



# CONNECTIONS

October 17, 2019

## Letter from the Principal

### Important Dates

Friday, October 18

- Free Dress & Pizza Lunch
- Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 23

- Unity Day: Free Dress in Orange

Thursday, October 24

- No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Extended Day Open

Friday, October 25

- No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Extended Day Open

Thursday, October 31

- Free Dress: Halloween Orange, Black, Purple

Friday, November 1

- All Saints Day Mass: 9:00 AM
- Noon Dismissal

Thursday, November 7

- School Assembly: 8:45 AM

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Ms. Mary: [m.ancich@stbens.net](mailto:m.ancich@stbens.net) by

3:00 PM Tuesday.

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

We have reached one of the big mile posts in the school year – midtrimester! We are seven weeks into the school year and, over the course of the next week, you will be getting a lot of information about your students' academic progress so far. Today, in *Connections*, you should receive MAP test scores. Tomorrow, via email, you will receive Progress Reports. And, of course, next week is conference week.

On Monday of this week St. Benedict School was visited by the symphony. Three members of the Seattle Symphony entertained and educated our students by sharing descriptions of how their instruments work and then performing individually and together. A special thank you goes out to Jessica Choe, a school parent and pianist, who not only organized the event but performed as well.

Cross Country- Congratulations to the St. Benedict Cross Country team (and their coaches) for an incredibly successful season. This year's team, consisting of 53 students in grades K-8 all of whom competed in their final meet last weekend. I am very excited to announce that 2 of our runners Zoe and RJ finished in the top 10 of their age groups and an estimated 80% of our students set personal records. Also of note the St. Benedict team was awarded the St. Paul Sportsmanship Award, which recognizes a team that exemplifies sportsmanship during competition.

Parents' Club – I am sorry to report that Jeff Brooks has resigned as Parents' Club President. With a change in his work schedule it has been more and more difficult for Jeff to attend to the business of Parents' Club and he decided to step down. Under his leadership the Parents' Club not only continued to host its traditional events but expanded its reach reintroducing on-going parent education, new family events, and new fundraisers to support the school and the community. Thank you, Jeff, for your energy, enthusiasm, and support of St. Benedict Catholic School!

Today (10/17) at 10:17 AM St. Benedict School participated in The Great Shake Out an annual event to promote earthquake preparedness. Here at school that meant that students and staff participated in an earthquake drill (along with about 1.5 million other Washingtonians). This earthquake drill is just one of the many emergency drills that we participate in over the course of the year. So far this year we have also had two fire drills and one lockdown drill in an effort to keep our students and staff safe in the event of an emergency.

Brian Anderson, Principal

## Family Movie Night— Oct. 18

Our next Family Movie Night is Friday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Student Council is hosting this month and to get everybody in the Halloween spirit, we'll show Hotel Transylvania! All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Pizza by the slice and baked goods will be available for purchase during the movie. Pre-order pizza dinners are also available for \$20 and include four baked goods. Pre-order forms are available in the school office, and are attached to the Parents Club email. Please submit pre-order forms and payment to Ms. Mary by noon, Friday, October 18.

## Veterans' Day

In honor of Veteran's day in November, we will be collecting photos of any student family members and friends that have served in the armed forces to include in a video to show at our assembly. Please send your photos to Mrs Fitzpatrick ([m.fitzpatrick@stbens.net](mailto:m.fitzpatrick@stbens.net)) by October 31.

## Scrip

New card: Jamba Juice \$10, with 9% going to St Bens. Remember to use the St Benedict Amazon portal on the school website to get even more points for St. Bens.

## "Mad Men" Auction News

The St. Benedict School Auction will be held on March 28, 2020 at Ballard Bay Club. Please don't forget about your family procurement! Each family is responsible to obtain an item(s) valued at \$200. For your convenience forms are available ONLINE this year at:

<https://stbens.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2020Auction/tabid/1093074/Default.aspx>

Procurement forms are due by December 20, 2019. Items are due February 28, 2020. Please contact Jaime Lin-Yu at [jlinyu@gmail.com](mailto:jlinyu@gmail.com) or Rima Zikas at [rszikas@hotmail.com](mailto:rszikas@hotmail.com) with any questions.

## Sock-tober is here!

October brings the start of Sock-tober, the first grade's service project supporting the important work of Operation Nightwatch. Socks are collected and handed out to our homeless community when the weather turns wet and cold. Join in by donating a pack or two of new men's socks to help us reach our ambitious target of 1000 socks by Halloween! First grade students will collect sock donations from classrooms and from the tubs located around school.



## CYO Basketball Registration

Calling all 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball players! CYO Basketball registration is open! Register online via our website.

## National Unity Day

St. Benedict is excited to celebrate Unity Day on Wednesday, October 23. Unity Day is a **national anti-bullying** event, where schools and students across the country join together to celebrate kindness, inclusion and acceptance of others, regardless of their economic status, cultural heritage or other differences. Because orange is the color of Unity, it will be a free dress day if students wear the color **orange**. Please help your child to obtain something orange to wear. Your children can be creative, but no orange hair or orange-themed Halloween costumes, please.

## Extended Day

Extended Day will be open on Parent/Teacher Conference Days from 7am–6pm. Parents may also use Extended Day as a drop-in for all students in Preschool–Grade 8 if needed during their Parent/Teacher conference time.

## CYO Youth Group

North Seattle Catholic Youth has a middle school youth group (6th grade–8th grade) that meets every Sunday at 5PM in the Saint Peter Room at Christ the King Parish until 6:45PM. All are welcome!