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PRINCIPAL NEWS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parents,

Let us all be thankful for our many blessings as we approach the holiday season. Hopefully over this long weekend you get a chance to enjoy time with family and friends, share a meal, and reflect. I am truly thankful for the St. Benedict School Community, especially the students filling our halls everyday. Their energy, excitement, and passion for learning has inspired me in my role as Principal.

This week our new Tower Garden arrived and was assembled in our Science Lab. This innovative piece of equipment will allow students to learn about the growth cycles of plants and sustainable farming. Planting should take place next week. I look forward to watching our garden to come to life. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Marisa Campasano for bringing this to my attention and helping getting the Tower Garden set up.



Please take note "Giving Tuesday" will be held at St. Benedict School on November 27th. This Diocesan initiative is meant to foster a connection with the community. All proceeds from this annual event goes directly back to Catholic Schools. Your generosity does not go unnoticed. Thank you for your continued commitment to Catholic Education. Stay warm over this long weekend.

Happy Thanksgiving.
Kevin Donahue

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS FOR 8TH GRADERS - EXTENDED DEADLINE 11/24**
Visit jostensadservice.com to create your recognition ad or checkout the [yearbook page](#) on the website for more information. [Flyer](#) is also in the weekly packet.
- **PAPERLESS REPORT CARDS**
Parent Access to Genesis will close on November 30, 2018.
Parents of children in grades 3 - 8 will be able to access their child's report card in Genesis when it becomes available on December 7, 2018. Prior to November 30, 2018, please make sure that you are able to log in to Genesis.
<https://parents.dioceseoftrenton.org>
Please remember that your login name is your SBS Parent email address. If you have forgotten your password, please click on the "Forgot Password" Link. Wait for the new password to be sent to your SBS parent email address. Copy and paste the new password to avoid any error. Be mindful that after three unsuccessful attempts to log in you will automatically be locked out.
- **DRESS DOWN DAY - FRIDAY, 11/30**
With the help of seventh grade student Daniel Carnevale and his family, we're having a pajama party! It will be on Friday, November 30 (the day before Daniel's birthday), and it will be a fun and easy way to support the kids at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.
For a donation of \$2.00, students can spend the day in their most comfortable jammies, surrounded by their favorite pals, all while supporting kids who rely on CHOP for care, cures and hope.
- **SANTA SHOP** schedule is posted in the weekly packet, or [click here](#).
- **SCRIP RETAILER GIFT CARDS**
Limited time offer! SCRIP gift cards in low denominations are available until December 14 at select retailers, [click here](#) for list. Cards are sold in the Parish office and help reduce school tuition.
- **UNIFORM UPDATE FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 1-8**
A belt should be worn with the winter uniform pant option.

CLASS NEWS

GIVING TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 27, 2018

On November 27th 2018, Catholic schools across the Diocese of Trenton are participating in Giving Tuesday, the global day of charitable giving that follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Giving Tuesday is a day of giving that fosters community connection and generosity that allows you to bring about real change in your community. 100% of the monies raised through this campaign will go directly to the Catholic school that you specify in your donation. Help support our Catholic Schools this Giving Tuesday by sharing your resources; a donation to St. Benedict School, volunteering your time to our school, or sharing a prayer in support of Catholic education! Visit www.CatholicSchoolsHaveItAll.org to learn more and show your support!

The graphic features a red background with a yellow banner at the top that reads "With YOUR help...". Below this, the text "Catholic Schools HAVE it ALL!" is displayed in large, bold, white letters. Underneath the text is a row of five small images showing students in various school settings: a group of students in a circle, students at a desk, students in a classroom, students playing sports, and a student reading. Below the images is the text "FAITH • ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE • ATHLETICS • SERVICE • COMMUNITY". At the bottom, there is a yellow banner with the text "Giving Tuesday NOVEMBER 27, 2018" and the website "www.CatholicSchoolsHaveItAll.org" with the phone number "(609) 403-7127". On the left side of the bottom banner are social media icons for Facebook (@TheCatholicDioceseOfTrenton) and Twitter (@TrentonDiocese). On the right side is the Diocese of Trenton logo.

PARENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUB NEWS

GRACE (Growing Access to Catholic Education)

Remember to help support GRACE and participate in their Yankee Candle Fundraiser! Group Number: 990051704

<https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm> Online until 1/10/19.

PTA

PAINT AND SIP - Thursday, 12/6 at 7:00 pm in the SBS Gym.

Grab a friend, bring a bottle of wine, and let's create a masterpiece! Kathy from Kat's Kreations makes all of the 16x16 pallets out of pine wood. Thirty percent of each pallet bought will be donated to the SBS PTA.

Cost is \$40 per person includes admission, your 16x16 pallet sign, and all art supplies. You can choose your paint colors the night of the event.

Please register by today, 11/21! See weekly packet for RSVP or tickets can be purchased online at:

<https://stbenedicholmdel.churchgiving.com/paintandsip>

SPORTS



BASKETBALL REMINDER

The Boys and Girls Basketball Season Schedule is now combined, please visit link below. <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=nmbbl>

NOTE:

All Club flyers are in the weekly packet or respective Club pages on the website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 11/26

Drama Club Rehearsal
2:15-4:00 pm

Tuesday, 11/27

FMI Music Instruction -
2:05-4:00 pm in FAL
Mini Drama from 2:15-3:15
pm in 2B Homeroom

Wednesday, 11/28

Gr 5-8 Birthday Dress Down
PTA Santa Shop
School Choir 2:15-3:15 pm

Thursday, 11/29

Gr. 2 First Reconciliation
1:00-2:00 pm
PTA Santa Shop

Friday, 11/30

CHOP Pajama Dress Down Day
First Trimester Ends
PTA Santa Shop
SBS Bowling League from
3:45-5:00 pm at AMF
Strathmore Lanes
Youth Choir 4:00-5:00 pm

REMINDERS

- **CALENDAR** - is located on the website in the main navigation tab titled "Calendar" or bookmark the page here: <https://school.stbenedicholmdel.org/calendar-1>
- **SCHOOL FACEBOOK** - Facebook page for St. Benedict School is: <https://www.facebook.com/SBSprincipal/>

WEEKLY PACKET

Please see the link below to access all of the newsletter attachments for the week.

<https://school.stbenedicholmdel.org/fyi>

