



CONNECTIONS

November 17, 2011

Important Dates

Thursday, November 17

- School Commission: 7 PM

Friday, November 18

- Free Dress and Pizza Lunch

Wednesday, November 23

- Noon dismissal
Thanksgiving Holiday

Thurs, Nov. 24 & Fri, Nov. 25

- Happy Thanksgiving!
No School

Wednesday, November 30

- End first trimester

Thursday, December 1

- Open House: 9:15 AM

Friday, December 2

- School Attends Mass: 9AM

Friday, December 9

- Awards assembly: 8:45 AM
- Free dress and pizza lunch
- Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM

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Submit Connections articles to Lisa
Wrenn at lowen@pointb.com by 3:00
PM on Tuesday. *Submissions are de-
pendent upon space and priority.*

Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Benedict School Families,

Each year St. Benedict Catholic School identifies and honors an alumnus as a Distinguished Graduate. This award is sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association. Please consider nominating a Candidate for this recognition to be honored at Mass on January 29 as our kick off to the 2012 Catholic Schools Week. Nominees should have graduated from St. Benedict Catholic School at least 10 years ago and have made notable contributions to their community and Church. They should be active Catholics that through their life and achievements exemplify the devotion to faith, family and service that is instilled at St. Benedict Catholic School.

Nominations for the 2012 Distinguished Graduate award are being accepted now through December 12, 2011. Nomination forms can be found on our website at www.stbens.net/alumni or by contacting Teresa Gillett, Development Director at t.gillett@stbens.net or calling the school office at 206-633-3375.

Past awardees have been:

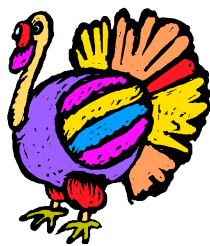
1993 Fr. Harry Picton ('57)	2003 Dan Brotherton ('52)
1994 Harry Purpur ('57)	2004 Margaret Schuler ('53)
1995 Sr. Pauline Forhan ('24)	2005 Susan McCloskey ('61)
1996 Fr. David Jaeger ('57)	2006 MaryAnne Courchene ('73)
1997 Dr. Kate Clancy ('58) and Dr. Don Betz ('59)	2007 Joe Milanoski ('24)
1998 Judge Joseph Thibodeau ('54) & Gordy Hamilton ('24)	
1999 Dr. Tom Trebon ('58)	2008 Michael L. Sullivan ('56)
2000 Sr. Mary Sullivan ('66)	2009 Thomas D. Potter ('82)
2001 Mary Ellen Eagle ('65)	2010 Lorraine Chriest Linden ('57)
2002 Santos Contreras ('50)	2011 Willie Kleffner ('73)

Thank you,

Brian Anderson, Principal
St. Benedict Catholic School

Turkey Dinner—Turn in Items Now!

The Second Grade and Sixth Grade classes are collecting food items needed for a Thanksgiving Day dinner for ten families in the Wallingford neighborhood. The needed items were posted on turkey feathers on the Second Grade bulletin board. Please turn in your food or money by **Friday, November 18**. We appreciate your generosity during this holiday season!



Speech Tournament Judges

Speech tournament judges are still needed. The tournaments will be held Saturday, December 10 at Bishop Blanchet and in January at Seattle Prep. Training is mandatory and will be provided; you will have your choice between a Saturday training session or a Monday evening training session. Please contact Lisa Berendts at lisaberendts@gmail.com to volunteer or if you have questions.

CYO Soccer

Thanks to all the players, coaches and parents who made CYO Soccer and Cross Country season so much fun. To wrap up the season right, we need all uniforms returned as soon as possible. We were short on jerseys for cross country this year for the younger kids since we had so many participants. Same with the younger grades in soccer. Our partner school, Christ The King, has a parent who is taking on the task of doing inventory on all our uniforms, and helping us determine what we need to order to prepare for next Fall. Please turn in uniforms to Ms. Mary in the office. Thanks!

Wurst Financial Report

The 2011 Wurst Committee would like take this opportunity to congratulate everyone for all their hard work on the 2011 Wurst Festival. The net profit for 2011, including the raffle, is \$54,317.22. This is a net increase of \$4,060.15 from 2010.

Kathy VanOlst, Roman Udydz, Duncan Thieme, John Powers, Andrea Gray, Pete Gillooly, and Randy Bremgartner

Have you forgotten...

to purchase scrip/gift cards lately? After 5 years of steady growth, our scrip sales are down 22% compared to this time last year. Scrip helps fund the schools operating budget and, in turn, keeps our tuition down. With our holiday contest going there is no better time to purchase scrip/gift cards. Make it a habit to purchase groceries with scrip/gift cards and earn a return for the school on a regular basis.

For information on making a standing order refer to <http://www.stbens.net/parents/scrip-program/>.

Scrip is perfect....

for all your holiday purchases. Thanksgiving Feasts, Black Friday and Cyber Monday are all around the corner. Using scrip is an easy way to benefit St. Benedict School using dollars you are already spending.

Clicking on the Amazon link on the parents page of the school website easily increases your benefit. The Scrip holiday contest is on from Nov 8th-Dec 9th. All participating families are entered into a drawing for 6 front row Christmas Program seats. The class with the highest participation and sales will win the chance to vote for a item on the prize wish list. For questions please contact scrip@stbens.net

Christmas cards, photo books, and other photo gifts?

For those of you that like to send photo holiday cards or put together photo books or collages as gifts, keep in mind that we stock **Shutterfly.com** scrip/gift cards. The school earns a **9% return** on the gift cards purchased from our scrip program. The code on the card can be loaded into your Shutterfly account at any time. The balance on the card(s) can then be applied to the order when you are ready to check out. If you don't spend the full amount of the gift card, the balance will remain on your account until the next time you order.

Get the ball rolling with your Christmas cards and gifts from Shutterfly and purchase your scrip early. Cards come in \$25 denominations.

Lost and Found

The school's Lost and Found is overflowing! It has both student and adult clothing that has accumulated from the start of the year. If you are missing anything, please check out the Lost & Found in the cafeteria.