



CONNECTIONS

August 29, 2019

Letter from the Principal

Important Dates

Saturday, August 31

- St. Benedict Parents' Club/
Husky Game Event: Noon

Sunday, September 1

- St. Benedict Parents' Club/
Seattle Storm Event: 4:00 PM

Monday, September 2

- Labor Day—No School

Tuesday, September 3

- Safe Environment Training in
the Auditorium: 6:30 PM
- Wurst Lead Meeting: 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 4

- Middle School Back-to-School
Night: 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 5

- Preschool thru Grade 5 Back-to-
School Night: 7:00 PM

Friday, September 6

- Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM

Friday, September 13

- Wurst Festival: 4—10 PM
- No School

Saturday, September 14

- Wurst Festival: 10AM—10PM

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3:00 PM Tuesday.

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

Welcome back! The 2019-2020 school year is now officially underway. It was my great pleasure to welcome back new and returning students for the coming academic year. We had a successful (although quite warm) first day of school. Here are a few items to help you through the first and second weeks of school...

Back to School Night is your chance as parents to come to school, meet the teachers, and ask about the coming year. There is a lot of newness around the building this year and I hope to see everyone at one of the two Back to School Nights so that I can share with all of you more information.

Middle School Night- Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 PM

Preschool to 5th Grade Night - Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 PM.

Both nights will begin in the auditorium with a general presentation then move to the classrooms. This is a night primarily for parents so, if you are able, please leave the kiddos at home. If that is not possible, there will be limited childcare available but only during Thursday evening's session. Contact Clare Maye (c.maye@stbens.net) to sign up for childcare during the Thursday session.

Safe Environment Class - Protecting God's Children for Adults - will take place at St. Benedict on Tuesday, September 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

If you plan on volunteering at the school you must attend one of these classes (within 90 days of beginning) and submit a background check prior to volunteering. If you haven't already taken this training, please register at www.virtusonline.org, and attend next week's training. The next class at St. Benedict will be on Sept. 25.

One Last Staffing Update: Over the summer **Teresa Gillett**, our development director, decided that it was time for a change and announced that she would be leaving St. Benedict at the end of August. Teresa has been working at St. Benedict for 8 years and volunteering for the school and parish for 30 years, so we are sad to see her transition out of this role. Thank you, Teresa, for all that you have done for the school.

The responsibilities of the development director have changed significantly over the last few years. So when the position was posted over the summer and I began interviewing candidates, I was looking for an Advancement Director; someone who could help us raise money but also market the school and communicate our mission to current, former, and future community members. I am very happy to announce that we have hired a familiar face to serve in this new role. **Penny Ziemer**, school parent and former auction coordinator, will be joining the staff as our Advancement Director.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Back to School Nights and sharing more exciting information for the coming school year.

Brian Anderson, Principal



Wurst Festival Friday, September 13 & Saturday, September 14

Wurst Sign up!

Its time to sign up for volunteer hours for the Wurst! The sign ups are available on the volunteer portal "OnVolunteers" which can be accessed via the Parent Page on our Website.

Wurst Festival Raffle Tickets!

Our Wurst Raffle is a big part of the Wurst Festival fundraiser. You should have received your packet of raffle tickets last week in your Thursday envelope. We ask that each family sell a minimum of \$125 in tickets (25 x \$5) as part of the fundraising efforts for the school.

If you run out of raffle tickets and want to sell more over the summer, please contact Yvonne Benson at ybenson@gth-law.com or (206) 914-0633. All raffle ticket stubs and money should be returned to the school prior to the Festival.

Wurst Bake Sale

Please see the enclosed flyer for your Bake Sale Assignments!

Wurst Used Book Sale

Don't forget to bring in books you no longer want for the Wurst Used Book Store. The books can be dropped off at the Parish Center (lower level).

St. Benedict Athletic Sweatshirts

It's time to order your St. Benedict navy blue, hooded athletic sweatshirts. These sweatshirts can be worn as uniform any day of the week. Additionally, you may have your name printed on the back of the sweatshirt. The order form is available on our website or in the school office. Deadline to order is Friday, Sept. 27.

New! Credit Cards Now Accepted!

We now have the capability to accept credit card payment for purchases in the school office! So now you can pay with cash, check or credit card for things like sweatshirts, mild tickets, Wurst t-shirts, etc.! If paying with your credit card be aware that there is a small processing fee of less than 3%.

Thursday Envelopes

Every Thursday, your child will come home with a Thursday envelope. This envelope includes the "Connections" newsletter and any other relevant communications. Please check the envelope for important information, sign that you have received it, and ensure that your child returns it to school. Note that if you have more than one child at St. Benedict, only your youngest student in Grades K-8 will bring home the Connections and any other 'family' information in their Thursday envelope.

Milk Purchase

Milk tickets are \$60 for the school year and can be purchased in the school office. Milk can be purchased daily for 50 cents.

Family Movie Night

Welcome back to school! Our first Family Movie Night of the 2019-2020 school year is *The Secret Life of Pets 2* on Friday, September 6. at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The suggested donation is \$5 per family. Pizza by the slice and baked goods will be available for sale. Pre-order pizza dinners are also available for \$20, and include a whole large pizza and four baked goods. Pre-order forms are available in the school office and must be submitted with payment to Ms. Mary by noon on Friday, September 6. Proceeds will help purchase Movie Night supplies for the year, including a much needed new cart for our popcorn maker!