

FAMILY BULLETIN

Calendar

January 29: Boys Basketball
vs. St. Mary Magdalene, 5:00
PM

January 31: SBS Family Mass,
11:00 AM, Church

**January 31: Returning Family
Registration, Noon - 4:00 PM,
Library**

February 2: Student
Appreciation Day, Students
May Dress Down

February 2: Returning Family
Registration, 7:30 AM - 5:30
PM, Library

February 3: Teacher
Appreciation Day & Lunch

February 3: Catholic School's
Week Alumni Liturgy

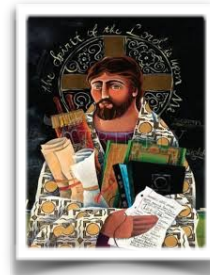
February 5: End of Third
Interim

February 5: Krewe of Rainbow
Parade, 2:00 PM, Cabbage Ball
Courts

February 8-10: Mardi Gras
Break (No Holiday Care)

February 10: Grandparent's
Club Meeting

February 12: Stations of the
Cross, 1:45 PM, Church



Why Catholic Schools?

*Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."
- Matthew 28:18-20*

The first command of Jesus to His Church was and is to baptize... to share God's saving grace with all in the world willing to accept it. The second command is to teach. Why? To live as a child of God requires a particular way of living and viewing the world that must be taught... it is not an automatic the moment we are baptized.

As a Catholic school, we understand that our primary mission is to partner with families to teach children what it means to be a Catholic and how to live that Catholic identity in all of their daily actions. Catholic identity and human formation are at the heart of everything we do in nurturing and educating children... it is not an add on or limited to religion class. In fact, to understand anything that we do, it is instructive to first look to the life Christ.





The Luck of the Irish Spring Gala

Plan to join us for the party of the year at the “Luck of the Irish” Spring Gala on Saturday, April 9, 2016 **in Metairie** at the Landmark Hotel (Copeland Tower). The Gala will begin at **7:30 PM**. Groups purchasing sponsorships at the Gold level or higher will also get exclusive access to the Sunset on the Lake Patron Party upstairs at the Landmark from 6:30 - 7:30 PM, where they will enjoy finger foods, an open bar, early access to silent auction items, a performance by the St. Benilde Choir, and views of the sun going down on Lake Pontchartrain. **You can order your tickets today online at www.stbenilde.com/irish-spring.**

*Please note... only **30** seats remain for the Sunset on the Lake Patron Party! So get you table reserved ASAP!*

Ticket order forms can be found on the school’s main website and through the main office.

Why do we go to Mass every week? Because Christ said, “Let the children come to me” (Mark 10:14). *In and through the Mass, children are introduced to Christ in Word and Sacrament.*

Why do we focus on a personalized approach to teaching and learning? *Because the Church reminds us each day to care for the human dignity of each individual person - not groups of people.*

Why do we serve children with a broad range of abilities and learning styles? *Because Christ made the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and called all to be a better person tomorrow than they are today.*

Why do we work to keep tuition affordable and strive to find ways to fund the education of some families who cannot otherwise afford it? *Because Christ said, “Blessed are the poor” (Luke 6:20), and even today the Church calls us towards a preferential option for the poor.*

At St. Benilde School, we work to provide your children with the foundations they will need to live a life fully human. Before they can take calculus, they need to know that 1+1=2. Before they can become a great painter, they need to know that yellow and blue make green. And to live as a Christian disciple, they need to know that they are called to serve God first in their lives by serving the needs of others before their own.

May Christ our ever-present teacher continue to lead us towards the Father and inspire us to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Thank you for your partnership, love, and support of St. Benilde School. We cannot do this without you. Let us take this week to celebrate the wonderful treasure that is a Catholic Education.

Returning Family Registration

Remember that this coming Sunday and Tuesday (January 31 and February 2) are the Returning Family Registration Days. Registration begins Sunday right after the 11 AM Family Mass. Tuesday runs from 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Both days, registration occurs in the school’s library. All most families will need is a check payable to St. Benilde School in the amount of \$165 (we also take credit card!). If you have a new child(ren) to register this year along with their older siblings, please also bring copies

of their birth certificate, baptismal certificate, and social security card.

Save Your Beads!

It is Mardi Gras time, which means tons of great food, fun, parades, and.... beads! More beads than you know what to do with. So let's do some SBS recycling. Mrs. Betty is asking for green and yellow beads to help with the decorations for this year's *Luck of the Irish Spring Gala*. We only need green and yellow. So when you are cleaning up on Ash Wednesday, please be sure to put those beads in a bag and bring them to Mrs. Betty!

Men's Club Golf Open

All golfers! Please put on your calendar the 23rd annual Men's Club Golf Open to benefit St. Benilde School & the Monsignor J. Carter Richaud Endowment Fund. The tournament is **Sunday, April 17th (New Date!)** at the Riverlands Golf Course in LaPlace with a 12:00 PM shotgun start. The tournament is a 4 man scramble with an entry fee of \$75/player. Entry fee includes greens fee, golf cart, range balls, ditty bag, beer, soft drinks, and food. There are prizes for flight winners, closest to the hole, longest drive, money hole, and plenty of door prizes. Space is limited. Sign up sheets were sent home this week and copies can be printed from the school's website. Hole sponsorships are also available.

AR & AM: How to Check Your Child's Progress

The easiest way to monitor your child's Accelerated Reading and Math progress is through the Renaissance Home Connect website. You can access the site via the St. Benilde School website under the Links section. Choose the "Accelerated Math and Reading at Home" link and enter the user name and password your child uses for Accelerated Reading and Math.

Your child's Accelerated Reading personal points goal completion is assessed at the end of the quarter using the rubric below. You can view your child's current points achieved and percentage of goal met on Renaissance Home Connect. After logging in, you should choose the Reading tab and Reading Practice Quizzes. The "Points" section under "My Overall Progress" contains the goal information. Please contact Mrs. Perez (vperez@stbenilde.com) if you have any questions.

FACTS & Tax Statements

It is everybody's least favorite part of the year: taxes! While we cannot make life tax free, the tuition you pay to St. Benilde School can be used as a tax credit for the State of Louisiana (prekindergarten families can also get federal credits)! FACTS makes it super easy to get a statement of total tuition paid in 2015. Simply log in to your FACTS account. Click on "View Details." After that, click on the tab that says "Payments." Then click on "View Printable Payment Summary." Finally, choose a date range and print your statement. If you have any difficulties, please contact Mrs. Kim Gandolfi - Financial Secretary - at 504-833-9894 or email at kgandolfi@stbenilde.com.