

CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM DANIEL STONER & ANNE SANTEE-STONER

Someone recently asked me why Anne and I chose to send our daughter, Delaney, to St. Benedict. Many reasons came to mind such as the top-notch education she's receiving and her growing Catholic identity and faith. Perhaps it's the St. Ben's family that is nurturing her. Yet maybe the simplest answer is that we are investing in her future.

Delaney, currently a 7th grader, has been part of the St. Ben's family since 2007, when she started in the school's first pre-school program. When she graduates in 2018, she and several of her classmates will have the unusual distinction of attending St. Benedict for eleven years! Her teachers have seen her grow from a goofy little tike to a confident, well-spoken young lady (who is still a goofball!). When I say it's a family, I'm not exaggerating: her teachers truly got to know her. In fact, her current 7th grade teacher, Mrs. Nelson, taught Delaney in pre-K as well!

We are contributing to the Capital Campaign because it's our opportunity to give back to the school that has given our family so much. Just as we invest in our daughter to ensure a bright future, Anne and I want to invest in a school that will continue a legacy of providing a great Catholic education while keeping tuition affordable.

Through the efforts of Brian Anderson, Fr. Bryan, Marti Lundberg and Teresa Gillett, the capital investment plan is well thought out and realistic. While Anne and I were disappointed that a gymnasium was not feasible at this time, we applaud the decision to focus on safety and improvements to the mechanical systems throughout the school and church. A new boiler system, for example, may not be an obvious choice to parents. However, I'm sure Mr. Anderson can attest to the nightmare of having a school full of children with no hot water! These fundamental, foundational capital improvements are investments in the long-term health of the school, ensuring future generations will receive the same blessings our children receive.

We are grateful for all the gifts St. Benedict School has given our daughter. Making a commitment to the Capital Campaign is a way of showing your gratitude to the school and parish staff for being totally committed to our children. If you have not done so already, we ask you to consider saying "thank you" to St. Benedict by making a generous contribution and investment in the future.

THANK YOU!

Thank you! Many parishioners and school parents gave of their time during the capital campaign. Volunteers performed a variety of duties from phone calls to bringing and arranging food for presentations to writing articles for our newsletter to serving as ushers during Commitment Sunday.

Hospitality

*Margaret Mansker
Kate Rosa*

Phone Calls

*Lucy Gillett
Eric Lindsay
Lisa Pageler
Laura Vega*

Ushers

*Marianne Burr
Mike Gillett
Laurie Hauge
Jeff Lindstrom
Becky Ortiz
Deb Reilly
Renee Routier
Sue Silbernagle*

Articles

*Brian & Jennifer Beach
Mike & Cathleen McCarthy
Daniel Stoner & Anne Santee-Stoner*

Special thanks to **Debbie Bellia** for working with students to create the beautiful artwork for our 'thank you' cards. Debbie also created the church and school campaign displays, including the footprint artwork below!



PLEDGE TOTAL REACHES \$1 MILLION

THANK YOU to all of our parish and school families who have returned a pledge card!

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