

CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

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THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS – by Brian and Jennifer Beach

We have been parishioners for 4 years and are also a school family. Our son Emmett is in 2nd grade and our daughter Rose is in pre-school. Our children are young, so we have many years of education at St. Benedict ahead. When we were asked to support the St. Benedict capital campaign, it prompted a discussion about the things that are most important to our children's future learning environment.

In considering our support of the campaign, we thought about the fact that our children spend 20-30 hours per week inside and outside of the school building. That is a lot of time! We also think about the wonderful St. Benedict faculty who spend the majority of their own day working hard to give our students such a great education. We are most consumed, though, by the fact that this one building shields the very thing we care about most in this whole world, our children. They are both in a school together that could be made much safer in case of disaster. And that disaster, whenever it may come, is a constant, looming deadline in our minds for making the place that holds our heart as secure as possible.

The condition of the facility is critical in this respect. These students and faculty that we love and care about deserve the very best we can give them. The beautifully renovated bathrooms have already made such a difference! They're more functional and easier to maintain. They look brand new, and the updated pipes are more efficient.

And this is just Phase 1! Phase 2 moves forward on the all-important seismic work in the Church and the School building. The Church work will include some cosmetic updates as well. Severe cracks in the plaster can be seen from almost any pew, a result of the Nisqually earthquake back in 2001. These will be repaired, and some broken ceiling tiles will be replaced.

Together, there are four phases of work over the next four years that will address the most pressing priorities for our Church and School buildings. Mr. Anderson, Fr. Bryan and Marti Lundberg are leading several presentations to explain all of this work in much greater detail. We would ask everyone to attend one of these upcoming meetings to better understand the remaining work that is needed, and to reflect on what you can contribute to this important cause.

We were asked to give early to generate some momentum for the campaign, and to possibly encourage others to give as well. We did so because we believe the work is important, and the surveys taken support that these pieces are the most vital and imperative to us all. We gave because we believe that a safe and comfortable environment is best for everyone at St Benedict's.

We are very fortunate that our family will directly benefit from the improvements. We're also deeply grateful to those who came before us to build St. Benedict Parish and School, and we see this as a pivotal moment to further enrich and preserve this strong history. We are happy to join in these efforts to strengthen this already blessed and uniquely extraordinary Parish and School community. Please unite with us by giving to the Capital Campaign!

EMPLOYER MATCHING GIFTS

Employer matching funds may add hundreds of thousands of dollars toward completing critical improvement projects in our School.

Each company has its own guidelines so it is important to check with your employer or company website to make sure that St. Benedict School qualifies under education or capital campaigns (generally, improvements to the Church do not qualify for matching funds).

Guidelines and programs can change from year-to-year so please contact your employer's Human Resources Office or website for more information. They will provide you with the proper paperwork, specific guidelines and areas of funding. For example, your company may be on the list below but may not support capital campaigns.

Contributing employers will be recognized on a permanent donor wall.

Below is a list of companies that match.

3M Foundation
Adobe Systems, Inc.
ADP
AETNA
Alaska Airlines (NO CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS)
Albertsons
Alcoa
Alliance Capital Management
Allstate
Amazon (NO MATCHING PROGRAM)
American Express
Apple Matching Gift Program
ATMI Automatic Data Processing Inc.
Auto Nation
Avon Products
Bank of America
Barnes Group

BECU (1:1 employees/.50:1 retirees)
BF Goodrich Aerospace
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (3:1)
Black & Decker Corporation
BNSF (NO CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS)
BOC Corporation
Boeing Company (1:1 employees/.50:1 retirees)
BP America
Bridgestone/Firestone
Capital Group Companies, Inc.
Charles Schwab Corp.
Chevron/Texaco
CITIBANK
CitiGroup
Costco (1:1)
Countrywide Financial
Dell Computers
Delta Air Lines
Dial Corp
DirectTV
Disney Corporation (see Walt Disney Corp.)
Dunn & Bradstreet
Dupont
eBay
Enterprise Rent Car
Equifax Equitable
Esurance Inc.
ExxonMobil
Farmers Group (Insurance)
FedEx
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
Fortune Brands
Foss Maritime
Geico
General Dynamics
General Electric
General Mills
General Motors (Suspended in 2007)
Getty Images (1:1)
Goldman, Sachs & Co.
Google (1:1)

Home Depot
Hughes Electronics
IBM
Intel
John Hancock Life Ins. Co.
JP Morgan Chase
Kaplan Educational Centers
Kimberly-Clark Foundation
KRAFT Foods
Lehman Brothers Investments
Lowes Home Improvements
MassMutual Financial Insurance
McDonald's
Met Life
Microsoft Corporation (1:1 employees)
Neiman Marcus Group
Nordstrom (PROGRAM SUSPENDED)
Northern Trust
PACCAR (Higher Ed)
Pacific Life
PEMCO (1:1)
Prudential
SAFECO Insurance
Safeway Foundation
Starbucks
US Airways
Vanguard Group
Verizon (1:1)
Wells Fargo (1:1)

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