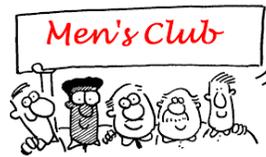


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# FAMILY BULLETIN

## Honor Mrs. Lynne Pilie at the 2017 Luck of the Irish Spring Gala

The Luck of the Irish Spring Gala is our annual celebration of our Catholic Church & School Family.

The greatest part of the gala each year is the community itself. At St. Benilde, we eat, we drink, we sing, we dance, and we enjoy each other's company. From the start of the Sunset on Pontchartrain Patron Party until the last "after party" ends, you will find no shortage of friends (both old and new) looking to have fun and enjoy their night.

Are you a silent auction fan? Our silent auction has plenty of items - both large and small - for you to bid on. Pay attention to early bird bidding opportunities and keep your phone close throughout the night of the gala for notifications if you are the winning bid or if someone has outbid you!

*More about this year's Luck of the Irish Spring Gala on Page 2!*

## SBS to Expand Exceptional Learners Program

St. Benilde School has earned a reputation for innovative learning programs backed by rigorous learning standards and an intentional focus on the needs of each and every individual learner. Each year, we make decisions regarding program enhancements based upon comprehensive data on student learning. In prior years, the data we drive on our learners led us to adopt new curriculum resources in ELA and Math, modify the school schedule to provide more learning time in these areas, start a Bring Your Own Device program to support more digital learning opportunities in the classroom, establish the Literacy Lab, and implement the Exceptional Learners Program. The results - detailed in the last *Family Bulletin* - have been both positive and significant.

As we plan for the 2017-2018 school year, we are proud to announce that we will be expanding our Exceptional Learners Program with the addition of a **Gifted and Talented Program** serving children in the Upper Elementary School. Students will qualify for acceptance into the Gifted and Talented Program through a review of their performance on STAR and ACT Aspire tests, classroom

performance, and additional assessments on student cognition. Students who meet certain benchmarks in all three areas will be invited to be part of the program and receive a specialized curriculum designed to meet their individual needs as gifted learners. The program's curricular focus will be on interdisciplinary projects that require the learner to think more critically and creatively in line with their abilities.

In addition to the Gifted & Talented Program, the school is also pleased to announce that we will be able to expand our Exceptional Learners Program through the addition of a self-contained classroom for children of Lower Elementary School age who have more mild to moderate disabilities. The classroom will be limited to a maximum of six children and will open in August 2017. If you or someone you know has a family member who would benefit from this program, please have them contact our Admissions Director - Mrs. Shanon Beyerback - at 504-833-9894.

Look for more announcements about the 2017-2018 school year in the coming weeks and months. At St. Benilde School, every child is given every opportunity to succeed in a rigorous and engaging curriculum. We look forward to these latest additions to our dynamic academic offerings.

## Spring Gala, Cont...

The centerpiece of this year's gala will be the presentation of the Benilde Medal for Service to Parish and School to Mrs. Lynne Pilie, which will occur during the Sunset on Pontchartrain Patron Party. Since 1991, Mrs. Lynne has been serving as a classroom assistant. She has been a guiding light and support for numerous teachers, trusted by multiple principals, and a friend to all she meets. She ensures that each child she serves is loved, cared for, and never goes without. Few people are as generous as she is. After over twenty-five years of service to St. Benilde School, Mrs. Lynne has announced that it is time for her to enter into retirement. She plans to continue to remain a part of the St. Benilde School family through her grandchildren. We can think of very few people as committed to the education and formation of young children as Mrs. Lynne!

The proceeds from the *Luck of the Irish Spring Gala* go to improving our school facilities and classroom equipment. Thanks in part to the gala, the school has been able to purchase new classroom furnishings for the Seventh Grade homeroom, open a second Prekindergarten 2 classroom, replace building doors that

## Upcoming Calendar

February 18: Cats Rehearsal, 9 AM - Noon, Cafeteria

February 19: SBS Family Mass, 11:00 AM, Church

February 20: Book Club, Grades 4 & 5, 3:15 PM

February 20: Men's Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Cafeteria

February 21: Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

February 22: School Mass, 8:15 AM, Church

February 22: Math Club, Grades 4 - 7

February 23: Cats Rehearsal, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

February 23: Jazzy Jumpers, K-7, 3:30 - 4:15 PM

February 24: Krewe of Rainbow Parade, 2:00 PM, SBS Parade Grounds

February 27-28: Mardi Gras Break, NO HOLIDAY CARE

March 1-3: Mardi Gras Break, HOLIDAY CARE

were in disrepair, and install a new and more secure fence for the field along Division Street.

To get tickets you must purchase a sponsorship, which go for as little as \$150 for two to attend the gala. People who purchase sponsorships at the Gold level or any of the Circle Sponsorships also get complimentary admission to the Sunset on Pontchartrain Patron Party and the formal ceremony giving Mrs. Lynne the Benilde Medal. To purchase your sponsorship, go to <https://501auctions.com/sbsgala/tickets?type=6460>. Thank you for your constant support of St. Benilde School. We look forward to seeing you on April 8 at the Landmark Hotel here in Metairie!

## Athletics Corner

❖ Congratulation to our boys basketball teams for their great effort and hard work during this past season, and especially to our Junior team for qualifying for the playoffs this year.

## Help Wanted

St. Benilde School announces the following positions are currently open. Candidates should complete the appropriate employment application (found at <http://www.stbenilde.com/employment-opportunities>) and email the completed application, resume, and cover letter to [jdowney@stbenilde.com](mailto:jdowney@stbenilde.com).

**Lead Teacher, Exceptional Learners Program:** The lead teacher works in the Exceptional Learners Program under the supervision of the Director of the Exceptional Learners Program. Lead teachers are responsible for classroom leadership, including planning learning experiences, recording data on child progress for planning and reporting purposes, facilitates active communication between home and school, and provides leadership to the classroom Assistant Teacher. The candidate will have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Education with Special Education Certification through the State of Louisiana or an equivalent current endorsement from another state.

**Lead Teacher, Early Childhood Formation (Prek 3):** The lead teacher works in the Prekindergarten 3 program under the supervision of the Director of Early Childhood Formation. Lead teachers are responsible for classroom leadership, including planning learning experiences, recording data on child development for planning and reporting purposes, facilitates active communication between home and school, and providing leadership to the classroom Assistant Teacher. The candidate will have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Education or a related field along with State of Louisiana Teacher Certification for Prekindergarten.

**Assistant Teachers, Early Childhood Formation:** The assistant teacher works in the Early Childhood Formation programs (Nursery - Prek 4) under the supervision of the Director of Early Childhood Formation. Assistant teachers are responsible for providing direct care to the children in the classroom, facilitates learning experiences under the direction of the Lead Teacher, and facilitates communication between home and school. The candidate will have a minimum of three years experience working in an Early Childhood Formation program and demonstrate knowledge of minimum licensing expectations for early childhood learning centers. The preferred candidate will also be working towards their degree or CDA certifications.

**Assistant Teachers, Exceptional Learners Program:** The assistant teacher works in the Exceptional Learners Program under the supervision of the Director of the Exceptional Learners Program. Assistant teachers are responsible for providing direct care to the children in the classroom, facilitates learning experiences under the direction of the Lead Teacher, and facilitates communication between home and school. The preferred candidate will have a minimum of three years experience working in an Special Education program and demonstrate knowledge of minimum expectations for working with Special Needs students.

**After Care Counselors:** The After Care Counselor works in the school's After Care program for children in Grades K-7. After Care Counselors are responsible for providing direct care to the children in their assigned classroom under the supervision of the Director of Faith and Human Formation. The candidate will - at a minimum - be a high school graduate, be able to pass a state and federal criminal background check, and be cleared through the Office of Safe Environment for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

**Summer at Benilde Counselors:** The Summer at Benilde Counselor works in the school's Summer at Benilde program for children in Grades PreK 3-7. Summer at Benilde Counselors are responsible for providing direct care to the children in their assigned classroom under the supervision of the Director of Faith and Human Formation. The candidate will - at a minimum - be a high school graduate, be able to pass a state and federal criminal background check, and be cleared through the Office of Safe Environment for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.