

FAMILY BULLETIN

Calendar

February 15: Men's Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Cafeteria

February 16: Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

February 17: School Mass, 8:15 AM, Church

February 19: Show Your Heart Dollar Dress Down Day

February 19: Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 7:00 PM, Cafeteria

February 21: SBS Family Mass, 11:00 AM, Church

February 24: School Mass, 8:15 AM, Church

February 25 - 27: Godspell Jr., 7:00 PM, Cafeteria

February 26: Stations of the Cross led by Seventh Grade, 1:45 PM, Church

March 1: Sacrament of Confirmation, 7:00 PM, Church

March 2: School Mass, 8:15 AM, Church

March 4: St. Benilde Junior CYO Bunco Night, 7:00 PM, Teen Center - For Sixth and Seventh Grade Students!

March 6: Sacramental Parent Workshop #2, 2:00 PM, Church



February's Virtue: Honesty

This month's theme is honesty, which means to be trustworthy and true. While honesty may seem pretty straightforward, it is much more complex in real life. In a society where we come to almost expect to be lied to - by the media, by corporations, by politicians, and even people close to us - honesty is still more than "telling it like it is." In fact, while we never want to lie, saying "Well, its true!" does not make it okay to say something hurtful. It is even dishonest to spread stories that hurt a person or a groups reputation *even if they are true*, because it makes the person or group look worse than they really are! What a better country we would be if some politicians understood the *truth* of this virtue!

This month, your children will learn about many saints who embody this virtue, including Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Saint Athanasius. Home projects can range from discussing with your



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.

children respectful ways to tell the truth about how you feel when you are unhappy with someone or something to analyzing some of the ads you see on TV or social media and discuss how they manipulate the truth. Finally, you can encourage your children to start a “No White Lies” club with their friends and focus on compassionate ways to tell the true while protecting as much as possible each person’s inherent human dignity.

Have You Registered Yet?

THANK YOU to everyone who registered during Catholic Schools Week! Your spots are now reserved for another fun filled year of learning, laughing, and loving God and neighbors at St. Benilde School. If you have not registered yet, you may do so Monday through Friday during regular school hours. Please remember that if you have not already registered, your child’s spot is no longer guaranteed for next school year.

Wear Red to Show Your Heart!

Our school is supporting Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans on **Friday, February 19th** with Show Your Heart Day! Students who donate \$1 (or more!) to Catholic Charities must wear something red as part of their dress down day clothing. Red is the color of the heart of Catholic Charities and reminds us that we can be the heart of their mission to lovingly serve the most vulnerable and needy through our support! We hope your child will show off their spirit of service and show some heart!

Did you know? Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans provides hope, help and care for over 76,000 poor and vulnerable in our archdiocese each year!

Show Your Heart Day supports Catholic Charities’ areas of greatest need and will help them quickly respond to during times of crisis. Visit www.ccano.org for more!

Save Your Beads!

Mardi Gras is over, so we know you have got a lot of beads around the house. So let’s do some SBS recycling! Mrs. Betty is asking for green and gold beads to help with the decorations for this year’s *Luck of the Irish Spring Gala*. We only need green and gold. So when you are cleaning up, 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. Copies of the sign up sheet can be printed from the school's website. Hole sponsorships are also available.

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.

Bi-Annual Mandated Disclosure

St. Benilde School owns and operates a master meter natural gas distribution system on the school campus. The gas systems consist of underground networks of pipelines. The purpose of the gas systems is to provide a reliable and safe economical source of energy for heating purposes to the buildings adjacent to the underground gas pipelines. The pipeline systems have the capacity to reliably deliver natural gas to the customers.

The hazards of natural gas are it is odorless, colorless, tasteless, lighter than air and can ignite and/or explode with tremendous force when mixed with the right amount of air.

Prevention measures taken include:

- adding odorant to the gas to give it that distinctive smell, similar to rotten eggs, to warn us of its presence,
- testing the odorant level each calendar quarter,
- performing annual gas leakage surveys, and
- conducting periodic pipeline patrols.

The following are signs that may indicate a gas leak:

- A hissing or roaring sound (caused by escaping gas),

- A patch of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green setting along a pipeline route,
- Blowing dirt, grass or leaves near a pipeline,
- Continuous bubbling in wet, flooded areas,
- A “gas smell”.

Anyone who may smell this odor or notice any unusual conditions on or near gas mains, vents, service lines, meter sets, or especially inside of a building should call the St. Benilde School office immediately. If you smell a strong gas odor inside a building, notify everyone in the building to leave. Do not operate any switches or use the phone. Go a safe distance away upwind of the gas smell and call the St. Benilde School office. With any gas leak protect life first then property, then notify St. Benilde School.

State and federal laws require excavators to notify LA One-Call 2 days before digging. If any excavation is planned you must notify LA One-Call which will notify St. Benilde School to locate the gas lines. St. Benilde School maintains membership in the LA One-Call program.

To obtain additional information or report a gas related issue call St. Benilde School. The St. Benilde School phone number is (504) 833-9894. The LA One-Call Center phone number is 811.

The Alumni Corner

Congratulations to Cabrini High School students and SBS alumnae who made the First Semester Honor Roll for the 2015-2016 school year!

Principal's Honor Roll

Abigail Melissa Markey

Alpha Honor Roll

Ashley Elizabeth Nicosia

Gabriella Elaina O'Neil

Beta Honor Roll

Jessica Marie Gagliano

Sydney Marie Newton

Amaya Pelanne Villaronga

Do you have some great news to share about one of our SBS alumni? If so, email the news to Mr. Downey at jdowney@stbenilde.com.