



CONNECTIONS

February 16, 2012

Letter from the Principal

Important Dates

Thursday, February 16

- School Commission Meeting: 7:00PM

Friday, February 17

- No School: Presidents' Day Holiday

Monday February 20

- No school: Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 21

- Spring Musical Practice Begins

Wednesday, February 22

- Ash Wednesday:
School attends Mass: 9AM

Friday, February 24

- Free dress and pizza lunch
- Assembly: 9:00 AM
- Stations of the Cross: 2:20 PM

Saturday, March 10

- Auction: 5:00 PM
St. Demetrios Church

Dear St. Benedict School Families,

The annual St. Benedict School Auction is almost upon us! With last week's *Connections* you should have received your auction invitation. If you have not received an invitation please contact the school office immediately. As it is our single biggest fundraiser, I would encourage everyone to attend. If you are unable to attend, please consider supporting the auction with a cash donation.

One very important part of every action is the yearly, Fund-A-Dream. This gives our supporters an opportunity to donate for a very specific project that will take place in the school. This year's Fund-A-Dream item is Phase II of our library renovation. This second phase of our project is all about READING!

The plan calls for knocking out the South wall of the Library to create a reading space for the students. This Reading Room will provide a seating area suitable for an entire class, allow for future expansion of our book collections, and create a more child-friendly space. Since this new Reading Room will be created in what is now the Staff Room, this also allows a great opportunity to show our appreciation for the staff. A new Staff Room will be going in across the hall from the Library so that our wonderful staff has a suitable place to have their breaks, use the phone, plan lessons, and even have meetings.

As you may expect Phase II of our Library renovation project comes with a price tag. We are estimating the total cost of the project will reach approximately \$100,000.00! Our Development Department has been hard at work submitting grant applications to help us pay for this project but we still need your help to achieve our funding goal. Many grant reviewers factor in how successful our own fundraising has been when they consider our request, so it is important that we raise as much as possible. Even if you are not able to attend the auction you can make a donation in the school office to help our project along.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of this project which will benefit the St. Benedict Community for many years to come!

Thank you,

Brian Anderson, Principal,

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

Science Fair Judges Needed!

This year's North Deanery Middle School Science Fair will be held on Thursday, March 15 at Bishop Blanchet High School. We are in need of science enthusiasts to talk with contestants and evaluate their projects. The time commitment would be from approximately 4:00-6:30 in the evening. If you are interested in judging, or know someone who might be, please contact Allison Druffel at a.druffel@stbens.net for more information. Thanks for your support of budding young scientists!

Junior High Youth Rally

Come blast off into Sacred Space! This is the theme for this year's Junior High Youth Rally, an all day adventure which will be on March 10th where participants will be learning more about their catholic identity along with over five hundred other energetic middle school students. The day is full of fun workshops and awesome speakers including a key-note talk by [Archbishop Sartain!](#) The day ends with a dance along with fun games and activities. All day cost is \$60. To obtain a form or if you have any further questions contact Ben Bray and Ian Barkis at 206-632-0843 ext.249 or email seminarian@stbens.net.

PCC Market Shoppers

Did you know that St. Benedict School carries PCC scrip/gift cards in \$25 increments and PCC gives 3% of the purchase price to St. Benedict School? Even better, PCC allows you to reload your card at the store in any amount and will return 3% to St. Benedict School. PCC is currently the only vendor that will send us a return on reloaded cards. See the flyer provided in your Thursday packet for more information.

School Open Houses

Please encourage friends or families who might be thinking about enrolling their children at St. Benedict school to attend our remaining open house on Thursday, March 29, at 9:15 AM. Individual open houses may be scheduled by calling the school office.

CYO Track and Field

CYO Track & Field registration is underway! The meets are held in April and May, with practices starting mid-March. The deadline is March 12 to register your 4-8th grade boys and girls. We partner with Christ The King, and the practices and meets are a lot of fun and great exercise. Email StBensSports@gmail.com with any questions.

Attention Amazon.com Shoppers

Don't forget to start your search at <http://www.stbens.net/parents/> and scroll down to the Amazon search box (as seen below) to earn St. Benedict School a 4% return on purchases. To earn even more for St. Ben's, purchase Amazon.com scrip in \$25 or \$100 Increments.

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Mardi Gras

Reservations for Mardi Gras supper, desserts and activities on Tuesday February 21st, 6:00 - 7:30 PM at the Parish center are due before Tuesday NOON. All ages are welcome. Contact Val Keller at (206) 632-0843.

This Lent there will be six week small group sessions on the theme of Forgiveness and Reconciliation which connects to the theme of our Parish Lenten Mission March 25 -28. The groups meet at the parish center or in homes at various times and on various days of the week. If you are interested in facilitating or hosting a small group, training and further information is available. contact Val Keller at v.keller@stbens.net

More Information on Lent, Holy Week and Easter can be found in the insert in today's folder or on the parish website.

