



# CONNECTIONS

June 14, 2018

## Letter from the Principal

### Important Dates

#### Thursday, June 14

- Field Day
- Pizza Lunch & Free Dress
- Last Day for Preschool & PreK
- Kids Club Closed

#### Friday, June 15

- Extended Day Open:  
7-8:30AM only
- Last Day of School (K-7)
- Parents' Club Coffee Hour:  
8:30–10:30 AM
- School Assembly: 8:45 AM
- Dismissal: 10:30 AM
- Report Cards Sent Home
- Extended Day Closed after school
- Moving Day!

### Happy Summer Vacation!

#### Tuesday, June 19

- School Commission: 6PM

#### Saturday, July 14

- Wallingford Parade: 11:00 AM

#### Wednesday, September 5

- First Day of School
- Dismissal: 12:00

#### Friday, Sept. 21 & Sat. Sept. 22

- Wurst Fest

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Tuesday to [stbconnections@gmail.com](mailto:stbconnections@gmail.com)  
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Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

We are at the end of another year! As we all look forward toward the summer there are a few important details that I hope will not get lost here as we close our year. To make sure that you see them all I will also be emailing the details to you on Thursday evening!

**Hot Lunch-** For the last several months Parents' Club has been discussing switching our hot lunch vendor. For a variety of reasons, it was decided that we will be utilizing a new company to provide hot lunch for the coming year. We will be using It's Personal Catering to provide our lunches. More information about the company can be found here-

<https://www.itspersonalcatering.com/school-lunch-program/> .

As we get closer to the beginning of the new year you will receive more information about how to sign up for the program. I am working with Queen Ann Catering to refund families any money left on their accounts.

**Staff-** I have one more staffing announcement that I neglected to share back in April! Lisa Owen, our PS assistant will not be returning to St. Benedict. Next year she will be working at Christ the King School as a Preschool teacher. Congratulations Lisa, we will miss you.

**Construction-** As you have heard it is going to be a busy summer here at school as we begin our seismic retrofitting project. Because of the location of the construction the office will be moved across Wallingford for the entire summer. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Mary will be in the office for regular office hours until June 26 then they will be working on a less regular basis.

**Father Bryan-** Fr. Bryan has asked me to share some information with you (don't worry, he is not leaving us) regarding his schedule this summer and his plans for continuing education. Later this evening you should receive his letter in an email.

**Report Cards-** Report cards are printed and will be coming home with students tomorrow, Friday, June 15. Don't forget it is a 10:30 dismissal!

And finally, thank you for a great year! I hope that all of your summer travels and adventures are safe and relaxing. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Brian Anderson, Principal

St. Benedict Catholic School

## **Soccer Registration is Open!**

The deadline to register for soccer is June 15. Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/cksstbencyo>.

You can pay online using PayPal. If you are interested in coaching or assistant coaching please contact Maria Tsagalakis at [m.tsagalakis@stbens.net](mailto:m.tsagalakis@stbens.net).

## **Cross Country Registration- Open!**

The deadline for registration is September 1, 2018.

Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/cksstbencyo>

If you can run, then you can do cross country! We not only run, but play tag and other games in Woodland Park. Parents are welcome to run with the kids. Distances are set appropriately by age and ability. If you have questions or would like to run with the kids, please contact [jlinyu@gmail.com](mailto:jlinyu@gmail.com).

## **CYO Uniforms**

Please check your homes for CYO uniforms. Needlessly replacing uniforms is one of CYO's largest and most unnecessary expenses. Please help us keep our registration fees down by returning your uniforms. We will soon be conducting an inventory of our CYO equipment and making purchases for next year based on what we have on hand. Please drop any extra uniforms off in the office.

## **Volunteer Opportunity!**

Join our newly reestablished Landscape Crew! Help keep our grounds looking great over the summer and throughout the school year and earn volunteer hours. This group will meet bi-weekly or as needed. Volunteers can come as little or as often as they are able. Please email [ashley.hermsen@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.hermsen@gmail.com) for more info.

## **Babysitter Training**

Saturday, July 14, 2018, 12:30pm to 4:30pm, Phinney Center Blue Building, \$40-\$50.

Gain the knowledge and skills to be a safe, confident babysitter. Learn about infant and child care, age appropriate toys, safety and injury prevention and how to handle emergencies. Find out what parents expect and practice hands-on skills. Includes in-depth coverage of First Aid, Infant/Child CPR, and how to be safe at home alone while sitting. Students receive a Child and Babysitting Safety handbook at the end of class. Instructor Ken Norris, a 26-year veteran of the Seattle Fire Department, has taught CPR for 15 years. Ages 11 and up. Register here: <https://www.phinneycenter.org/calendar/babysitter-training-7-18/>

## **Parent Social—Friday, June 15**

Parents' Club is hosting a coffee hour for all St. Ben's parents in honor of the last day of school! Come stop by the cafeteria on the morning of Friday, June 15, from 8:30-10:30 as we raise a cup of java to say goodbye to another school year, congratulate each other on a job well done and usher in summer!

## **Wurst Raffle Tickets**

Your family's raffle tickets for the Wurst Festival were sent home last week. Each family was given 25 x \$5 tickets to sell. Of course, we encourage and welcome families who want to sell more. If you need more tickets over the summer, please contact Yvonne Benson at [yben-son@gth-law.com](mailto:yben-son@gth-law.com).

## **Community Campaign Update**

**Donation Update:** This year's first annual school Jog A Thon was held on Friday, May 18, with the proceeds benefitting the Capital Campaign. We are happy to say that with the help of our incredible students, teachers, staff, parents and supporters over \$16,000 was given to the first time event! That makes over \$35,000 raised between Mid-April 2018 and now. Many, many thanks for all of your continued support of this Campaign. A shout out to our PE Teacher, Maria Tsagalakis, and parent volunteer, Ashley Hermsen who led the Jog A Thon.

**Construction Update:** Phase 2 - Seismic Upgrades to the Southeast Corner of the School (all 3 floors) is set to begin officially on Friday, June 15. Contractors have looked at the school and are putting together the most efficient plan of action for the project. Work is due to be completed by the end of August.

**Donor Wall:** Due to school construction this summer, the Donor Wall will be installed in September.

## **Lost & Found**

Please check out our growing Lost and Found that is located in the cafeteria. There are lots of school sweat-shirts and winter jackets. Are they yours? All leftover lost and found will be given to Goodwill.

## **Yearbook Orders: \$18**

There is still time to order your yearbook for 2017-18! Yearbooks cost \$18 each. Checks should be made out to St. Benedict School. Only one check and one envelope is needed per family.