



CONNECTIONS

May 30, 2019

Letter from the Principal

Important Dates

Thursday, May 30

- **Wurst Kick-Off: 5:30 PM**

Friday, May 31

- Free Dress & Pizza Lunch
- End of Scrip Contest
- Student Council Elections
- 2nd Gr. Field Trip: 9:00AM

Monday, June 3

- Extreme Free Dress!

Tuesday, June 4

- 8th Gr. Retreat
- Preschool Field Trip: 9:30 AM

Thursday, June 6

- 8th Gr. Farewell Assembly:
8:45 AM

Friday, June 7

- Baccalaureate Mass: 9:00 AM
- Graduation: 7:00PM

Wednesday, June 12

- Last Day of Kids Club
- Parents' Club Meeting: 7 PM

Thursday, June 13

- Last day of Preschool & PreK
- Field Day/ Pizza & Free Dress

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Ms. Mary: m.ancich@stbens.net by
3:00 PM Tuesday.

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

If you didn't already realize it...the end is near! We are so close to the end of the school year, especially for our graduating 8th graders! They have one more week with us on campus. As is our tradition this last week with our 8th graders is going to include a lot of special events to celebrate their time here at St. Benedict (11 years for some of them). Special graduation week events include the 8th grade retreat, our graduation assembly, Baccalaureate Mass, and of course the graduation ceremony. All are welcome to come to these wonderful events and celebrate our graduating class!

Tonight is our annual Wurst Kickoff BBQ and Wurst shirt reveal! All are welcome to come and enjoy dinner with us, take advantage of early sign-up for volunteer positions, and see which student design was selected for the 2019 Wurst Shirt. Wurst Shirts will also be available for purchase at the event. Get yours early and don't forget, they can be substituted for uniform shirts from now until the end of the year!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out our 2019 Spring Survey. If you are interested in the results follow this link :

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-LZ5MJW8V/>.

The school commission has already begun to analyze the full survey, particularly the written responses. The results will be particularly helpful as the school commission begins its work on a long-term plan for the school.

As we near the end of the year we are starting to audit all our accounts. Please check to see that you are up-to-date with your tuition and have registered all your volunteer hours through the portal! This will help Ms. Mary and I to close out the year.

If you are still in need of volunteer hours...Field Day is just around the corner! It will be happening on morning of Thursday, June 13th. Once again, this year we will be travelling to Lower Woodland for our field day. Ms. Tsagalakis has organized a wonderful and fun day but we need your help to pull it off. We need volunteer helpers as well as snacks to keep everyone energized.

Brian Anderson, Principal



Wurst Kick-Off - Thursday, May 30

This year's Wurst Festival kickoff event will be held tonight, at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Benedict School cafeteria.

Join other St. Ben's families for a hot dog, chips and perhaps some ice cream, and be among the first to see this year's Wurst Festival t-shirt unveiled. T-shirts and tokens will be available for purchase at the kickoff!

In addition, the kickoff is your FIRST CHANCE to sign up for volunteer positions for Wurst Festival weekend. Spots fill up quickly! See you there!

Extreme Free Dress - June 3

Monday, June 3 will be EXTREME Free Dress Day. This will be an opportunity for the students to go extreme and express themselves! They can wear hats, boots, jewelry and even nail polish! If you did not already purchase this at the auction, you still have a chance to do so! Just send in \$10 to participate in our Extreme Free Dress, Day. Get EXTREME!

Scrip Contest—Ends May 31

The Spring Scrip Contest ends this Friday. As of Tuesday, 7th Grade is in first place, with 5th grade in second place and 2nd grade in third place. Who will win the ice-cream float party? The contest is judged on participation. There is a lot of room for other classes to leap ahead and win the party. Get your scrip orders filled this week!

Additionally, any payments for next Monday's QFC card reload that come in BY FRIDAY afternoon will count for the contest, and any post-dated checks for the summer reloads in July and August (and beyond) will also count for the contest. Reloads take place on the first Monday of each month, up to \$500 per card.

For next Monday's QFC/Fred Meyer card reload, get your order/payment in by 9 AM on Monday to be included! Email Elizabeth at scrip@stbens.net by 9 AM if you want to be included but will be running late getting the check in.

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 with any questions.

Jog-a-Thon Report!

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.

Yearbook Orders

Order forms for the St. Benedict School yearbook were included in last week's Thursday envelope. **Only one order form and payment is needed per family.** Order your yearbook today! The cost is \$18 per yearbook.

***** Parish News

St. Benedict Catholic School students have the opportunity to serve as altar servers during school and parish Masses. Altar servers carry the processional cross, hold the Roman Missal for the priest celebrant, help prepare the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, assist the priest when he receives the gifts during the offertory, wash the hands of the priest, and assist the priest celebrant as necessary during Mass.

Altar servers must be Catholic, have completed their First Holy Communion, and be in the 5th through 8th Grades. Prospective altar servers who are currently in 4th Grade will be scheduled to attend altar server training before the end of the school year. Students currently in the 5th through 8th Grades who are interested in becoming altar servers may also attend this training.

If your child would like to be an altar server or if you have any questions about this ministry, please email Joe Fellores at jfellores@yahoo.com or contact the Parish Office.