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PATRON PARTY
APRIL 8 @ 6:30 PM

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APRIL 8 @ 7:30

FAMILY BULLETIN

Silent Auction Only

This weekend is the fourth annual *Luck of the Irish Spring Gala* benefiting St. Benilde School. To all those who have purchased sponsorships and plan to attend: *THANK YOU!* We look forward to seeing you at 7:30 for the Gala and at 6:30 PM for those whose sponsorships give them access to the *Sunset on Pontchartrain Patron Party*, where we will officially honor Mrs. Lynne Pilie as the 2017 recipient of the Benilde Medal for Service to Parish and School.



If you cannot make it to the Gala but would like to participate in bidding on the Silent Auction... you are in luck! Go to <https://501auctions.com/sbsgala/tickets?type=6460>. For only \$25, you can purchase online access to the silent auction, which starts at 7:30 PM Saturday night! If you have a winning bid, you can pick your items up from school next week!

Field Day Comes

Field Day is coming on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. We will begin Field Day at 9:00 AM, and teams will compete until 11:00 AM. After that we will have lunch. If you would like to volunteer to help on this day, please contact Coach Carlos at cochoa@stbenilde.com. We ask all volunteers to be at school by 8:00 AM to help set up. Field Day will occur this year on the St. Benilde School grounds.

Also, a BIG thank you to St. Benilde School alumnus Michael Monistere, who came with help from his dad and scouts to power wash and give a fresh coat of paint to our outdoor basketball court!

ACT Aspire Testing Continues

The ACT Aspire tests continue on Monday and Tuesday of this coming week. Students take the tests at assigned times with their homeroom teacher on a computer, as this test is all-digital based. The

results of the test are used to assess student academic progress during the year, help us evaluate curriculum and instruction effectiveness, and guide us in planning professional development for the next school year. The tests are also a great test preparation for students, as the ACT Aspire is modeled off of and designed to help kids prepare for the ACT Test they will take in high school for college acceptance. Finally, students who perform in the 90th percentile or higher in one of the sub-tests and who maintain an A average on their report card receive a scholarship award of between \$250-\$500.

Some helpful hints for preparing:

1. Do NOT stress them out. Standardized tests are measures of academic progress... they are not competitions. Students who are pressured to perform at high levels tend to underperform due to the extra stress and anxieties. You cannot study for a standardized test.
2. DO make sure they take the test seriously. The test is designed so that your child can show us what they know and so that we can plan future instruction accordingly. Students who fail to take the test seriously will likely underperform, which could lead to inadequate instructional planning for the next school year.
3. Sleep, eat, and hydrate... but not too much! Please make sure that your child gets a good amount of sleep each night, has a good breakfast, and drinks a good amount of water when at home. But not too much! Too much food and water may lead to them having to take breaks to use the restroom, which will potentially diminish their performance. If your child sleeps and eats healthy on a day-to-day basis... keep with their regular routines.

Rice Bowl Reminder

The Mission Club reminds everyone to fill your Rice Bowls and turn them in before April 10, 2017. Thank you for your generosity!

Summer At Benilde

Today is the end of the Third Grading Period, which means (among other things) that summer is almost here! And with summer is our annual *Summer at Benilde* programs, including camps, arts, tutoring, and more. Here is a brief listing of our different offerings:

Upcoming Calendar

April 8: Sunset on Pontchartrain Patron Party, 6:30 PM, Copeland Tower

April 8: Luck of the Irish Spring Gala, 7:30 PM!!!!

April 10-11: ACT Aspire Testing Continues

April 10: Missions Club, 3:15 - 3:50 PM

April 10: Girls Cabbageball Playoff Game HOME vs. St. Edward, 5:10 PM

April 11: Student Council, 3:15 - 3:45 PM

April 12: School Liturgy, 8:15 AM, Church

April 12: 6th and 7th Grade Book Club, 3:15 - 4:00 PM

April 12: Boys Cabbageball HOME vs. St. Edward & St. Rita, 4:00 PM

April 12: Grandparent's Club Meeting, 7:00 PM, Cafeteria

April 13-17: Easter Break, No Holiday Care Offered

- * **Base Camp:** We will continue offering our long-running summer camp program for children from 2 to 13 years. Each week we offer field trips (off campus and on campus), time at the pool, wet days, arts, crafts, and special events. Camp times run from 9 AM - 3 PM with extended day options running from 7 AM - 6 PM Monday-Friday. Your child will be engaged the entire day. A free hot lunch is provided each day by the cafeteria as part of the program.
- * **Specialty Camps:** Students can “add on” to their summer experience with one of our two specialty camps offered this year: one will be in science and the other will be in art. Students keep their weekly field trips, pool time, and special events that they get during Base Camp. Then they can spend the remainder of their time with specialized activities in science and art.
- * **Personalized Tutoring:** Our personalized tutoring programs led by St. Benilde School faculty using your child’s learning data continues over the summer. These can be used to fill in gaps, enrich their knowledge, and fulfill summer school requirements. This is not generalized tutoring... this is tutoring focused on what your child actually needs!
- * **Summer at Loreto:** Care does not end June 1 at St. Benilde School. Our infants and toddler programs continue throughout the summer months, giving parents a safe and nurturing place for their children to grow, learn, and love all summer long. Parents with infants and toddlers should look for forms coming home in the next few weeks asking them if they plan to have their child with us in June and July.
- * **Bible on the Bayou:** During the July 4 week, St. Benilde Church takes over our summer programs to offer “Bible on the Bayou,” which is the fun and spiritual Bible Camp we have offered for many years. Families can sign up through the Church Office.

Registration begins this Monday, March 20, 2017 for *Summer at Benilde*. Registration forms will be emailed and sent home to parents. Turn them in fast to reserve your child’s spot for a summer of fun and learning in the sun!

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.

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.