



# CONNECTIONS

January 31, 2019

## Letter from the Principal

### Important Dates

Thursday, January 31

- Talent Show: 1:30 PM & 7 PM

Friday, February 1

- Grandparents and Special Friends Day: 8:30–10:15 AM
- Usborne Book Sale: 8am–12:30pm in the cafeteria
- Noon Dismissal–Staff Development

Thursday, February 7

- Free Dress with Pass
- Progress Reports

Friday, February 8

- School Open House & Tour: 9:00 AM

Wednesday, February 13

- Parents' Club Mtg: 7:00 PM
- Parents' Book Club: 8:00 PM

Thursday, February 14

- School Mass (1): 9:00 AM

Friday, February 15

- No School–Staff Retreat
- No Kids Club

Monday, February 18

- No School–Presidents' Day

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3:00 PM Tuesday.

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! It has been a bit chaotic around here with our various celebrations. Often Catholic Schools Week gets reduced to dress up days, grandparents' day, and fun activities. It is much more than that, it is a celebration of all the wonderful work that Catholic Schools have done and continue to do across our country. Here are some impressive statistics regarding Catholic education in Washington:

The Archdiocese of Seattle is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest school district in the state. Catholic Schools enroll 21,430 students in Western Washington. Annually, Catholic Schools save Washington State \$247 million dollars! Catholic High Schools have a 99% graduation rate in Washington.

In other news....

Thank you to everyone who attended one of this week's **State of the School presentations**. Those who attended heard about the good things that are happening around the school and got some inside information regarding what to expect for the 2019-2020 school year. One of the most significant and exciting announcements that I made: We are going to be hiring a part-time **counselor** to work in the building next year. This person will work with students, parents, and staff to promote the emotional and social development of our students.

**Registration packets** are included in this week's *Connections*. We are asking all our families to prepare for next year and turn in their packets by Friday, March 1. If you are not able to turn them in by that date please contact the office. Families registering in Preschool, Prekindergarten, and Kindergarten, we are particularly eager to get your packets...we want to make sure that all of our returning students who would like a seat in those rooms get one.

And last, but certainly not least...our **salmon eggs** have hatched! If you haven't been by the front hallway lately stop in and take a look at the Alevin (yes, that is what salmon are called right after they hatch). There are about 200 of them with their heads buried in the rocks and their tails whipping in the current. Ms. Hazel and her 5<sup>th</sup> graders are doing a great job taking care of them and getting them ready to release this Spring.

Brian Anderson, Principal

## **Spaghetti Dinner - Thanks!**

The St. Benedict 6th grade class sends a BIG Thank You to all the school and parish families for joining us at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner last weekend. It was a wonderful event seeing community come together to help and support this small and mighty class! We all had a great time and enjoyed the delicious food. We very much appreciate your support!

## **Spelling Bee Winner!**

Congratulations to our school Spelling Bee Champion, **Marco Greger** and our runner-up **Sonja Lindstrom**. Marco will represent St. Benedict at the regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at 1 p.m. at Meydenbauer Convention Center in Bellevue. Good luck, Marco!

## **Scrip**

The next QFC/Fred Meyer card reload date will be delayed 3 days until Thurs Feb 7th. Sorry for any inconvenience. To participate, turn in payment and card # in the office by Thursday morning at 9 AM, up to \$500 per card.

With PCC, you can reload your own card online, minimum \$50. St Bens will still get proceeds. We now have Heavy Restaurant \$100 cards, in addition to \$25.

## **St. Benedict Athletic Sweatshirts**

Order your Athletic Sweatshirts now. Order forms, available online and in the office, are due Feb 14.

## **Box Tops Winter Competition**

Gather those Box Tops! The Box Tops Class Competition is on from now until Thursday, February 14 (there's no school on Friday, the 15th). The winning class will get a Candy Party! Box Tops will be collected in each classroom.



## **"Soup-er" Bowl - Food Drive**

Beginning Monday, January 28 the first and seventh grades are sponsoring a canned food for the Wallingford Food Bank. Please bring canned food to your classroom by Thursday morning, January 31.

## **The Talent Show - Jan 31**

On Thursday, January 31, St. Benedict will host the All-School Talent Show at 1:30 pm and 7 pm in the school auditorium. Try-outs will be held on Thursday, January 24, from 3:15-4:30 pm.

## **Grandparents and Special Friends Day - Feb 1**

Our Grandparents and Special Friends Day is on Friday, February 1, starting at 8:30AM. This is a wonderful opportunity during Catholic Schools Week to share our great school with your family and friends. Don't forget to mail your invitation postcards to your Grandparent and/or Special Friend. If you need more postcards, there are extras in the school office.

## **Usborne \$5 Book Sale - Feb 1**

The Usborne \$5 Book Sale will be held in the cafeteria on Friday, February 1, from 8am-12:30 pm. Shop for chapter books, activity and coloring books, and picture books. 25% of all sales will benefit the St. Benedict School Library.

## **Mother/Son Event - March 2**

Save the Date! Saturday, March 2, will be our Mother/Son Event. More details to come!

## **St. Benedict *glassybaby***

Created especially for this year's auction, the *glassybaby* is etched with the St. Benedict logo and comes in school colors Blue and White. Come by the office to see them in person, and ORDER YOURS NOW for pick up at the auction!