

Upcoming Events

THE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR IS AT STBENILDE.COM



DATA NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 7



LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 4



MASS & INDUCTION CEREMONEY
SEPTEMBER 6

FAMILY BULLETIN

SBS Helps Harvey Victims

APOSTOLIC FORMATION

To the Parishioners and Friends of St. Benilde Parish:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I extend my prayerful sympathies and thoughts to everyone affected by the devastating floods and destructive winds of Hurricane Harvey in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana. I pray for those affected by this natural disaster, including those who have lost their homes and livelihoods; those who do not have electricity, food or clean water and, most importantly, for those who are injured, for those who had to be rescued from their homes and for those who have lost loved ones. Let us prayerfully remember those who have died.



My hearts and prayers go out to the over 150 Catholic parishes, schools, dioceses, and ministries that have been directly impacted by flooding, wind damage, and power outages wrought by Hurricane Harvey. As just one example, St. Ignatius Parish in Spring, TX is completely flooded. Fr. Norbert shared this video on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ignatiusloyolacc/videos/1425309677579546>) which demonstrates the magnitude of damage that Catholic communities are facing in Southeast Texas.

As a people who received so generously from others in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, we know firsthand what it means to feel the love and support of our neighbors. As one family, I appeal to you for your support and contributions towards helping the victims of the recent Hurricane. I ask that you give and that you give generously Give without counting cost; give in the manner in which the Lord Jesus has so abundantly given to each of us.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans has reached out to the local bishops to see how we can lend a hand. They have reported that monetary donations would be most helpful. Please join us in making a donation today by using our Online Donation Form (www.stbenilde.org/harvey-relief).

This is an opportunity for us to be the hearts and hands of Jesus to so many who are suffering and in dire need. I thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

Please continue to pray for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey and also for those who are assisting in the recovery effort. May God continue to protect all from any harm and danger, and comfort all those who are afflicted! Our Lady of Prompt Succor ... Hasten to Help Us!

~ Fr. Robert T. Cooper

Second Harvest Food Drive for Harvey Relief

APOSTOLIC FORMATION

St. Benilde School and the Archdiocese of New Orleans are working with Second Harvest Food Bank to send nonperishable food items and school supplies. We are asking our school families for the following new, unused items:

Loreto Center, Rainbow Building, and Lower Elementary Families (Grades K-3): Nonperishable food items, such as canned goods that do not require a can opener, water; cleaning supplies such as bleach, gloves, mops, and garbage bags; and toiletries like toilet paper, soap, shampoo, diapers, etc.

Upper Elementary (Grades 4-7): School supplies such as notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, glue, and books.

Please donate whatever you can. We will be taking donations through next **Thursday September 7**.

Monetary donations can be made online through the St. Benilde Parish website: stbenilde.org/harvey-relief

Safe Environment Training

HUMAN FORMATION

There will be a Safe Environment Training on Sunday, September 17 at 6:30 PM in the St. Benilde School Cafeteria. This training is one of the three required steps for all adults who wish to work with children at St. Benilde Parish & School, whether as volunteers or for pay. The other two steps are to pass a criminal background check and register with the Archdiocese of New

Calendar

September 4: Labor Day - Campus Closed

September 5: Choir Practice, 3-4 PM, Church

September 6: School Mass & Student Council Induction Meeting, 8:15 AM, Church

September 6: Girls Volleyball vs. St. Angela, 4:00 PM, St. Angela

September 7: 5th Grade Blessing of the Bibles, 9:00 AM, Church

September 7: Data Night, 7:00 PM, Church

September 8: 1:00 PM Early Release, Prek 2 - Grade 7

September 9: Mt. Carmel Invitational, Cross Country, 7:00 AM, City Park

September 11: Student Council Meeting, 3:15 - 3:45 PM

September 11: Girls Volleyball vs. St. Matthew, 4:00 PM, Little Farms

September 11: Boys Flag Football vs. St. Clement, 4:00 PM. SBS Field

Orleans. Attendance at the training will allow you to complete all three steps.

Congratulations Bryce Clark

HUMAN FORMATION

Congratulations to St. Benilde School 6th Grader Bryce Clark, who was one of twelve boys chosen out of about 100 to play to baseball for USSSA Team Louisiana. Bryce and his teammates will represent South Louisiana in a Baseball Tournament next weekend in Lafayette, LA. They will play teams from Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas.

Do you have news about an SBS student or alumni that you want to share with our community? If so, email it to jdowney@stbenilde.com.

Little Flowers Girls Club

HUMAN FORMATION

We are excited to announce the Little Flowers club starting at St. Benilde this year! Little Flowers meets once a month for an hour. It is open to girls 5 and up. We will learn about saints, virtues and make crafts. For more information or to register, contact Casey Sprehe (504-583-4465) or caseysprehe@gmail.com.

To learn more about Little Flowers, go to <https://www.beholdpublications.com/home/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/LittleFlowerInfo.pdf>

School Mass & Student Council Inductions

SPIRITUAL & HUMAN FORMATION

Please plan to join us for Mass on Wednesday September 6 starting at 8:15 AM for our weekly school liturgy. At the end of Mass, we will induct the student council members for the 2017-2018 school year. The names of the student council membership is as follows:

Homeroom Reps:

4th Grade: Carly Wischan & Brayde Kreger

5th Grade: Aidan Draw & Cristian Apostolakis

6th Grade: Morgan Gaudet & Remy Marshall

7th Grade: Brianna Copping & Xavier Powell

Executive Board:

President: Noah Flynn

Vice President: C.J. Dennis

Secretary: Haley Guidry

Treasurer: Morgan Grice

Congratulations Teachers

ACADEMIC FORMATION

As part of the school strategic plan adopted by the School Advisory Board in Spring 2014, SBS was called to establish a comprehensive teacher evaluation program and performance bonus for high performing teachers. The actual policy was developed by a committee of School Advisory Board members and teachers during the 2015-2016 school year. During last school year, the program was implemented for the first time. Teachers were evaluated in five areas: Community Participation, Career Development, Spiritual Development, Administrator Reviews, and Parent & Peer Surveys. The data driven from these reviews will be used to inform individual and school improvement plans during this year. Finally, the school wants to graduate the following teachers who will earned their performance bonus:

Mrs. Dulce Aguda (First Grade Homeroom)

Mrs. Susan Connick (Literacy Specialist)

Ms. Adriann Downey (Art & Enrichment Specialist)

Mrs. Julie Gaudet (Fourth Grade Homeroom)

Mrs. Elisa Huber (Information Literacy Specialist)

Mrs. Karen Virga (Seventh Grade Homeroom)

Data Night Moved

ACADEMIC FORMATION

Due to Hurricane Harvey, SBS has moved Data Night to **September 7** from 7-9 PM in the school cafeteria for annual School Data Night. St. Benilde School is proud of our reputation of providing a personalized learning experience for all children that driven by data about each child's progress in relation to the highest academic standards. To measure student learning, we use two main standardized assessments: STAR and the ACT Aspire.

There are two parts to Data Night. In the first part, Mr. Downey provides families with an overview of the purpose, types, strengths, and drawbacks of standardized testing. He then walks parents through how to read and understand the testing results of their children

In the second part of the meeting, Mr. Downey reviews the overall school data results from the 2016-2017 school year. These results are compared to results from prior years in order to give families a clear look at school progress. Ample time is also provided for parents to ask questions.

Parents of children in Grades 4-7 will be able to receive their child's ACT Aspire tests from the 2016-2017 school year at the meeting. Parents who are unable to attend will have their child's results sent home through their child's homeroom.