



# CONNECTIONS

November 29, 2018

## Letter from the Principal

### Important Dates

Friday, November 30

- Free Dress & Pizza Lunch

Tuesday, December 4

- Advent Prayer Service: 8:35AM

Thursday, December 6

- Family Group Assembly: 8:45

Friday, December 7

- End of 1st Trimester
- Open House & Tour: 9:00 AM
- Noon Dismissal
- Extended Day/Kids Club Open

Sunday, December 9

- Jingle Bell Run

Wednesday, December 12

- Parents' Club: 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 13

- School Mass (4): 9:00 AM
- Report Cards

Friday, December 14

- Free Dress & Pizza Lunch

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Submit Connections articles to:

M. Mary: [m.ancich@stbens.net](mailto:m.ancich@stbens.net) by  
3:00 PM Tuesday.

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our Capital Campaign, Matching Gift Challenge! As you may have read in yesterday's email from Teresa Gillett we have raised just over \$15,000 in the last few weeks. We need \$10,000 more so that we can reach our \$25,000 goal and take full advantage of this opportunity from our anonymous donor. Contact Teresa Gillett (206-633-3375) to add your donation and maximize our matching funds!

In other news...

**Report Cards** – Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> marks the end of our first Trimester (it is also a noon dismissal day, in case you forgot). Teachers will use this day to input grades and prepare to distribute report cards the following week. Please remember, all report cards will be coming directly to your inboxes this year! If you have been receiving "St. Benedict Catholic School Notifications" from the office, then you will also receive a copy of the report card. If you haven't received any of these please contact the office!

**2019-2020 School Year** – Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is also our next Open House as we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. This event, at 9:00 AM is a chance for families to tour the school, meet our staff, and see us in action. If you have a neighbor, a friend, or a relative who is thinking about schooling options for their kids please invite them to this event. If you are on Facebook, please check out the school's page and "share" this event with your friends.

**Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Grant Application** - I would encourage anyone who is concerned about paying tuition costs for the 2019-2020 school year to fill out an application. This application will make your family eligible for the tuition assistance offered by the Archdiocesan Fulcrum Foundation as well as tuition assistance offered by St. Benedict School and Parish.

**These applications are due on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>!**

More information and instructions for filling out the application can be found online at the Fulcrum Foundation's website:

<https://fulcrumfoundation.org/grants-and-programs/tuition-assistance>

Brian Anderson, Principal

St. Benedict Catholic School

## Christmas Card Contest—Dec. 5

In today's packet you will find a form for students who are interested to create an original drawing to be used in our 2017 Christmas Card. The drawing needs to be a religious-themed, Christmas nature. Please have your student draw in the box on the form filling up all or most of the space, using colored markers or colored pencils. The selected artwork will be on the cover of the annual Christmas card that is sent out to the St. Benedict community. Please return the drawing to school by Wednesday, December 5.

## New! Robotics Club

The St. Benedict's Robotics Club is coming back! We will be exploring robots, coding, sensors, and real-world applications of technology in this hands-on club. St. Benedict students in Grades 5 through 8 are encouraged to join. We will be meeting on Tuesdays and Fridays during lunch/recess starting the week of January 14th. A \$50 registration fee per student covers equipment upgrades for the club. Questions? Please contact Sarah Heath ([s.heath@stbens.net](mailto:s.heath@stbens.net)) or Gabriel Torres ([gtorres@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:gtorres@alumni.nd.edu)).

## Scrip News

**Chinook Book Contest:** The three families who won prizes for buying Chinook books are: Apolinario/Vu, Fallgren/Lindner, and Strohm/Hurley. Please contact [scrip@stbens.net](mailto:scrip@stbens.net) to choose a prize. First come, first serve: 4 tickets for the Seattle Children's Museum, 2 tickets to the Seattle Aquarium, and 2 gift cards for D'Ambrosio Gelato. Get your Chinook Books and apps while they last! Last day to purchase is Dec. 7th.

**QFC/Fred Meyer card reload:** Next Monday Dec. 3rd, at 9 AM. Please email Elizabeth at [co-baltelu@hotmail.com](mailto:co-baltelu@hotmail.com) if you want to be included! Regulars: Don't be left out because we can't contact you at the last minute. The Turn in your card number and payment, up to \$500 on a card.

**Holiday Contest:** The deadline for the Holiday Contest and Teacher Gift of Scrip is Dec. 7th. So far, 2nd and 4th grades have a tie at 35% participation. Heavy Restaurant Group (Thackeray, etc.) cards now available for \$100 in addition to \$25.

**E-Scrip Mobile App:** Register at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Group name: St Benedict School. Group ID#8566846. You can purchase gift cards via your phone, paying by check or credit card.

## Parent Education Program Survey!

We are excited to be planning a new Parent Education program to provide resources and learning opportunities for our families. To ensure we design a relevant program for PS - 8th Grade we need to hear your views. Please complete this quick 5 minute survey by Friday November, 30th: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSNMDHK>

## Candy Grams

The Kindergarten and 8th grade classes are working together to sell candy grams in December. All proceeds will go to St. Lawrence, our sister parish in Zambia, to help fund the operation of their school. Our goal is to sell over 1500 candy grams. Each candy gram is worth one candy cane and costs \$1 or purchase 10 and get one free. The candy gram forms are included in today's Thursday envelope. Extra candy gram forms are available in the office. The Candy Grams will be delivered to students on Friday, December 21.

## Spelling Bee: Thursday, January 24

Each year at St. Ben's, the Parents' Club hosts an all-school spelling bee. Every child in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have the opportunity to participate in a low-key classroom spelling bee sometime on or before January 16. The winner of each classroom spelling bee will then advance to the all-school bee on January 24, 3:30 p.m. The Spelling Bee needs 4 parent volunteers to act as our Bee judges. Please sign up in the volunteer portal. Contact Ashley at [ashley.hermesen@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.hermesen@gmail.com) w/questions.

## Parents' Club Event Chair Needed

- **Father-Daughter Dance:** [Spring 2019]  
The Father-Daughter dance is a popular and loved event by St. Ben's families. We need a couple of moms to take the reigns and plan this school year's dance.

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## Parish News

**Advent Wreath Making Event:** The whole family is welcome to join together in putting together an Advent Wreath while also learning the history behind the wreaths on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 8AM and 10AM Masses. You'll get to take your wreath home with you and then enjoy lighting the candles each week as we approach the celebration of Christmas!

**Immaculate Conception:** The feast of the Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day of Obligation) falls on Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>! Mass will be at 9AM in the church. Please be aware that incense will be used during Mass.