



**Celebrate Catholic  
Schools Week 2019**  
January 27 - February 2  
**#CSW19**

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## **PRINCIPAL NEWS + ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I would like to start this note with a Thank You to everyone. I appreciate all that you do for the St. Benedict community. Many of you donate countless hours to making SBS the special place it truly is. As you all know the calendar is full of events and activities which take a tremendous amount of planning and preparation. Thank you to those who have taken a leadership role in the PTA, ASNA/GRACE, the ARTS ASSOCIATION, and the ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. Your organizations breathe life into our school, give opportunities and provide access to a wide range of activities.

As you may know Catholic Schools Week is approaching. This week allows St. Benedict to showcase our students and demonstrate the benefits to Catholic Education. All stakeholders in our community need to work together to promote SBS and I am asking for all of your help. This year we will be offering a financial incentive for any current family who refers a new family who enrolls at St. Benedict School. A one-time \$500 credit will be applied to your Tuition account for each new family who enrolls. To clarify, this incentive is per family, not student. For example, if a new family enrolls three new students that would equal a \$500 credit, but if three new families enroll, this will result in a \$1,500 credit. If there are any questions, please reach out to me directly. As I have said before, our current families are the greatest salespeople for St. Benedict School. We want to give you something back for promoting us and bringing in the next generation of Rebels. This referral incentive will be in effect from now until Friday, March 1 at 3PM.

Our annual Open House will be held on our campus on February 2nd from 10AM until 12PM. We will be looking for volunteers for a number of positions. Please keep this date in mind and help out if you can. Please follow this [link](#) to sign up and spread the word.

We are trying to get a jumpstart on enrollment for next year. A survey was sent to all parents grades Pre-K to 7 yesterday afternoon. Please look on your SBS parent email and complete it as soon as possible. It should not take more than five minutes.

Have a Great Weekend.

Kevin Donahue

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- Don't forget to take the survey for Summer Programs at:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqgljUCR7Xb9KgZbkVxxLTyAdx5g98vK7v4wWUy46W1700jg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1> (also emailed to parents on Friday, 12/14)

- **VIRTUS RE-TRAINING CLASS** - Please read the information from the Diocese regarding re-training. The Safe Environment policy was updated on July 1, 2018. It now states that re-training of our volunteers and employees is required. All individuals must attend a one hour re-training refresher course. Anyone who had previously been trained in the years from 2004-2014, must attend retraining by **June 30, 2019**.
    - 2015 - Re-training by Dec. 31, 2019
    - 2016 - Re-training by Dec. 31, 2020
    - 2017 - Re-training by Dec. 31, 2021
    - 2018 - Re-training by Dec. 31, 2022
- SBS will be offering additional classes here in February and March.**  
We will post those date as soon as they are available. Please go online to [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org) to register for the class. (NOTE: It is only 1 hour.) Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you for all that you do for the students of St. Benedict School!
- **Grade 8 Parents** - Please log in to the School Website under the Parent Tab/Parent Portal to complete the Grade 8 Diploma Form. Please refer to the email that was sent for further details.

## CLASS NEWS

# IMPORTANT YEARBOOK DATES!

### INFO FOR CLASS OF 2019

Students and parents should upload pictures of students throughout their time at SBS!  
See instructions provided on the Yearbook Club page, click [here](#). **All submitted photos should be in by February 1. We are also in need of group photographs from your First Holy Communion!**

**Every student must submit a Baby Photo** (preferably age 3 or under). These can be uploaded following the directions on the Yearbook Club page, click [here](#). Please name the file with your LAST name. (If you cannot upload, baby pics will be accepted turned in to Ms. Oswick.) Baby Photos are due by February 1.

**ALL STUDENTS** should also complete the [biography](#) on Google Classroom.

### SIXTH GRADE

Sixth Grade student Isabella L. is coordinating a collection of items to help homeless pets. Donations needed include dog and cat food, treats, animal toys, collars, leashes, dog beds, cat beds, and new or used towels and blankets. Donation boxes will be located in each school wing. Isabella and her family will give these items to SPCA local animal shelter.

## PARENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUB NEWS

### ARTS ASSOCIATION: TALENT SHOW

Save the Date! The Talent Show is coming on Saturday, February 23 at 7:00 pm. The Talent Show Auditions Form is posted in the weekly packet.

### GRACE (Growing Access to Catholic Education): YANKEE CANDLES

Remember to help support GRACE and participate in their Yankee Candle Fundraiser! Group Number: 990051704  
<https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm> Online until 1/10/19.

**PTA: DANCES** The Ladies & Young Gentlemen Dance and Gentlemen & Young Ladies Dance invitations are posted in the weekly packet.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, 1/7

*Drama Club Rehearsal  
2:15-5:00 pm*

### Tuesday, 1/8

*Mini Drama from 2:15-3:15  
pm in 2B Homeroom - Open  
to students in grades 2 and  
3.*

## SPORTS



### BASKETBALL GAMES REMINDER

Our website Sports calendar is up-to-date with the league calendar, visit:  
<https://school.stbenedicholmdel.org/sports-calendar>

### INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please note: The games will start promptly at 9:00 am and 10:25 am.

### CONGRATULATIONS 6TH GRADE BOYS JV BASKETBALL

The JV 6th Grade boys basketball team went 4 and 1 in the St. Clement tournament to beat Our Lady Star of the Sea School from Staten Island in the Championship Game. MVPS, one for each game. were Jackson M., Mataeo B., Sean H., Nicholas M. and Zachary P. The opposing team coaches pick one each game.



### Grade 8 Graduation Portraits

#### Friday, 1/11

SBS Bowling League  
3:45-5:00 pm in AMF  
Strathmore Lanes,  
Aberdeen. Open to students  
in grades 1-8.

#### No Youth Choir

Youth Group Praise &  
Worship Night 6:30PM

#### NOTE:

All Club flyers are in the  
weekly packet or respective  
Club pages on the website.

## REMINDERS

- **CALENDAR** - is located on the website in the main navigation tab titled "Calendar" or bookmark the page here: <https://school.stbenedicholmdel.org/calendar-1>
- **SCHOOL FACEBOOK** - Facebook page for St. Benedict School is: <https://www.facebook.com/SBSprincipal/>

## WEEKLY PACKET

Please see the link below to access all of the newsletter attachments for the week.  
<https://school.stbenedicholmdel.org/fyi>

