



CONNECTIONS

December 15, 2011

Important Dates

Thursday, December 15

- Christmas Program: 1:30 PM
& 7:00 PM in the Church

Friday, December 16

- Early Dismissal: 12:00 PM
- Kids Club Closed
- Extended Day Open until
6:00 PM

Monday, December 19, 2011—
Monday, January 2, 2012

- No school – Christmas
vacation

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

- School Resumes
- Parents' Club Mtg: 7PM

Thursday, January 5, 2012

- Open House: 9:15 AM

Friday, January 6, 2012

- School Attends Mass: 9AM

Friday, January 13, 2012

- School Attends Mass: 9 AM
- 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.*

The Work of Christmas

When the song of
the angels is stilled-
when the star
in the sky is gone-

When the kings and
princes have returned home-

When the shepherds
are back with their flocks-

Then
the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost-
to heal the broken-
to feed the hungry-
to release the prisoner-
to rebuild the nations-
to bring peace among people-
to make music in the heart.

Howard
Thurman

The staff at St. Benedict
wish all of our school families
a very Merry and Blessed Christmas
and Happy New Year!



“Glory to God in the Highest”

Make plans to attend “Glory to God in the Highest,” this year’s all-school Christmas Program, tonight at 7:00 PM. The program will be held in the church. All K-8 students are required to attend both performances as part of their music class.

Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten will meet in the Pre-Kindergarten classroom. Kindergarten through Grade 2 students will meet in Benedict House on the lower floor. Students in Grades 3 through 8 will have assigned seating in the Church.

Students should arrive between 6:40 and 6:45 p.m. The doors to the Church will open at 6:40 pm. The program will start at 7:00 pm. Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten students will be picked up in the vestibule after their song. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 will be dismissed from Benedict House after the performance.

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. The application can be found by clicking on the following link: <http://fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition>. Copies of your application, tax forms, and other supporting material MUST be completed and returned to the school office by February 15, 2012. The Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Application will also be used in determining distribution of St. Benedict School tuition assistance.

School Open House Dates

In your Thursday Packet this week you will see a few postcards with upcoming School Tour dates and times. Please give these out to family or friends who might be interested in St. Benedict Catholic School and invite them to attend one of the St. Benedict School Open House. The Open House includes a tour of the school, sharing our story and seeing our wonderful teachers in action! Prospective parents can also arrange a personal tour by appointment if needed. Please call 206-633-3375 or send an email to our principal, Brian Anderson, for more information. Open Houses are:

Thursday, Jan 5, 9:15am Sunday, Jan 29, 11:45am
Thursday, Feb 9, 9:15am Thursday March 29, 9:15am

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.
- **Parents of current students** who wish to enroll a sibling who is not attending St. Benedict must complete an application.

All application forms 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. 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.

Speech Tournament Judges

Need easy and entertaining volunteer hours? The St. Ben's Middle School Speech Team needs to provide a few judges for the Jan 21 speech tournament at Seattle Prep. Contact Lisa Berendts at lisaberendts@gmail.com for details

Holiday Scrip Contest

The **Kindergarten** class takes the scrip contest with an unprecedented **94%**! Honorable mention will go to the 2nd grade class for their efforts in the contest with the 2nd highest participation and by far the highest sales.

Helen O'Toole (parent of Lydia Inserra - 3rd) won the drawing for 6 front row seats to the evening performance of the Christmas program. Congratulations Helen!

Thank you to all who participated. This year we were able to get the school wide participation up to 58% and earned approximately \$4200 for the school.

The Kindergarten class will vote on the contest prizes and the scrip committee will be working on rewarding the 2nd grade class for their efforts.