# CONNECTIONS

February 23, 2017

## Important Dates

**Friday, February 24**
- Free Dress & Pizza Lunch

**Saturday, February 25**
- St. Benedict Auction: 5:30 PM at Nile Shrine Country Club

**Wednesday, March 1**
- Ash Wednesday Mass: 8:45 AM

**Thursday, March 2**
- School Assembly: 8:45 AM

**Friday, March 3**
- Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM

**Monday, March 6**
- Stations of the Cross (6) 11:15am

**Thursday, March 9th**
- School Mass (4) 8:45 AM
- Parents' Club Mtg: 7:00 PM

**Friday, March 10th**
- End of 2nd Trimester
- School Tour & Open House: 9:00 AM
- Noon Dismissal

**Saturday, March 11**
- Father/Daughter Dance: 5:30PM

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*Submit Connections articles to stbconnections@gmail.com by 3:00 PM on Tuesday.* ***Submissions are dependent upon space and priority.***

## Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

**The auction is here**! The big event that you have been hearing about all year is set to take place this Saturday at 5:30pm at the Nile Shrine Country Club. Believe it or not, it is not too late to attend! There are two ways for you to make this possible…

Walk-ins are welcome on Saturday night. If you would like to come and join us for the silent auction all are welcome and there is no cost to attend the silent auction. If you would like to join us for the dinner and live auction there is space available.

Come and volunteer. As you read in yesterday's email volunteers are still needed to assist in various capacities before, during, and after the auction. If you are available we would encourage you to come and enjoy the evening as a volunteer.

**Construction**: As I hope everyone knows we are in the middle of a capital campaign to make improvements to our school building. **Phase I** of our project (restroom remodel and water pipe replacement) occurred last summer and **Phase II** (seismic retrofitting) is scheduled to occur this coming summer. We are working with our architect to refine the project scope and create a timeline for completion.

**Late Start for the 2017/18 school year:** As was announced last week the 2017-2018 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. This is the Tuesday after Labor Day and later than our typical start date. This change is to help us accommodate our construction projects this summer. Most of our important dates for next year are listed on the school calendar.

**Fire Safety at Home:** As you may know the school practices various drills to help our students and staff understand what they should do in the event of an emergency during the school day. One of the most frequently performed drills is the fire drill. During this drill the classes all practice leaving the building quietly and calmly and then regrouping in a preset location. Your children know what to do if a fire were to break out at the school but do they know what to do if there was a fire at your house? Does your family have established escape routes? Has your family practiced using them? If you haven't now may be a good time to start!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Brian Anderson, Principal,

St. Benedict Catholic School

## St. Benedict School Auction
## "A Night at the Derby"
## Saturday, February 25—5:30 PM

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## Father/Daughter Dance—March 11

The Father/Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, March 11, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in the school Auditorium. This promises to be unforgettable night for all! Extra invitations are available in the school office.

**Cost of Tickets:**

**Purchased By March 3, 2017:** $35 per couple
Each Additional Daughter $5.00
**Purchased After March 3, 2017:** $45 per couple
Each Additional Daughter $7.50

## Congratulations Box Top Winners!

Congratulations to our winning box top collectors! First place goes to the Nestor family with 185 box tops. They won a $15.00 gift card to Starbucks. Second place goes to the Reimer family with 171 box tops. They won a $10.00 gift card to Starbucks. Third place goes to the Pageler family, who won a $5.00 gift card to Starbucks.

A BIG thank you to ALL families who collected and turned in over 2,200 box tops! That's an additional $220.00 towards our goal! Please keep collecting! The next submission will be in May.

## Scrip

The next QFC/Fred Meyer card reload date is Monday Feb 27. Turn in your payment and card number by 9 AM on Feb 27.

St. Benedict School is registered with Pediped Shoes for us to get a donation based on purchases. If you buy Pediped shoes online or otherwise, make sure to note your St. Benedict's affiliation!

Help the Scrip Program raise money faster. Buy scrip with high percentages. Green Lake/East Lake Bar & Grill = 50%. AMC Theatres = 20%. Gap/Old Navy = 20%. Fainting Goat Gelato = 15%. Azteca =15%. L.L.

## Athletic Sweatshirt Order –Feb 24!

Last call for Athletic sweatshirt orders! Order your St. Benedict athletic sweatshirt by tomorrow, February 24 to be included in next delivery.

These are the optional uniform sweatshirts that can be worn any school day. Your child's name can be printed on the back too! The order form is available on our website and in the school office.

## Family Movie Night - Mar 3

Please join us for "SHREK" on Friday, March 3, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Proceeds will go to the St. Ben's Drama Program. Popcorn and water provided, pizza preorders will also be available. Thanks and we hope to see you there!

## Save Environment Class at St Benedict - March 16

Need to take your first Safe Environment class? Lucy Gillett is teaching a class March 16, from 6-9pm on the 1st floor of the Parish Center. Contact your room parent for materials on how to sign up, or email Lucy at l.gillett@stbens.net. Please be aware that sensitive and possibly triggering material is a part of this class. Contact Lucy if have questions or concerns. Children are not allowed to attend due to the sensitive nature of the material.

## St. Benedict Water Bottles & Mugs

St. Benedict Student Council now has water bottles ($5) and travel mugs ($8) and other items for sale every Friday after school. These items have the St. Benedict logo! Please email Mrs. Fitzpatrick or Mrs. LeTellier with any questions.