



CONNECTIONS

December 20, 2018

Merry Christmas!

Important Dates

Thursday, December 20

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

Friday, December 21

- Free Dress in Christmas Colors
- Award Assembly: 8:45 AM
- Noon Dismissal
- Extended Day—Open
- Kids Club—Closed

Tuesday, December 25

- Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, January 1

- Happy New Year!

Friday, January 4

- Tuition Assistance Deadline

Monday, January 7

- School Resumes

Wednesday, January 9

- Parent Education Event: 7 PM
- Parents Club Meeting: 8 PM

Thursday, January 10

- School Mass (3): 9:00 AM

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3:00 PM Tuesday.

The Work of Christmas

When the song of
the angels is stilled-
when the star
in the sky is gone-

When the kings and
princes have returned home-

When the shepherds
are back with their flocks-

Then
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost-
to heal the broken-
to feed the hungry-
to release the prisoner-
to rebuild the nations-
to bring peace among people-

Candy Grams - Thank You!

The Kindergarten and 8th grade classes thank you for supporting St. Lawrence, our sister parish in Zambia, to help fund the operation of their school. We met our goal of \$1500!

Save the Date for Parent Ed - Jan 9!

Building Resilience: How Parents can Develop Grit from Preschool to Adolescence

The new Parent Education Committee is delighted to announce the first event of 2019. Join us On Wednesday, January 9, at 7:00PM to hear renowned speaker, Dr Kathryn Monahan explain why GRIT and resiliency development in children is so important. Find more details and the monthly list of local Parent Education events in your Thursday envelope.

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).

Scrip News

The next QFC/Fred Meyer card reload date is Monday January 7. Please turn in checks for this reload by 9 AM on Jan. 7, or you can turn postdated checks in this Friday, Dec 21, to make sure you don't forget after the holiday. We will sell scrip this Friday in the office, and also after Sunday morning Masses Dec 23.

Spaghetti Dinner

The 6th 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 coming soon.

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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

WE DID IT! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Matching Gift Challenge. In just over 9 weeks we were able to meet and even exceed our \$25,000 goal. As of now we have raised \$40,000. Our anonymous donor will be matching \$25,000 of that bringing our total to \$65,000. Thank you!

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A Campaign for St. Benedict
Church & School Structural
Improvements

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

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. Registration deadline is January 20.

Parish News

Christmas Mass Times: Merry Christmas everyone! Please join us for Christmas Mass. Times are: **Dec 24 - Family Mass @ 4PM, Dec 24 - Midnight Mass @ 12AM, or Dec 25 - Christmas Day @ 10AM.**

Theology Series: Fr. Bryan will be offering a Theology Series starting January 6, 2019 for those wanting to discover more about the Catholic Church. If you're interested in joining the Church, getting confirmed, taking first steps towards Baptism or just want to learn more - join us for this 6-week series. More information or to register at: parish.stbens.net/rcia.