



# CONNECTIONS

December 13, 2018

## Letter from the Principal

### Important Dates

#### Thursday, December 13

- School Mass (4): 9:00 AM
- Report Cards
- Teachers' Christmas Lunch

#### Friday, December 14

- Free Dress & Pizza Lunch
- Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM

#### Tuesday, December 18

- Advent Prayer Service: 8:35AM

#### Thursday, December 20

- Christmas Program Rehearsal: 1:30
- Christmas Program: 7:00 PM

#### Friday, December 21

- Award Assembly: 8:45 AM
- Noon Dismissal
- Extended Day—Open
- Kids Club—Closed

#### Tuesday, December 25

- Merry Christmas!

#### Monday, January 7

- School Resumes

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3:00 PM Tuesday.

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

It is **report card day** at St. Benedict Catholic School. Report cards were sent out today through email so please check your inboxes. If no one in your family received a report card, please let us know and we can resend them and make sure that you are on our contact list.

As you know, there is a lot of in-depth academic information included in our new reports and they are intended to inform you of your child's progress in many different academic areas. The final sections of the report card includes equally important information on your child's growth in "behaviors that promote learning". These report cards are intended to be a piece of the on-going conversation between home and school. Please take some time to read over the report cards, if you have questions or concerns about what you see, don't hesitate to contact the teachers and ask question.

**Capital Campaign:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Matching Gift Challenge. We did it! In just over 8 weeks we were able to meet and even exceed our \$25,000 goal. As of this morning we raised \$40,000. Our anonymous donor will be matching \$25,000 of that bringing our total to \$65,000. Thank you!

**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 it out can be found online at the Fulcrum Foundation's website: <https://fulcrumfoundation.org/grants-and-programs/tuition-assistance>

**Christmas Program**- All families and friends are invited to attend this year's program on Thursday, December 20, at 7 pm in the Church. There will be a dress rehearsal in the Church at 1:30 pm that same day which is open to family and friends who are unable to attend the evening performance. The doors to the church will open at 6:40 PM. All students should arrive by 6:40 PM. Students in Grades K-7 will wear "Sunday Best" (adhering to the St. Benedict Dress Code). Grade 8 will be in costume Preschool and Prekindergarten students will meet in the Prekindergarten classroom. Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade will meet in Benedict House (on the corner of 49th & Densmore). Students in grades 3-8 should go directly to the church where they will have assigned seating.

Brian Anderson, Principal

St. Benedict Catholic School

## 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. Extra candy gram forms are available in the office. The Candy Grams will be delivered Dec. 21.

## 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)).

## Scrip News

Congratulations! Second Grade won the Holiday Scrip Contest, with 68% participation. They will get a ice-cream float party in January. Thanks for everyone's participation.

Keep buying scrip gift cards! They are great holiday gifts! Or use them to buy gifts! We will be selling up until the holiday break.

QFC/Fred Meyer card reloads: If possible, please turn in post-dated checks BEFORE the holiday vacation, so that everything will be in hand for the January reload. We plan to do that on Monday January 7th.

## Spaghetti Dinner

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will be hosting its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 27, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the St. Benedict Cafeteria. The cost is \$12.00 per adult and \$8.00 for seniors and children (up to 12 years old). Proceeds from this event will help support Environmental Education at Camp Hamilton this spring for the Class of 2021. Please invite family and friends and join us for a delicious Italian meal in a fun and festive community setting. New to this year's event will be happy hour! Details on this, ticket sales and reservations will be following in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you.

## Family Movie Night—Dec. 14

Please join us for movie night on Friday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. This month we will watch "*Smallfoot*". Proceeds will go to help purchase supplies for Extended Day! Pizza and baked goods will be available for sale. Pre-order pizza dinners are also available for \$20 and include four baked goods! Pre-order forms are attached to the Parents Club email and also available in the school office. Please turn in pre-order forms and payment to Ms. Mary by noon on December 14.

## Chess Wizards

Chess Wizards is scheduled for the Winter Session at St. Benedict School. You can register online at St. Benedict at [www.ChessWizards.com](http://www.ChessWizards.com).

## Christmas Card Contest Winner!

Charlotte Opel, 5th Grade, is the winner of our Christmas Card Contest this year! There were so many great entries that it was very hard to choose which one to use! Charlotte's picture will be on the annual Christmas card that will be mailed to the St. Benedict community from the school. Thanks to all who submitted their artwork!

## Auction Procurement

A friendly reminder that procurement forms are due January 15, 2019; items are due February 28, 2019. Every family is expected to donate an item or experience with retail value of at least \$200. Forms are available in the office or on the school website. Questions, contact [auction@stbens.net](mailto:auction@stbens.net)

## North Central Little League

If your player lives or goes to school within our boundary than he/she is eligible to play for 2019 Season. In addition, the Challenger program has been launched for every kid to play ball. For more information please check [www.NCLLBall.club](http://www.NCLLBall.club). Registration deadline is January 20.

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## Parish News

**Simbang Gabi:** All are welcome to join our special Mass honoring Simbang Gabi, a Filipino tradition of celebrating a novena of Masses in anticipation for Christmas. This Sunday, **December 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10AM Mass**, we'll be handing out and processing in with Parols, which are star-shaped lanterns (and a symbol of the Advent and Christmas season). There will be a fellowship luncheon after Mass where Filipino food is served - we'd love to see you there!