

FAMILY BULLETIN

Calendar

December 5: SBS Choir Performance, 6:00 PM, Lafriener Park

December 7-11: Advent Book Fair

December 7: Girls Basketball vs. St. Francis, 4:00 PM, St. Christopher Gym

December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:15 AM, Church

December 9: Grandparent's Club Meeting, Cafeteria

December 9: Advent Penance Service, Grades 3 & 4, 1:00 PM, Church

December 9: Girls Basketball vs. St. Clement, 4:00 PM, OLPH - Kenner

December 10: Christmas Boutique, TEEN Center

December 10: Advent Penance Service, Grades 5-7, 1:00 PM, Church

December 10: Soccer at HOME vs. St. Matthew, Cleary Playground

December 11: Christmas Boutique & Kindergarten Christmas Pageant, 8:30 AM, Cafeteria



Thank You SBS!

This past Tuesday, December 1, St. Benilde School participated in the #iGiveCatholic Day of Giving. We had modest expectations going in. Little did we know the way that you all would respond. 197 gifts later, SBS received MORE INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS than not only every single Archdiocesan School, but every single Archdiocesan parish and non-profit organization! More than that, in a single 24 hour period, we MORE THAN MATCHED the Whitman Family Foundation's Challenge, which turned our \$21,285 in donations to \$41,285. And since we had the most individual gifts, we will be receiving next week on Tuesday December 8 the \$5,000 prize for being the school with the most donations! AND just yesterday, the school received an additional \$5,000 gift from a parish benefactor! So including that gift, the Archdiocesan prize, the Whitman Family Foundation Challenge Gift, and the \$21,285 YOU gave Tuesday, St. Benilde School has received a total of \$51,285 to benefit our teachers and students! Thank you! Words simply cannot express our gratitude. #SBSRocks! The promised student fun day will be announced soon!





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. Order forms will be coming home after Thanksgiving, or you can order online now at



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The First Twenty Donors

Another part of the #iGiveCatholic Day of Giving was that the first twenty donors for St. Benilde would receive a car magnet personally given to them by our beloved Ms. Betty. You can look for pictures of the delivery on Facebook between now and Christmas Break. In the meantime, here are the names:

Vy Apostolakis
 Rachel & Kevin Calico
 David & Susan Connick
 Brian Drawe
 Susan Gordon
 Diana Impastato
 Robert & Mary Kelly
 Jennifer Kolb
 Kristy Lacoste
 Lynne Pilie
 Lisa Restel
 Harold & Gail Rodrigue
 Sandra Rowan
 Julianne Serrano
 Pierre Thibodeaux
 Leslie & Jay Tierney
 Lien Tran
 Roxanne Valenti
 Karen Virga
 Nicole Wenck

Bless the Baby Jesus

The Bless the Baby Jesus devotion will be held with Fr. Cooper on **Sunday, December 20th as part of the 11:00 a.m. Mass** for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This is an excellent opportunity for families to grow in faith as the “domestic church.” ***All Children are invited to bring a figurine of the baby Jesus, particularly from their family Nativity Crèche to be blessed by Fr. Cooper during Mass.*** Fr. Cooper will invite the children to sit at the foot of the step of the sanctuary for the homily and then to come forward to have their figurines blessed. Please come and enjoy this beautiful Advent Mass and devotion. Donuts and milk will be served after Mass.

Important Notice Regarding Middle School ELA

Mrs. Mary Ryan is currently on leave from the school. She intends to return and she appreciates the prayers of the community, and we look forward to her return. In the interim, the school is taking the following steps to ensure that students are provided adequate opportunities to continue in their studies:

1. Mrs. Adriann Downey will be teaching the middle school ELA students for the final two weeks before Christmas Break. Mrs. Downey will start new novel studies with the classes on Monday. Mrs. Downey was the ELA teacher for the 2014-2015 school year, and has knowledge of the ELA curriculum. Mrs. Downey will continue teaching 5th Grade Social Studies, as she has all year.
2. Art students will have substitute teachers from the existing faculty and staff from now until Christmas Break. The Enrichment groups in middle school will not meet between now and Christmas Break.
3. Mr. Downey will be teaching 5th Grade Religion between now and Christmas Break. Mr. Downey is a former high school theology and English teacher and has a Master of Religious Education.
4. The school is currently in the process of hiring a long term substitute teacher to take over January 4. We hope to have that teacher announced prior to Christmas Break.
5. All Middle School English Language Arts Exams for the First Semester are cancelled. We will have exams in the Second Semester as regularly scheduled.
6. Mrs. Perez and Mr. Downey will be reviewing current ELA grades for middle school students to ensure that they are an adequate reflection of student learning. Grade modifications will be made should the school deem that necessary.

If parents have any questions regarding any of the above information, we ask that you please call the school at 504-833-9894 and talk directly with Mr. Downey. He will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

Coke Rewards Day Upcoming!

Is everyone up for a friendly competition? Let's start getting those box tops in to your homeroom, where they will be collected in ziplock bags. After each 9 weeks, the bags will be collected and counted. The class with the most box tops will win a treat that is TBD. And it doesn't stop there. The Coke caps have to be entered into the Coke Rewards System at mycokerewards.com. We are still looking for volunteers to enter codes and completes the entries. If parents have teenagers in high school in need of service hours, we can make arrangements for them to help us enter codes for service hours. Not to exceed 1 hr per week, up to 4 hrs per month. If you want to help, please contact the Home & School Association!