

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The St. Benedict Catholic School community is committed to educating the whole child in a Christ-centered Benedictine environment, with the ultimate goal of fostering Christian disciples.

SBCS/Parish Website – www.stbenedictcatholic.org
EduConnect – Grades K-8 – <http://stbenedict.eduk12.net>
(For lunch balances, lunch payments via PayPal, and review of grades)



March 10th, 2017



Looking ahead:

- ❖ **Saturday, March 11th** – SBCS Band Marches in St. Patrick's Day Parade
Note: Band will not perform in the parade due to weather forecast. However, band members and other SBCS students are welcome to come walk behind our school banner in the parade that will take place no matter what the weather! Get your Irish on and come down to 2nd and Commercial and look for our banner. All grades welcome! Parade ends at Memorial Hall.
- ❖ **Monday, March 13th** – Scholar's Bowl @ Immac 4:00
- ❖ **Tuesday, March 14th** – Preschool & Kindergarten Round Up 4:00-6:30
- ❖ **Thursday, March 16th** – End of 3rd Quarter; NOON DISMISSAL; Staff Development
- ❖ **Friday, March 17th** – Staff Development; No School
- ❖ **Monday, March 20th-Friday, March 24th** – No School, Spring Break; Intermittent hours n school office.
- ❖ **Monday, March 27th** – Classes Resume; Scholar's Bowl NEK League @ McLouth 4:00
- ❖ **Tuesday, April 4th** – Track @ Everest 1:30 ; PTC Meeting 7:00pm
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 5th** – Late Start; Classes start at 9:00
- ❖ **Thursday, April 6th** – Fun Food Thursday; non uniform day
- ❖ **Friday, April 7th** – No School ; SBCS PTC Fisch Fry
- ❖ **Monday, April 10th** – Track @ AHS 3:30
- ❖ **Tuesday, April 11th** – Track @ JCN 3:00
- ❖ **Thursday, April 13th** – Holy Thursday
- ❖ **Friday, April 14th** – Good Friday – No School



Message from the Principal!

Dear Families,

Fr. Jeremy and I appreciate the concern several families have shared regarding the tuition increase for 2017-2018. Please know that keeping our school and parish financially stable is an ongoing process for the School/Parish Finance Committee. We are indebted to our parish for a good portion of our school budget. But the parish has a finite amount of money they can be used for this purpose. The Catholic Education Foundation is once again providing us with \$22,700 for tuition assistance. We are diligently working on finding ways to increase our own Support-A-Student fund (parish envelope) and will strive to meet the needs of families who apply for tuition assistance. We encourage EVERY family with financial concerns to apply before May 1. Please know that we welcome conversations with you regarding your concerns and your needs. Our mission continues---.....committed to fostering Christian disciples. Those disciples are YOUR masterpieces!

Blessings-

Diane Liebsch



Congrats to our Student Artists!

Congratulations to all of our student artists with work on display at the Muchnic! The Sister Helen Buening Art Show will be on display for the whole month of March. Also, congratulations to Catherine Peitsch (1st place), Clare Harris (2nd place), and Mr. Cole Pruitt's 3rd grade class (3rd place).



8th Grade Confirmation

We congratulate our 8th grade students who committed to their Catholic faith on Wednesday evening in beautiful Mass. Abbot James Albers blessed them with the Holy Chrism, sealing them with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The students spent Wednesday morning in a retreat with their teachers, Br. Christopher Start and Diana Poliquin, and prayerfully prepared for this sacrament of initiation. Special thanks to the students' sponsors and families for their part in preparing these young men and women for their Confirmation.



Thank You, 7th Grade!

Thank you to 7th grade parents and students for your gift of time in welcoming and serving so many guests at the Confirmation reception on Wednesday evening. You are appreciated!



Lenten Symbols

As we continue our journey through the 40 days of Lent, ponder the symbols of this liturgical season. How many can your family name? There's ashes from the burning of last year's palms. A fish is a good symbol---we eat it on Fridays, but more importantly, Christ called the apostles to be fishers of men, and we are the fish! How about the purple cloth? Palms? The desert? And a pretzel! (Ask your children to fold their arms across their chest....a common posture for prayer!



Have you enrolled your children for 2017-2018?

- Re-enroll on EduConnect by going to our school website and clicking on RavenGrades/EduConnect. After logging in, you will see a prompt inviting you to enroll for next year. Your current information will be displayed. You may add preschool or kindergarten children and you may update your personal information. Note that there will be no paper forms this year unless you request one from the school office.
- Re-enroll with Smart Tuition. Please see instructions with step-by-step instructions. These instructions were in the packet mailed to parents and may be found online. You will be asked to pay a \$50 Enrollment Fee at the time of re-enrollment. This must be completed by May 1. After that date, this fee will be \$100.00.
- Optional – Families may apply through Smart Aid to receive tuition assistance. Instructions were in the packet mailed to families and may be found online. We are grateful to the Catholic Education Foundation and parishioners' donations for the growing amount of funds available to assist our families. Application should be completed by May 1 in order to be considered for financial aid.



Chess Club Every Thursday!

Chess Club welcomes students in grades 2 – 8 in the library beginning at 7:00am, on the remaining two Thursdays: March 16, March 30

Chess Club Tournament for those who have participated in at least three Chess Club meetings will begin on Thursday, April 6. Thank you, Mr. Larry Buessing, and granddaughter Elizabeth, grade 7, for sponsoring this annual event!



Scrip Announcement

For the entire month of March, every SBCS family that makes a Scrip purchase (online, paper, or through the office's Scrip binder) will receive **100%** of the rebate from their orders credited toward their tuition for next school year! This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about what Scrip is all about, browse the hundreds of retailers who support the program, sign up for ScripNow/PrestoPay, and get even more money taken off of your school tuition!



Please contact any of the Scrip committee members (SBCS parents Angela Humburg, Billie Peltzer, Kamille Caudle, Susan Kramer, Anita Buhman-Wiggs, and Melissa Schramp) if you are interested in signing up to make online orders or PrestoPay, have any questions about how to use Scrip, or would like more information about this promotion!