



St. Benedict School Decorah, IA

April Newsletter

2nd Grade Mrs. Dahl

April has kept the second graders busy! The beginning of April brought the end of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter celebrations. Ms. Hanna from WCCB stopped by to teach K-2 about animals that are hatched from eggs! The 3rd grade class came in to teach the 2nd graders what they learned about Holy Week, the 2nd graders enjoyed watching the 8th grade class perform the Stations of the Cross. They participated in Easter egg hunts, both at school and at Eastern Star, where they were invited to participate in egg-themed games and an egg hunt with the residents there – what fun!!

The rest of the month, we focused on preparing for First Communion on Sunday, April 30.



4th Grade Mrs. Kruger

The 4th graders recently enjoyed walking the red carpet while modeling a "book jacket" they designed. Book talks were also shared with their intermediate friends. They certainly enjoyed this fun way of sharing and recommending some good books!



The 4th graders are busy with a Foss Energy Unit in science class and are currently learning about circuits and the flow of energy while testing different conductors and insulators on their circuit boards.

National History Day

A Huge Success for the St. Ben's Middle Schoolers!

Dawson
Jim Thorpe Changing Frontiers of Racism in Sports (exhibit)

Audrey, Brinlee and Willow
Amelia Bloomer: "Breeching" the Frontier in Women's Reform (exhibit)

Ray and Lucas
X-Rays: Stepping Forward into a Medical Frontier (exhibit)

Andy and Gabe
The Remarkable Agricultural Frontier of Seed Corn (exhibit)

Maggie
Clara Barton: Founding the Frontier for the American Red Cross (documentary)

Nessa
Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad (documentary)

Kalin and Rex
Pasteurization: Reshaping the Dairy Industry (documentary)

Bennett and Jalen
Jackie Robinson: The Frontier of African-Americans in Professional Baseball (documentary)

Margaret and Vivian
Hedy Lemarr and the Secret Communications System: Technology that Revolutionized Wireless Communication (performance)

Gracelynn and Molly
Katherine Johnson: Pioneering NASA Mathematician (performance)

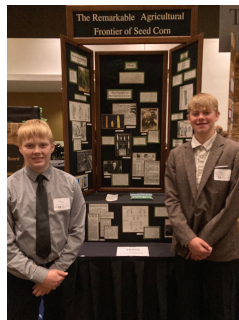
Carlton and Eden
Mayo Clinic: A Disaster's Answer to Medical Excellence (website)

Gage and Roman
The Frontier of the Radio (website)

Bill and William
The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 : A New Electrical Frontier (website)



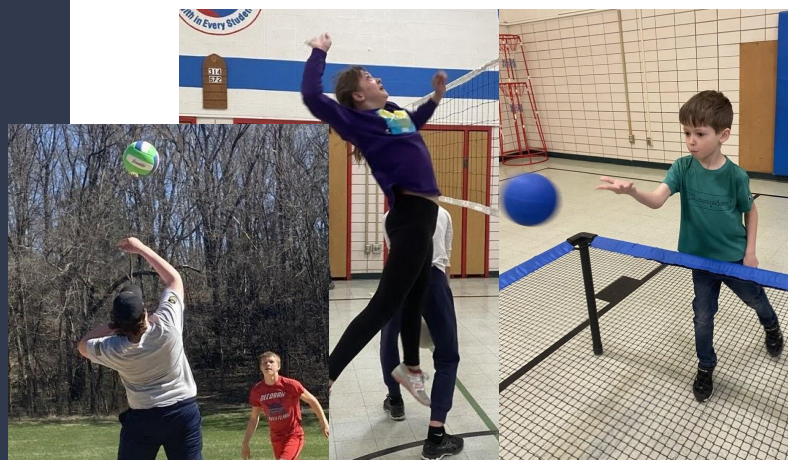
National History Day is a competition in which students choose a topic and dive deeply into the past by conducting extensive research in libraries, archives, and online. They then present their conclusions and evidence through papers, exhibits, performances, documentaries, or websites, moving through a series of contest levels where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators. Twenty-four of our St. Ben's middle schoolers moved on to the state level in Des Moines, Iowa, including the entire eighth grade class! Amazing! Four of our students have made it to Nationals in Washington, D.C.! What a successful year it has been for our St. Ben's crew!



Washington, DC-bound
for National History
Day!
Congrats Rex, Kalin,
Margaret and Vivian!

PE with Mrs. Tangen

St. Ben's physical education classes have been excited to get outside whenever possible! Middle school has focused on volleyball over the last month. Intermediate students have enjoyed playing cornhole and now, kickball. Finally, the primary unit has been practicing activities to improve hand-eye coordination! I am so proud of these students! They come to class each day with such great excitement!



Gratitude From The Auction of Blessings Committee

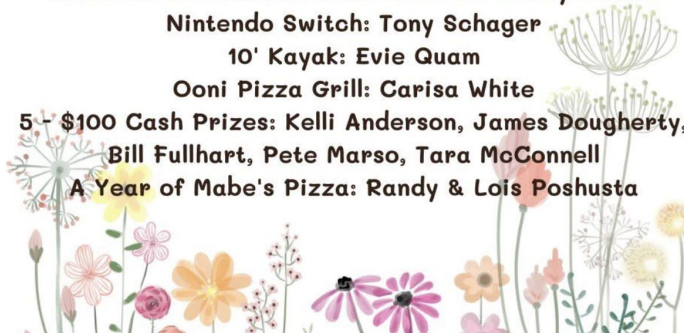
We are excited to announce that the 2023 Auction of Blessings raised \$75,000! We were blown away by your generosity and support - THANK YOU! We are deeply grateful for your support in every aspect, from donating items to the auction, attending the kick-off, bidding on packages, and the many prayers that were offered for a successful auction - none of this would be possible without our wonderful school, parish, and Decorah communities. Thank you for your support of St. Benedict School!



Congratulations!

To Our Raffle Prize Winners

Tactacam Reveal Camera: Cody Webb
Wristbands to Nickelodeon Universe: Darcy Whalen
Nintendo Switch: Tony Schager
10' Kayak: Evie Quam
Ooni Pizza Grill: Carisa White
5 - \$100 Cash Prizes: Kelli Anderson, James Dougherty,
Bill Fullhart, Pete Marso, Tara McConnell
A Year of Mabe's Pizza: Randy & Lois Poshusta



St. Ben's Alumni Spotlight



Meet Karah Shindelar Meyer

It's hard to believe it's been 16 years since I graduated from St. Benedicts! I was in a unique class as my last four years we were a class of seven students. This made some of the traditional St. Bens activities interesting! Such as our sixth grade play....Snow White and the SIX Dwarves! My husband, Andrew, and I are both teachers, and I feel my mentors at Saint Benedict provided me many positive experiences that impact my teaching style now. Although I probably didn't appreciate it enough at the time, I am so grateful for the strong faith based education I received. I reflect often on the many values instilled in me, especially as we raise our daughter, Ruth. St. Bens always hold a special place in my heart!

Friday Mass

Please join us for Mass, live on Facebook or in person. If the weather is warm enough, we will be outside on Friday mornings at 9:00 am.

May Mass schedule:

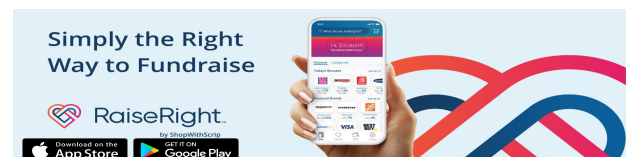
May 5th	2nd-May Crowning
May 12	8th
May 19	Kindergarten with 6th assist
May 26	5th
June 2	Last Day of School *

* Mass details will be announced



Meet Laura Francois

I currently live in the Des Moines area where you might find me on the trails with my golden retriever, Benji. My fiancé, Matt, and I are looking forward to receiving the sacrament of Holy Matrimony this upcoming June and continue our faith journey together. I am fortunate to practice as a physical therapist in geriatrics and I enjoy treating in-home health and outpatient settings for a non-profit organization. My Catholic education has played an important role in who I am today. I remember reading petitions at Friday Mass, reading buddies, stations of the cross and the 8th grade play. St. Ben's School provided me with a holistic education, gave me the foundations for my faith, and taught me how to have a servant-leader mentality, which guides me every day.



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