



CONNECTIONS

September 5, 2019

Letter from the Principal

Important Dates

Thursday, September 5

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

Friday, September 6

- Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM

Thursday, September 12

- School Mass: 9:00 AM

Friday, September 13

- Wurst Festival: 4–10 PM
- No School

Saturday, September 14

- Wurst Festival: 10AM–10PM

September 23–October 18

- MAPS Testing

Wednesday, September 25

- Safe Environment Training: 6:30 PM in the Auditorium

Thursday, September 26

- School Mass: 9:00 AM

Friday, September 27

- Free Dress & Pizza Lunch

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3:00 PM Tuesday.

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

We are off and running for the 2019-2020 school year! Thank you to all the middle school families who came last night for the Middle School Back to School Night and had a chance to hear about our exemplary middle school programs.

Tonight's PS-5th Grade Back to School Night will begin at 7:00 in the auditorium with a general presentation. This will be the same presentation that was given on Wednesday night so if you are attending both evenings you are welcome to come at 7:30 this evening.

In case you missed it...this week Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, for reasons of health. As of last Monday, Paul D. Etienne has succeeded him as the sixth archbishop of Seattle. You can read more about Archbishop Etienne on his blog: www.archbishopetienne.com

The Wurst Fest is just around the corner. Here is a short check off to make sure that your family is ready for the event:

I have signed up for my volunteer hours.

This is critical to make this event a success. We need your help and your happy faces welcoming people to the school!

I have picked up a yard sign and am proudly displaying it in a high traffic area.

These signs are great advertising for the Wurst Fest and for the school. Please take one, or more, from in front of the school and place them in your neighborhood.

I have purchased my Wurst shirts, tokens, ride bracelets.

Not only will it save you time to purchase now but you will help us keep our token lines shorter during the Wurst Fest. Win, win!

I have invited my family, friends, and neighbors.

The Wurst Fest is a great time to have fun and enjoy the community. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors by to join in the fun and support the school.

I have baked my homemade items for the Sweet Shop.

This is one of the most beloved (and sugary) aspects of the Wurst Fest. For many attendees, the Sweet Shop is what brings them back every year so please do not neglect this important requirement.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

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 Resources Page on our Website.

Wurst Festival Raffle Tickets!

Our Wurst Raffle is a big part of the Wurst Festival fundraiser. 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, you can pick up more tickets in the school office. All raffle ticket stubs and money should be returned to the school prior to the Festival.

Wurst Bake Sale

Please see your Bake Sale Assignments on Wurst Page of our website!

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.

Uniform Closet

Come and check out the Uniform Closet. It is bursting at the seams with lots of gently used uniforms waiting for a good home!

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!

Parent Referral Program

Many of our present students are here because of your recommendations! In last Thursday's envelope, a flyer was sent home with information about our new Parent Referral program, including incentives for you, just by providing contact information for perspective school families. More flyers are in the school office. Contact our advancement director, Penny Ziemer, at p.ziemer@stbens.net with any questions.