

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)



January 5th, 2018



Looking ahead:

- ❖ **Monday, January 8** – Boys Basketball @ SBCS vs. Valley Falls, 4:30p,
- ❖ **Wednesday, January 10** – Guest Speaker for 7th and 8th – Sarah Swafford 9:00am; Boys basketball pictures, 3:30PM
- ❖ **Thursday, January 11** – Boys BBall @ JCN, 4:30pm
- ❖ **Friday, January 12** – Read-a-thon 3rd, 4th and 5th grades – watch for details.
- ❖ **Monday, January 15** – Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL, Boys BBall @ SBCS vs. Jackson Heights
- ❖ **Tuesday, January 16** – PTC Meeting 7:00 in Choir Room
- ❖ **Wednesday, January 17** – Late Start; classes begin at 9:00am.
- ❖ **Thursday, January 18** – STUCO Non-Uniform Day \$1; Boys BBALL @ Everest, 4:30
- ❖ **Monday, January 22**– Boys BBall @ SBCS vs. McLouth 4:30PM
- ❖ **Wednesday, January 24** – National Geography Bee 1:30pm Commons for qualifying students in grades 4 through 8.
- ❖ **Thursday, January 25** – Boys BBall @ SBCS vs. Immac, 4:30; Virtus Training at Benedictine College- register at Virtus.org.
- ❖ **Saturday, January 27** – 2nd Grade – First Reconciliation, 10:00am at St. Joseph's Church
- ❖ **Sunday, January 28** – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS! All are invited to the Biscuits & Gravy (and sausage and eggs) Breakfast in the SBCS Commons, serving 8:00 – Noon. Mark your calendar! Adult and middle school volunteers needed.



Message from the Principal!

Dear Parents,

A final Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you! The Christmas season ends this Sunday as the Magi make their way to Bethlehem. On Epiphany Sunday, the three kings lead the way for all of us, they follow the star to adore the Child. They lead the way, affirming universal salvation. What an important feast for your family. Make a crown, light a candle, and sing a Christmas carol. We sang Silent Night at our school Mass this morning – a beautiful reminder that Christmas is more than just one day!

Blessings!

Diane Liebsch



Welcome to Two New Staff Members!

Heather Hoffman is teaching 7th and 8th grade science this semester. Mrs. Hoffman and her family moved to Atchison this summer and she served as a substitute teacher for SBCS and other area schools this past semester. A certified teacher in English, Mrs. Hoffman is working on her Masters in Education and is scheduled to complete her program in July. Her husband teaches at Trinity Lutheran and they enjoy their children, a 7th grade daughter and a fifth grade son. We are grateful for the skills she brings to our middle school!

Erica Rhoede, a December graduate from Benedictine College, will serve as an assistant director for the Enrichment Program for this semester. She also hopes to complete the requirements to serve as a substitute for SBCS. Welcome, Erica!



Honor Roll

Grade cards were sent home with students on Thursday. Please connect with teachers if you have concerns or questions about your child's performance. Congratulations to middle school students who's names appear on our Honor Roll for 2nd Semester. Please see attachment!



Keeping Warm at SBCS

Continued work on radiators and the boiler to make sure all areas of our school are comfortable is taking place. If your child reports cool areas of the school, please send an extra layer: navy blue sweaters, sweatshirts, pullover, or long sleeve polos will help. A reminder that no hoodies are permitted as part of the uniform.



New Raven Gear?

Lots of new Raven hats, sweatshirts, and pullovers have been purchased. Please put initials or name on the inside label to make sure your Raven can find lost articles if something is left behind.



Skirt-length Check

The start of the 2nd semester is a good time to check your daughters' skirt length. A reminder that skirts should be no shorter than two inches (width of a dollar bill) above the knee. Our uniform skirts are easily altered – length or width. Ask your child to walk away from you and bend over – see if it looks proper! Need help with a new hem? There are some volunteers ready to assist! Need a new skirt? Go to dennisuniform.com and use our school code: I14.



Boys Basketball Pictures

Boys' basketball pictures have been scheduled for next Wednesday, January 10, at 3:30pm. The order form can be found as an attachment.



8th Graders

Maur Hill - Mount Academy is administering their 8th grade High School Placement Test (HSPT) on Saturday, February 3. The exam is required for all 8th graders applying to MH-MA. Please visit the "Apply" page at www.mh-ma.com to register by January 19th. Contact the admissions office with any questions at 913-367-5482 or email to admissions@mh-ma.com.



Lunches January 8th and 12th Note that fresh fruits/vegetables available daily.

- ❖ **Monday** – Chicken Nuggets
- ❖ **Tuesday** – Hot Dog
- ❖ **Wednesday** – Chicken Fried Steak
- ❖ **Thursday** – Taco Crunch
- ❖ **Friday** – Fish Sticks



