



# CONNECTIONS

January 12, 2012

## Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Benedict School Families,

Martin Luther King was an important civil rights activist. He was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in the United States. His most famous address was the "I Have A Dream" speech. He was an advocate of non-violent protest and became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated in 1968.

In 1968, shortly after Martin Luther King died, a campaign was started for his birthday to become a holiday to honor him. After the first bill was introduced, trade unions lead the campaign for the federal holiday. It was endorsed in 1976. Following support from the musician Stevie Wonder with his single "Happy Birthday" and a petition with six million signatures, the bill became law in 1983. Martin Luther King Day was first observed in 1986, although it was not observed in all states until the year 2000.

The Father/Daughter Dinner and Dance invitations have been sent home in the Thursday packets this week. The event will be held the evening of Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. All Pre-school through Eighth Grade girls from St. Ben's school or parish are invited.

This is a wonderful opportunity for girls to step out for an unforgettable evening of dinner and dancing with their fathers or father figures in their lives. The evening attire is semi-formal and Mud Puddle Club Photography from Wallingford Center (<http://mudpuddleclub.com>) will be on site to capture everyone in their finery. Photographs are not included in the ticket price so remember to bring your wallets.

If for some reason your daughter did not receive an invitation to this event, please contact [manskerma@comcast.net](mailto:manskerma@comcast.net) and we'll get one out immediately. RSVP's will be accepted until space is filled or until Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind that seating is limited so please get your responses returned along with payment as soon as possible. We look forward to another memorable event!

Brian Anderson, Principal,  
St. Benedict Catholic School

## Important Dates

### Friday, January 13

- School Attends Mass: 9AM
- Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM

### Monday, January 16

- No school: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- Extended Day Closed

### Thursday, January 19

- Spring Musical Auditions: 7:00 PM
- School Commissions Meeting: 7:00 PM

### Friday, January 20

- School Mass: 9AM (Gr. 2)

### Friday, January 27

- Free Dress & Pizza Lunch

### Sunday, Jan 29– Saturday, Feb. 4

- Catholic Schools Week

### Sunday, January 29

- Catholic Schools Mass: 10AM
- Open House & Tour 11:45 AM

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Submit Connections articles to Lisa  
Wrenn at [lowen@pointb.com](mailto:lowen@pointb.com) by 3:00  
PM on Tuesday. *Submissions are dependent upon space and priority.*

## **School Open Houses**

Please encourage friends or families who might be thinking about enrolling their children at St. Benedict school to attend any of the upcoming open houses: Sunday, Jan 29 at 11:45 AM, Thursday, Feb 9 at 9:15 AM, or Thursday March 29 at 9:15 AM.

## **Tuition Assistance 2012-2013**

The 2012-2013 Fulcrum Foundation application for tuition assistance has been posted to the Fulcrum Web site and online applications are now being accepted: <http://fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition>. Applications MUST be completed and returned to the school office by February 15, 2012.

## **Application Information Fall 2012**

Do you have a child to enroll for Fall, 2012 Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten or Pre-school?

- **Parents of current Pre-school students** need to complete an application stating the days you wish to enroll your child for Pre-K Fall, 2012.
- **Parents of current Pre-Kindergarten students** who wish to enroll for Kindergarten 2012 must complete an application.

All application forms for NEW students must be accompanied with the birth certificate and (if applicable) baptism certificate and the \$125 application fee by FEBRUARY 1, 2012 to qualify for priority registration.! Please call the school office for an application form or download the application form at [www.stbens.net](http://www.stbens.net). Those applying for grades 1-8 must also have a Teacher Recommendation form completed (available on our website or in the office) as well as send in copies of report cards and tests.

## **Grandparents and Special Friends Day**

Friday, February 3, from 8:30–11:10 AM is Grandparents and Special Friends' Day. Postcards were sent home in the Thursday packet last week, but more are available in the office.

## **CYO Volleyball**

CYO Volleyball season is just around the corner! January 13th is the registration deadline, and matches begin February 25. Please send e-mail to [Stbenssports@gmail.com](mailto:Stbenssports@gmail.com) for additional information.

## **Making Wishes Come True**

The Scrip Holiday Contest was a huge success bringing in almost \$4,200 in profits!

The Kindergarten class took 1<sup>st</sup> place and voted to award Mrs. Fitzpatrick's class 4 Amazon Kindle Fires from the Wish List. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class received "Honorable Mention" for their amazing effort with sales volume. Ms. Moreland will receive \$200 toward the purchase of a new reading table for her classroom.

Thanks to the MANY of you that participated in the contest. We hope you'll plan to purchase scrip on a regular basis if you aren't already doing so. An easy way to get in the habit is by starting with grocery or coffee cards. Keep the scrip cards in your wallet where you keep your dollars or in front of your credit card and you won't miss them when it's time to pay. In a short time you'll be used to paying with scrip cards for your groceries or coffee and St. Ben's will earn money as you purchase. Let's keep growing our scrip profits and see what other "wish list" items we can provide our staff with.

## **Center for Pediatric Dentistry**

School mom, Camille Baltuck, would like to remind all school families about the great resource we have in our backyard. The Center for Pediatric Dentistry provides comprehensive dental care to children of all ages including those with special needs. Call: 206-543-5800 or visit: <http://www.thecenterforpediatricdentistry.com/>

The Center for Pediatric Dentistry is a collaboration of the University of Washington and Seattle Children's and is located at: 6222 NE 74<sup>th</sup> Street Seattle, 98115.

## **St. Benedict Robotics**

We'll be starting up the robots again next Tuesday, January 17th. This club meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 7:30 AM until the bell. This 6-week session runs from Tuesday, Jan. 17th until Thursday, February 23, and costs \$40 (payable to St. Ben's school). Registration forms are available in the office.