



CONNECTIONS

May 2, 2019

Letter from the Principal

Important Dates

Thursday, May 2

- Mass & May Crowning: 9AM

Friday, May 3

- Preschool Field Trip: 9:30 AM
- Jog-s-thon

Saturday, May 4

- First Communion: 9 AM

Monday, May 6

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Maps Testing Begins
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday, May 8

- Graduation Photos: 8:40 AM
- Parents' Club Meeting: 7PM

Thursday, May 9

- School Assembly: 8:45 AM

Friday, May 10

- 1st Gr. Field Trip: 8:30 AM
- Progress Reports

Friday, May 11

- 1st Grade Field Trip: 8:30AM
- Karaoke Night:

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Submit Connections articles to:

Ms. Mary: m.ancich@stbens.net by

3:00 PM Tuesday.

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

Welcome back from Easter Break and welcome to the final stretch of the school year. I hope that everyone found some time last week to relax and recharge for the end of the school year. Believe it or not, there are only six more weeks in the school year.

The St. Benedict School Commission is looking for new members to join us next year. The commission is consultative in nature and advises on long-term planning, policy development, finances, and the evaluation of the school as a whole. The commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM, and occasionally meets more often. Every year we look for a diverse group of individuals to serve a three-year term with the commission. This includes parish members as well as parents. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the School Commission, please complete a nomination form (available in the office) and return it to school by Tuesday, May 17.

It is time for St. Benedict Catholic School's annual Spring Survey. The survey is anonymous and can be completed in about ten minutes, although I would ask that you spend some time reflecting on what is being asked and contributing constructive comments where you are able. Last year's survey provided the school with valuable information and helped us focus our improvement efforts. Yesterday afternoon you should have received an email requesting your participation in the survey; if you did not receive that email here is the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StBens2019>.

I would ask that each household fill out one of the surveys by Fri., May 24.

I am very happy to announce that St. Benedict School has hired a P.E. teacher for next year and he is a familiar face. David Marshall, who has been working as an aide in our elementary school this year, will be taking over P.E. responsibilities in the Fall. Mr. Marshall has been a wonderful addition to the school and we are excited to have him join us full time next year in this new role.

And finally, the Jog-a-thon! Don't forget to send your kiddos in "free dress" athletic clothing so that they are ready to run in the morning. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to come and cheer on our joggers. We are still looking for volunteers to help us during the event so please drop-in, cheer on our kiddos, and help out!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Brian Anderson, Principal

Save the Date - "Annie Jr"

Please save the date for the St. Benedict Spring Musical production of Annie Jr. The musical will be presented on Thursday, May 16 and Friday, May 17 at 7pm with a New all ages Dinner Theater/Fundraiser on Saturday, May 18 at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you at the show!



Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found in the Cafeteria is overflowing! There are lots of clothing items without names. Come check it out!

Collect Those Box Tops!

We are collecting Box Tops one more time this year! The class that collects the most Box Tops will win a Popsicle Party AND extra PE time with Ms. Tsagalakis!

Be sure to turn in those Box Tops in your child's classrooms by **Friday, May 24!**



Athletic Sweatshirt

Last chance this year to order your Athletic Sweatshirt! Order forms are available on our website or in the school office. Orders are due by Friday, May 10.

Scrip News

The next QFC/Fred Meyer card reload is Monday May 6th, so turn in your order now. The deadline is Monday at 9 AM. Reloading is a great way to keep using scrip through the summer-just turn in postdated checks for July and August, up to \$500 per card.

The Spring Scrip Contest starts this Friday May 3rd and runs until Friday May 31st. We have gift cards for groceries, clothes for those kids who just outgrew their shoes and trousers, 1st Communion and Graduation gifts, for special meals out. The contest is judged on participation. The winning class will get a root beer/ice-cream float party in June.

Buy scrip in the office Wed and Fri mornings, 8:15 - 8:45 AM from our volunteer sellers, or from Ms. Mary at all other times. Also, send/receive orders through the Thursday envelopes.

Jog-a-thon: May 3

We are officially in the midst of our Jog-a-thon fundraiser. Parents, please help your students reach out to friends, family and co-workers to support the efforts to help our school. To get into the spirit, we are having a T-shirt decorating contest. Students are encouraged to decorate their own sporty t-shirt to wear in the May 3rd jog. Sign up to bring supplies or help with the jog on the volunteer portal. Visit stbens.net/school/jog-a-thon.

Our Jog-a-thon needs your help! We still need volunteers to help track our students laps and keep them hydrated and cared for during the run. Please visit the volunteer portal for more information and to sign up. Contact jogathon@stbens.net with any questions.

Give Big—May 8!

Mark Your Calendars For This ONE DAY Fundraiser Tuesday, May 8!



Teacher Appreciation Week

Show our staff how much we love them! Please take the time this weekend to write special notes to the staff. Cards, Flowers and notes can be turned in to the Auditorium Tuesday morning between 8 and 9. Volunteers needed to decorate doors and bring in flowers, cookies and supplies for a Special Lunch. Volunteer needs range from Friday May 3, and Monday May 6 though Friday May 10. Please check the volunteer portal for detailed needs or email ashley.hermesen@gmail.com with questions.

Auction Purchase-A-Spot

If you didn't have a chance to sign up for the Purchase a Spot opportunities at the auction, you still have a chance to do so! \$Just 10 for **Extreme Free Dress**, \$50 each for activities including the **Almost Sleepover (1 spot left!)**, **Greenlake Moms' Night Out**, **Day of Discovery**, **Barre to Bar**, **Lunch and Games in the Park (2 spots left!)** and \$75 for **Karaoke and Trivia with Fr. Bryan!**

Sign up sheets, including activity details, will be available outside the school office starting this week!

Operation Rice Bowl

Please turn in your Rice Bowls to the school office.