



CONNECTIONS

February 8, 2018

Letter from the Principal

Important Dates

Thursday, February 8

- Progress Report Sent Home

Friday, February 9

- Open House & Tour: 9 AM

Saturday, February 10

- Mother/Son Dinner: 5:30 PM

Tuesday, February 13

- Parents' Club Meeting: 7 PM

Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday Mass: 9 AM

Thursday, February 15

- Stations of the Cross (7):
8:45 AM
- Jump-a-thon: 10 AM

Friday, February 16

- No School

Monday, February 19

- No School—Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 20

- School Commission Mtg: 6PM

Thursday, February 22

- School Mass (1): 9 AM

Friday, February 23

- Free Dress & Pizza Lunch
- Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM

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Tuesday to stbconnections@gmail.com
Submissions are dependent upon

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

As most of you know, Wednesday morning during drop off there were a number of police cars in the neighborhood. As it turned out, the police were pursuing a burglary suspect just East of the school as students were arriving for the day. (I described the situation and our reaction to it in more detail yesterday morning in an email that went out to all families through our Swiftreach alert system. If you did not receive this message, please check your junk mail and move it to your inbox so that you will receive future notifications.)

I wanted to highlight yesterday morning's incident and use it to describe for everyone the basics of our Shelter-in-Place and Lockdown procedures. I also want to make clear that what happened yesterday morning was neither. Based on the information I had from the police, and in this instance, I made the decision NOT to enact either procedure but instead bring all our families inside and continue to allow students and parents into the building.

Shelter-In-Place: This will be called as a precaution in the event of an incident outside the school (had yesterday's incident happened during school this would have been enacted). Classes can continue but all shades and blinds are drawn, students are not permitted to go outside, and students are not to walk unattended through the building. All teachers and staff members have specific roles to play in securing the building and no one can enter or leave the building, including parents.

Lock Down: These procedures are enacted in more serious situations when the school faces an actual threat from inside or outside of the building. Anyone on site must remain in a locked space with shades and blinds drawn. All teachers and staff members have specific roles to play in securing the building and no one can enter or leave the building, including parents.

In both situations the safety of the students and the security of the building is our top priority. As soon as there is time to do so, an alert will be sent to our families through PowerSchool using the Swiftreach system. Alerting our parents is an important step but it is secondary to any immediate safety concerns.

Ironically, February was set to be the month that we as a school were going to be practicing our shelter-in-place and lockdown drills. Yesterday's incident was a good reminder of how important these practices are so that we can act swiftly in the event of an actual disaster at the school.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

Yours,

Brian Anderson, Principal

Mother and Son Event—Feb. 10

DJ Jointz and DJ Aly Sparkle
and *Massive Monkees*

Please join us for a night of fun. Barn and Field will be catering a taco bar. Tickets are available in the office, \$25 per couple and \$5 per additional child. **Please remember to RSVP today!**

Volunteer Opportunities for the event are posted on the Volunteer Portal. Please check them out. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: Ashley Hermsen at ashley.hermsen@gmail.com or Kayla Nestor at kayla.nestor@gmail.com.

St. Benedict Athletic Sweatshirts

We will be placing another order for the St. Benedict blue, hooded athletic sweatshirts. These are sweatshirts that can be worn as uniform any day of the week. The order form is available on our website or in the school office and is due by Friday, Feb. 23.

Family Movie Night - Feb. 23

February Movie Night is February 23 at 6:30 p.m. We will be showing Cars 3! Proceeds will help purchase a CD player and summer craft supplies for our Extended Day program. Pizza and baked goods will be available for purchase. Pre-purchase a whole pizza for \$20 and receive 4 baked goods! Pizza pre-order forms were attached to the February 5 Parent Club email.

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is here! Our Jump-a-thon will take place on Thursday, February 15, which will be the deadline for donations. If you have any questions contact Ms. Tsagalakis.

Denim & *Diamonds*

St. Benedict School Auction

Saturday, March 3 at 5:30 PM

The auction is only a few weeks away and the auction committee is hard at work to ensure a successful and enjoyable event for all. You can help with our success by following these simple requests:

⇒ Please turn in your RSVP cards or register on line by **tomorrow, February 9.**

⇒ Please bring your auction items to the school by Thursday, February 15. (Please attach your name to your item.)

⇒ Please bring in a bottle or two of wine for the 'Wine Toss'. (Please attach your name and value to the bottle.)

⇒ **And most important!**
Please plan to attend the auction!

