



CONNECTIONS

December 8, 2011

Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Benedict School Families,

We have almost made it to Christmas Break! It seems like just yesterday we were opening the school and now we are one third of the way through the school year and almost in 2012. I have a few items that I would ask you to think about as we end the trimester and near the new break...

Safety- Parents, when you are dropping off or picking up your children after school please remind them to use the crosswalks instead of crossing at the middle of the street. Also, please be a positive role model by crossing in the crosswalks yourself!

Report Cards- All students should be receiving their first trimester report cards along with their Connections newsletter. Also included in the report card envelope are the results from October's ITBS testing for grades 3-8. If you have questions about either document feel free to contact the classroom teacher.

Stewardship Cards- If you are a member of St. Benedict Parish it is time for you to recommit yourself to Stewardship. If you have not already done so, and you wish to continue receiving a subsidized tuition rate, you must turn in a pledge card! (In addition to having a pledge card on file families that receive subsidy from the parish are expected to attend Mass regularly and actively participate in the life of the parish.) Additional pledge cards are available in the parish and school offices.

And finally, some notes regarding next week's Christmas Program...

The Annual School Christmas Program "Glory to God in the Highest" is Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 1:30 pm and 7 pm. Both performances will be in the church. Friends and extended family are invited to attend either performance.

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 will wear their school uniform including their school sweatshirt for the afternoon performance. Kindergarten through Grade 3 will wear costume accents with their outfits and the Grade 8 will be in costume for the entire performance. Students in Grades K- 7 are asked to wear their "Sunday Best" for the evening performance. Please no T-shirts, jeans, spaghetti straps, or exposed midriffs.

Students should arrive between 6:40 and 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2011. 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.

Brian Anderson, Principal,

St. Benedict Catholic School

Important Dates

Friday, December 9

- Awards Assembly: 8:45 AM
- Free Dress and Pizza Lunch
- Parent Club lunch for Staff
- Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM

Monday, December 12

- Advent Ceremony: 8:45 AM
- School Mass: 9:00 AM (Gr 6)

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

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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.*

Candy-Gram Sale!

Don't forget to buy your Candy-Grams for \$1 each. Sales take place on Friday, December 9, and Tuesday, December 13. All proceeds benefit families in need.

Family Movie Night

Bring the family to enjoy a medley of Christmas Classics this Friday, December 9, at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium. A suggested donation of \$5 per family is appreciated. Popcorn and water are provided. As always, a parent must be present and the Movie night rules apply.

Wurst Volunteer Hours

If our records indicate that you did not complete your Wurst volunteer hours, you will receive a letter in today's Thursday envelope. Please check the hours and make corrections or submit payment as needed. You will not receive a letter if your hours are complete. Thank you to everyone for volunteering at the Wurst!

"Glory to God in the Highest"

Make plans to attend "Glory to God in the Highest," this year's all-school Christmas Program. The program will be held in the church on Thursday, December 15 at 1:30 pm and 7 pm. All K-8 students are required to attend both performances as part of their music class. Beginning and Intermediate Band will perform at the afternoon performance only. If your student is unable to participate due to prior commitments, please send a note or email to Ms. Rivord and the classroom teacher. Thank you!

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.

Help Wanted

We are looking for a couple volunteers who can help prepare the Thursday envelopes every Thursday from 8:30–9:15 am. Call the office if you are interested!

St. Ben's Ski Swap

Bring your Outgrown Winter Gear for a swap meet on Sunday, December 18, 2011 from 11:15 AM–1:15 PM in the school cafeteria after Mass. If you have questions, please contact Chantel Suehring at chantel@suehring.com.



Holiday Scrip Contest

The scrip contest has already earned our school an estimated \$2,800! Our participation level school wide is only 41% so let's keep it going strong and see what we can do.

The Kindergarten leads in participation. Watch out for 2nd grade! If they can get their participation up they've got a sales number that would be hard to beat.

Class	% Part	\$ Sales
PS	47%	\$ 3,768
PK	33%	\$ 2,993
K	71%	\$ 4,910
1	45%	\$ 2,665
2	52%	\$ 8,818
3	35%	\$ 2,742
4	32%	\$ 2,723
5	42%	\$ 4,048
6	40%	\$ 2,533
7	38%	\$ 1,070
8	21%	\$ 720

Parents Needed for Speech Tournament Judging

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.