

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



December 1st, 2017



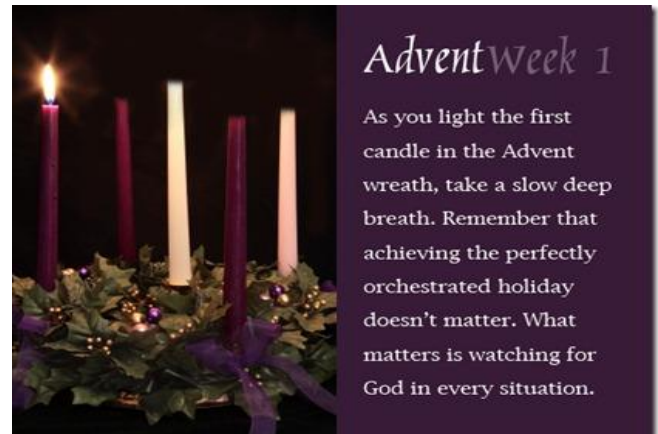
Looking ahead:

- ❖ **Monday, December 4** – Girls NEK Quarterfinals- SBCS at JCN
- ❖ **Tuesday, December 5** – Drama Play 2:45; Christmas Concert K – 4 7:00PM (doors open at 6:30; students should arrive by 6:40)
- ❖ **Wednesday, December 6** – **Feast of St. Nicholas;** Late Start; Drama Play 2:45
- ❖ **Thursday, December 7** – Fun Food Thursday, Non-uniform day; NEK Semi Finals- @ McLouth
- ❖ **Friday, December 8** – Feast of Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day - Mass 12:10 at St. Benedict Church
- ❖ **Saturday, December 9** – NEK Finals @ McLouth
- ❖ **Thursday, December 14** – Grades 5 - 8 Christmas Concert Grades 5-8, 7:00PM (See Info Below)
- ❖ **Friday, December 15** – Noon Dismissal; Staff Development in the afternoon
- ❖ **Thursday, January 4** – **Classes Begin!** – Fun Food Thursday – Non-Uniform day; Boys Bball at Oskaloosa, 4:30



Message from the Principal!

Dear Families,
I overheard this comment while a student was calling home after school today: "Thanks, Mom. I got some roses for you!" Just where does a 4th grader get flowers? At Discovery City, a special "town" at Benedictine College fun by our 4th graders today. They put to use the economic concepts they've been working on and had a great time doing so!
Advent begins this Sunday and SBCS students are ready! Our halls are full of the signs of Advent with special services and prayers as we begin the new liturgical year! Make sure you attend Mass this Sunday as the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit!
Blessings---
Mrs. Liebsch



Drama Play

Come one! Come all! See the second set of plays of the year presented by the Drama class. "St. Nicholas" and "The Perfect Gift". Set your calendars for Tuesday, December 4th and Wednesday December 5th. Meet us in the SBCS Chapel at 2:45 (both days) for their fun performances. Parents, guardians, grandparents, babysitters, neighbors, friends, etc. are invited. Don't miss this "magical" opportunity!



5th – 8th Grade Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm. Please see the information below regarding specifics! Student musicians should arrive no later than 6:40 that evening.

- Middle school choirs will be wearing dress white shirts, black pants or skirts, boys with a tie. Girls may wear scarves.
- Middle school band will wear Christmas nice.
- 5th grade will wear solid shirts with nice pants or skirts, boys with a tie.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the concert!!!! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email or call! Thank you for your continued support of your child in the St. Benedict Catholic School music program!!! Musical blessings to all, Julie Underwood and Charles Iner



Vocation Prayer Contest

The Serra Club of Atchison Region recently held a contest for 7th graders to write a Vocation Prayer. The top three winners are: 1st – Will Buron, 2nd – Norah Koechner, 3rd – Scarlett Begley. Each award winner received a laminated copy of his/her prayer, a certificate of achievement, and a cash award. In addition, the winning prayer will be placed on the back cover of the St. Benedict Church missals to be recited each weekday after Mass for the next year. The Serra Club is grateful to Mrs. Noll and the seventh grade students for participating in the contest.

A Prayer for Vocations, written by Will Buron, Grade 7

Loving Father,

I know you love me and have great plans for me. Help me to walk in your love every day.

Show me and all your people your way and help us to listen to you.

I pray for all those you are calling to be priests, religious sisters and brothers.

May they respond in love to your call. Please make my heart always ready to do what you want.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



#iGIVECATHOLIC on #GI♥INGTUESDAY

Thank you all who helped promote and support the #iGIVECATHOLIC Campaign!! Total donations collected were \$11,600 dollars! These funds will be used to build the Sponsor-A-Student Fund to assist families in future years.



Holiday Scrip Announcement

Shop for the upcoming holidays with Raven Scrip and earn rebates for St. Benedict Catholic School and take money off of your tuition! Just two more SCRIP Mondays!

To enroll with our organization use the following **Enrollment Code: 8AF8DFF811866**



Wednesday, January 3rd Enrichment – Need Childcare on this Professional Development Date?

January 3rd is scheduled as a Staff Development day. There will be NO SCHOOL on this Wednesday before Classes resume from Christmas Break. If we have enough need from the families of SBCS, the Enrichment Program will be available for those families seeking childcare services from 8AM until 6PM. The cost of the Enrichment Program on these no school days will be \$4 per student per hour. If you would like to reserve a spot please email Teresa Gorrell, tgorrell@benedictine.edu, by Thursday, December 14th. We will notify you on the 15th if we have enough students to provide the program.



Lunches December 4th- December 8th Note that fresh fruits/vegetables available daily.

❖ Cooks Choice on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

❖ Thursday: Fun Food Thursday

Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities in Northeast KS in Atchison is looking for VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteers for Tuesdays and Thursday, February-April. The VITA program provides free tax preparation services for individuals/families of low and moderate incomes. Volunteer positions of greeters, tax preparers, and quality reviewers are needed. On line or in person training will take place in January. Interested? Contact Suzanne Evans, Lead Asset Development Specialist for CCCNKES, by December 15th at 913- 651-8060 or email sevans@catholiccharitiesks.org.