. Dahl

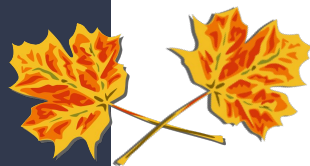
October has kept the 2nd grade class busy with lots of wonderful experiences. Students have had amazing opportunities for going on field trips with their Primary Unit. We visited Homestead Dairy in Waukon, Peake's Apple Orchard, and the Decorah Fire Station. As part of the Banquet of Blessings Auction, the 2nd graders had a visit from the Sheriff's Department! They were able to enjoy pizza with these local heroes, as well as see how McCoy, the dog from the Sheriff's K-9 unit, does his job. At the end of the visit, the students enjoyed recess with some of the officers! Students are currently planning their All Saints Day Mass with the 8th grade class and are eagerly preparing for their First Reconciliation.



3rd Grade with Ms. Frossmo



Our third grade class has had a great start to the new school year! In addition to a fabulous homecoming week, enjoyed by all, we made a fall field trip to Homestead Farm and Creamery where we learned about caring for dairy cows and watched cheese curds and ice cream being made. We ended our field trip with play time and lunch at the amazing Waukon park followed with a Homestead Creamery ice cream cone. In the classroom, we are reading and writing a lot and especially enjoy learning multiplication and cursive writing. We are looking forward to our upcoming social studies program about immigration at the Vesterheim Museum. Finally, in the last week in October we were delighted to welcome a new classmate! Leo, we are so happy you are here!

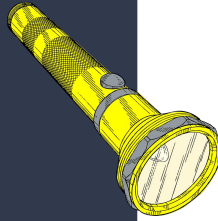


3rd graders working on their Mysteries of the Rosary posters in religion class.

Faith in Every Student



Teacher Spotlight :



**Meet
Julie Frossmo
Third Grade**

I recently lived in Norway where I graduated with my masters in special needs education from the University of Oslo.

The last twenty five years I lived on a ferry-boat-only island in the Puget Sound. I've spent many summers in Dorchester, IA with my extended family and now I live near my youngest daughter who attends St. Olaf in Northfield, MN!

I love to hike, garden and be outdoors. I've recently picked up pickleball!

I love teaching at St Ben's because of the wonderful staff and students! I couldn't ask for a greater welcome and more support than I have found here!

Friday Mass

Please join us for Mass, live or on Facebook, Friday mornings at 9:00am.

The November Mass schedule :

Nov. 1 (Tues) * 2nd & 8th Grade, All Saints

Nov. 4 & 11 * **No School/No Mass**

Nov. 18 * 8th Grade

Nov. 23(Wed) * Student Council

Nov 25 * **Thanksgiving Break**

Teacher Spotlight:



**Meet
Annika Krieg
First Grade**

Hello! My name is Annika Krieg and I am so excited to be teaching at St. Ben's this year! This is my third year teaching 1st grade and my favorite subject is science. I love teaching because I love making learning fun for others! My favorite part about teaching at St. Ben's is the people. The staff and students are all so kind, caring and hardworking.

As I look forward to this year, I also hope to help out with the Decorah High School girls' tennis team this spring to give back to the program and get re-connected with the community. In my free time, I like to run, play tennis, sing, travel and read! I am thrilled to be joining the St. Ben's team and can't wait to see what this year brings!

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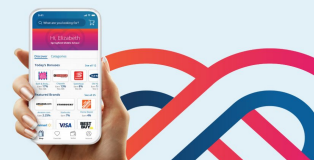


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