



CONNECTIONS

February 27, 2020

Letter from the Principal

Important Dates

Thursday, February 27

- Parent Education Night: 7 PM

Friday, February 28

- Free Dress & Pizza Lunch
- Auction Items Due

Wednesday, March 4

- Class Pictures: 8:35 AM

Thursday, March 5

- School Assembly: 8:45 AM

Friday, March 6

- Open House & Tour: 9 AM

Saturday, March 7

- Lucha Libre: 5:00–7:30 PM

Monday, March 9

- Running Club Begins: 3:00 PM

Wednesday, March 11

- Parents' Club Meeting: 7 PM

Thursday, March 12

- School Mass (2): 9:00 AM

Friday, March 13

- No School—Teacher Inservice
- End of 2nd Trimester

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3:00 PM Tuesday.

Dear St. Benedict Catholic School Families,

Thank you to all our families who joined the school Wednesday morning to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass. As I mentioned last week this is the Catholic Church's start to the season of Lent and helps us to prepare for Easter. Every student will be coming home with a Rice Bowl today, yet another Lenten tradition within the Catholic Church and a wonderful way to help our local and world community!

Looking ahead at the March calendar, there are two Fridays this month when there is NO SCHOOL. Friday, March 13th and Friday, March 27th are both days that we are NOT in session. March 13th is a regional teacher in-service day and March 27th has been set aside for **Spring Conferences**. This conference day is intended to allow parents and teachers a chance to meet and check in on student progress as we begin the third trimester of the school year. Next week you will get more information on how to sign up for a March 27th conference time.

Thank you to all our families who turned in their **registration paperwork!** We are hoping to have all our registrations in by March and are well on our way to that goal. If you haven't already done so, please take some time this weekend to fill things out and send them in next week.

Speaking of registration, this week we welcomed **two new families** to the school. Both families joined our Preschool classroom which is now the fullest it has been in the last five or six years. Welcome to the Van Essen and De Bell families!

Our St. Benedict Family continues to expand, not only with new students and families joining our community but also with new babies. I am very happy to announce that we have **three staff members who are expecting babies** in the near future! Mr. Marshall's wife, Amy, is due to deliver twins in May. Ms. Heath and her husband are expecting their first child in August. Mrs. Altenhofen is expecting her second child in September. On a related note, our Preschool class for the 2023-2024 school year is filling up quickly!

Brian Anderson, Principal

Parent Education Opportunities:

*Parenting in the Age of Anxiety:
Strategies to Promote Child Well-being*
with Kate Monahan
will be presented on **Thursday, February 27,**
at 7 p.m. in the St. Benedict Flex Room!

Please note: There will be FREE childcare available during the event, courtesy of Ms. Clare in Extended Day, but space is limited, so please email her at c.maye@stbens.net to reserve your spot(s).



SAVE THE DATE!

**Lucha Libre with the Luchadores:
Saturday, March 7, from 5 -7:30 p.m.**

We are excited to announce a fun new event coming up on **Saturday, March 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.**, in the school auditorium. It's called Lucha Libre, or Mexican wrestling and REAL Luchadores are coming to put on a show!

RSVP Today! Please see the flyer in today's Thursday envelope. Return the form to the school office with your order for tickets.

The event is open to all St. Benedict families, up to 200 people. The cost is \$20 and includes a Taco Bar, mask making and the wrestling show.

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, February 28.

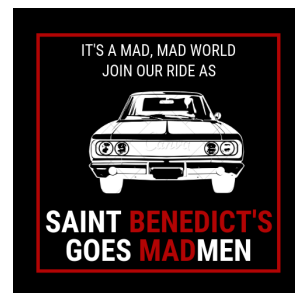
Class Pictures - March 4

Class picture day is Wednesday, March 4. This is a SCHOOL UNIFORM day. Order forms are included in today's Thursday envelope. Checks should be made out to "Kids Photography" and returned in the envelope on or before picture day.

"Mad Men" Auction News

The St. Benedict School Auction will be held on Saturday, March 28, 5:30pm at the Ballard Bay Club.

**Procured Auction Items
Due Friday, February 28!**



Thank you to those of you who submitted your procurement form! Please don't forget that items are due to the school office by **Friday, February 28.**

Please contact Jaime Lin-Yu at jlinyu@gmail.com with any questions.

Scrip Card Ideas

Kaufer's sells Catholic religious merchandise and is located in the Georgetown neighborhood of Seattle. They have perfect gifts for First Communion, Easter, and other religious occasions. Also, Spring is coming and your kids have been growing since September. Do you need new uniforms? We have Dennis Uniform which exclusively sells those St Bens red plaid skirts and shifts! They also sell uniform shirts and pants. You can use the gift cards for ordering online. We also have Gap/Old Navy cards which are good for other uniform items. We have Lowes and Home Depot gift cards in stock for all your construction, appliance, and landscaping needs.

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