

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)



April 7th, 2017



Looking ahead:

- ❖ **Monday, April 10th** – Track @ AHS 3:30
- ❖ **Tuesday, April 11th** – Track @ JCN 3:00; 1st Grade Field Trip to Rosecrans in St. Joseph
- ❖ **Thursday, April 13th** – Holy Thursday; Track@Everest, 1:30.
- ❖ **Friday, April 14th** – Good Friday – No School
- ❖ **Sunday, April 16th** – Easter Sunday
- ❖ **Monday, April 17th-Thursday, April 20th** – NO SCHOOL; Eleven SBCS teachers will attend the National Catholic Education Association Conference in St. Louis! Thank you for supporting this special professional development opportunity!
- ❖ **Friday, April 21st** – Classes Resume
- ❖ **Tuesday, April 25th** – Track @ Valley Falls 3:30
- ❖ **Friday, April 28th** – 2nd Grade First Communion Rehearsal, 9:30am, St. Benedict Church
 - ❖ **Please note:** this is a change from the rehearsal listed in last week's newsletter.
- ❖ **Sunday, April 30th** – 2nd Grade First Communion @ St. Benedict Church 1:00pm
- ❖ **Wednesday, May 3rd** – Late Start; 8th Grade Graduation Pictures at 9:00am.



Message from the Principal!

Dear Families,

Palm Sunday is this weekend. Our reading this Sunday hints at what is coming as we begin Holy Week. It is always a little difficult to say "Hosanna" next to "Crucify him! Jesus was treated so gloriously and then is tortured. Jesus's mission required both. As parents, we all have joyful and painful times, too. May your children see you look to God during both times of joy and periods of struggle and sorrow. May your children use their faith to guide them through their daily lives. Our final Stations of the Cross for Lent will take place this Thursday beginning at 8:30am. Prayer partners will visit the 14 Stations together, walking the journey of Jesus to the Cross throughout our school and church. Thank you to our 8th graders for planning this special prayer service.

Blessings to you as we continue our Lenten journey,
Diane Liebsch



Annie Hart, the SBCS Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations to a special PE Teacher and Athletic Director! The SBCS Family stood up and cheered when Les Moore and Fred Gage, Commander and Vice-Commander of VFW Post 1175, presented Annie Hart with a trophy and the recognition of VFW Teacher of the Year at a surprise assembly this week. Miss Hart sees just about every student at SBCS daily as she plans physical activities, always beginning with prayer. She teaches her students that their bodies are special gifts from God and the importance of taking care of this gift. Miss Hart is passionate about fitness, about Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart, about coaching kids to be a great scholar athletes.

She organizes all middle school league sports for SBCS. In addition, Annie coaches club volleyball locally. She is active in St. Benedict Parish, works with many pre-service teachers from Benedictine College, serves on the Live Well Live Atchison committee, and recently became a mentor for the Boys and Girls Club of Atchison.



The April Raven of the Month!

Congratulations to our Raven of the month, Kenny Howard, 8th grade. Kenny was nominated by his teachers for lots of reasons, including his excellent school work. They share that Kenny is reliable, humble, and calm. He contributes as a team member and works well with others. Talented in many areas, this student is good-natured and kind to others, setting a positive example for peers. He leads by doing the right thing himself, and quietly encourages others to make good choices. Congratulations, Kenny!



A Tip of the Raven Wing to the Fish Fry Volunteers!

A great PTC Fundraiser with nearly 400 fish dinners served! Thank you to all who volunteered and made desserts. Those who enjoyed the great atmosphere created in our Commons had so many compliments! Thank you Melissa Schramp and Chanda Koechner for chairing this event. Thank you Nancy Alberts for organizing the food preparation, for the from-scratch scalloped potatoes, and for letting so many volunteers invade your space. And hats off to the wonderful fish frying crew who come back year after year: Tim Pickman, Charlie Kramer, Terry Wagner, and Bill Pickman.



Important Uniform Information

Khaki Shorts may be worn on uniform days after April 15. On non-uniform days, shorts may be worn provided they are walking length and no more than two inches above the knee.

Reminder: girls have gotten taller since the start of the school year. Many skirts need to be lengthened. Please check your daughter's skirt length. A dollar bill with bottom of the dolla a the top of the knee is a great measuring device!



Fifth Grade Collects \$\$\$ for Wildfire Victims

Thank you to our 5th grade for a successful fundraiser! Over \$300 was collected to assist those who lost so much in the southwest Kansas wildfires.

May God bless them as they rebuild their ranches, their herds of cattle, their homes, their livelihoods.



Middle School ClassDojo Announcement

We are currently updating our school directory for ClassDojo. Now, when you log in, all of your child's classes will appear under one profile. Invitations will be re-sent as needed. Our apologies for any inconvenience as we transition to the new directory.

-the Middle School Teachers



Congratulations Chess Club Results!



After being in 2nd place last year, congratulations to Joseph Kerr (8th Grade), right, the 2017 Champion of the SBCS Chess Club Tournament! Joseph beat 4th grader Zeno Keochner in a good match! Kudos to all 40 participants in this year's tournament. Special thanks to grandfather Larry Buessing for sponsoring the Club and for the donuts provided each week! And hats off to his granddaughter, Elizabeth Humburg, who served as the Club chairperson!



Did you know? **ANY FAMILY can apply for tuition assistance** through Smart Aid, regardless of whether or not they receive free or reduced lunch. There are many reasons a family may need financial assistance: mortgages, high school/college tuition, child care costs, child support, loss of income, illness, and a host of other reasons. Smart Aid gives you the opportunity to show your need. Consider applying. Applications due on May 1.