



# CONNECTIONS

May 16, 2019

## Letter from the Principal

### Important Dates

#### Thursday, May 16

- Prayer Service: 9:00AM
- 2nd Grade Field Trip: 9:00AM
- Spring Musical Rehearsal: 1PM
- Spring Musical: 7:00PM

#### Friday, May 17

- Teacher Workday
- Noon Dismissal
- Spring Musical: 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, May 18

- Musical Dinner Theater: 6PM

#### Monday, May 20

- 7th Gr Field Trip: 8:45 AM

#### Tuesday, May 21–Friday, May 24

- 6th Grade Environmental Camp

#### Thursday, May 23

- School Mass (5): 9:00 AM

#### Monday, May 27

- Memorial Day: No School

#### Thursday, May 30

- Wurst Kick-Off: 5:30 PM

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3:00 PM Tuesday.

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

I am sure that at this point in the school year, with summer just around the corner this year's Auction is just a pleasant memory for many of you. I want to share some exciting news that is a result of this year's auction...

Over \$2,000 was raised to support teachers and purchase classroom supplies!

Just over a \$1,000 was raised to purchase new classroom emergency backpacks.

Those have been purchased and will be distributed next week!

Our Fund-a-Need raised over \$35,000 to help renovate the lower floor and install an office for our new counselor. In addition, we received a \$22,000 grant to help us with this project. Contracts have been signed and work is set to begin on June 17<sup>th</sup>!

Next week our 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will be away from school from Tuesday through Friday. They will be at Camp Hamilton enjoying their **Environmental Camp** experience. This is a right of passage for many Catholic Schools around the region and a wonderful chance for our students to learn and grow away from school. Thank you to everyone who helped fund this opportunity by supporting the Spaghetti Dinner in January!

If you haven't already done so, please go online and fill out our **2019 Spring Survey**. It is available online and takes about 10 minutes to complete. So far only **44 families** have filled out the survey so we need your thoughts and opinions to help us improve and grow! You can find a direct link to the survey in the Parents' Club email or type in this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StBens2019>. (If you don't want to type that in, check out the hyperlink that was sent in Monday's Parents' Club email.)

As most families know I am in the midst of interviews to fill our 4<sup>th</sup> grade position. I hope to have that new teacher hired by the end of the month. Unfortunately, I have some additional staffing changes to share. After five years as our **Reading Specialist, Rebecca Ditter** will also be moving on. She and her family just purchased a house in Monroe and she is going to start looking for a teaching position closer to home. Thank you Mrs. Ditter for all your years of service.

If you are looking for something to do this weekend...come and see St. Benedict Catholic School's production of **Annie. The Spring Musical** is a long standing tradition here at St. Benedict School and after months of preparation, our 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are ready for their big production. You and your family's attendance is a great way to enjoy an evening out while supporting the drama program at St. Benedict.

Brian Anderson, Principal



## **“Annie Jr” The Musical**

**Thursday, May 16, 1pm and 7pm**  
**Friday, May 17, 7pm**  
**Saturday, May 18, 6pm**

The St Benedict Spring Musical production of Annie Jr will be presented on Thursday, May 16 and Friday, May 17 at 7pm with a NEW all ages Dinner Theater on Saturday, May 18 at 6pm. If you cannot attend any of the evening performances, there is a free dress rehearsal on Thursday, May 16 at 1pm.

Order forms are included in today’s Thursday envelope. If you'd prefer to use PayPal and/or order tickets online, log in at <https://www.stbens.net/school/student-life/spring-musical/>

Questions? [tiffany.gilbert@outlook.com](mailto:tiffany.gilbert@outlook.com)

## **Scrip Contest**

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.

## **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!

## **Parent Referral Program**

St. Benedict School parents are our best marketing tools! Many of our current students are here because of your recommendations! Last Thursday, each family received a flyer with information about our new Parent Referral program, including incentives for you, just by providing contact information for perspective school families. More flyers/forms are in the school office. Contact Teresa Gillett at [t.gillett@stbens.net](mailto:t.gillett@stbens.net) with any questions.

## **Yearbook Orders**

Order forms for the St. Benedict School yearbook are included in today’s Thursday envelope. Only one order form and payment is needed per family. Order your yearbook today!

## **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!

## **Jog-a-Thon Report!**

Please encourage donors to pay online. Forms, Cash and Checks can be turned into the front office. You may continue to collect donations until May 17, even if you already turned in your forms. If you turned in your pledge form, it will be returned in this week's Thursday Envelopes with a note that either you owe money or you may keep or recycle your form. Final receipts will go out after May 24. Visit <https://www.stbens.net/school/jog-a-thon/> for more information. If you have any questions, please email [jogathon@stbens.net](mailto:jogathon@stbens.net)

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## **Parish News**

### **Spring Concert—May 19**

Because it’s the Easter Season and there is a superabundance of joy, we’re having a spring concert! This will take place in the church at 1 pm next Sunday, the 19th of May. It will feature parishioners and friends of St. Benedict. This is being organized by Charlie Hiestand, so it has received the nickname of “Charlie’s Variety Show.” You can expect piano music, singing, the St. Benedict choir, and more! There will be a free will offering for the St. Vincent de Paul society.