



# CONNECTIONS

February 9, 2012

## Letter from the Principal

### Important Dates

Friday, February 10

- Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 15

- Fulcrum Tuition Assistance forms due to School office

Thursday, February 16

- School Commission Mtg: 7PM

Friday, February 17

- No School: Presidents' Day Holiday

Monday February 20

- No school: Presidents' Day

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: 8th grade at 2:20 PM

Saturday, March 10

- Auction: 5:00 PM  
St. Demetrius

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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 de-  
pendent upon space and priority.*

Dear St. Benedict School Families,

If you are at all like the staff here at St. Benedict School, the recent sunny weather has you thinking of the upcoming Spring. We were very spoiled by the beautiful sunny weather over the weekend and at the beginning of the week!

Besides the weather, there are other indications that Spring is upon us: Lent is right around the corner (Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>); we have already begun accepting applications for next year; re-registration forms will go out in a few weeks, and we are quickly approaching the deadline to turn in tuition assistance applications!

On this last point, I would encourage anyone who is concerned about the strain of paying our tuition costs to fill out an *Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Grant Application*. This application will make your family eligible for the tuition assistance offered by the Archdiocesan Fulcrum Foundations as well as tuition assistance offered by St. Benedict School and Parish. If you are currently receiving tuition assistance and would like to receive it next year, you must reapply!

This tuition assistance applications should be returned to the school office by next week, Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

This application and instructions for filling it out can be found online at the Fulcrum Foundation's website (<http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/apply-for-grant/assistance/>). Once the application is filled out, it must be submitted electronically then printed and brought to the school office along with copies of the required financial documents. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the school office at 633-3375 and we can assist you.

Thank you,

Brian Anderson, Principal,

St. Benedict Catholic School

## 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](mailto:a.druffel@stbens.net) for more information. Thanks for your support of budding young scientists!

## Annie Get Your Gun

Archbishop Murphy High School presents its Spring Musical "Annie Get Your Gun": Friday, February 24, 7:30pm; Saturday, February 25, 7:00pm; Sunday, February 26, 2:00pm; Friday, March 2, 7:30pm; Saturday, March 3, 2:00pm. All shows at PUD Auditorium 2320 California St., Everett. Ticket Prices: Adults: \$13; Seniors 62+, Students, Children under 10: \$11. For more information and to order tickets, visit the school website [www.am-hs.org](http://www.am-hs.org).

## Connections on St. Ben Website

Our weekly *Connections* newsletter is always available on the St. Benedict School website. The link is on the homepage.

## Knitting Class

St. Benedict parish member, Margaret Vance, will once again be conducting knitting classes for children in grades 3-8 on Fridays from 3:00-4:00 PM in the cafeteria. If you are interested in signing up your child, please get a registration form from the school office. Class size is limited to 12 students.

## 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](mailto:seminarian@stbens.net).

## Thursday Envelopes

Sending home communications in the Thursday envelope is a vital link at St. Benedict School. Preparing the envelopes is a big job that several parent volunteers undertake each week. We are looking for more volunteers for this job. If interested call Ms. Mary.

## Bartell Drug Shoppers

Bartell Drugs has joined with eScrip to bring you the 'B' Caring Card. You can pick up a card at Bartell's. Once your card is registered you simply present it every time you shop at Bartell's and up to 4% of your qualified purchase amount is contributed to St. Benedict School. Pick up your card today and start earning for St. Ben's.

While you are registering your Bartell's card with eScrip, don't forget to register your Safeway card or credit cards with the program to further increase our earnings. If you have already registered credit cards, make sure your information is up to date and your previously registered card has not expired. For additional information on eScrip or online registration go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and use the St. Benedict School Group ID of 8566846.

## 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.

## Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras in Rio or New Orleans is weeks of celebrations before Lent begins. Here in Wallingford it's one night. You can have a great soup supper, Potluck, deserts and a try a Zambian rice dish featured in the Operation Rice Bowl calendar this year at Mardi Gras at St. Benedict. Tuesday February 21 - 6 - 7:30 PM. Mask making, beads and activities for all ages. Reservations by Friday February 17 to Val Keller at the Parish office.