

Upcoming
Events

BENILDE BASH
MAY 15

**GRADUATION
LITURGY**
MAY 15

**CLOSE OF SCHOOL
LITURGY & AWARDS**
MAY 21

FAMILY BULLETIN



And Down the Stretch We Come!

Another Kentucky Derby, Jazz Fest, and overhyped boxing match have come and gone, all of which signal that it is time for the final stretch of the 2014-2015 school year! We at SBS want to thank all of our families and benefactors for their support during this successful year. We cannot have the growth we are having - in academics, in enrollment, and in extracurricular programs - without you!

In this bulletin you will find a summary of the final events of the year and the preliminary calendar for next year (thanks to all the families who completed a completely unscientific Facebook survey!). Please note that May 21 is the last day of school. Please come join us for our Close of School Liturgy and Awards at 8:30 AM. At the end, we will give our final farewells to our seventh grade graduates and then all other classes will be "graduated" to the next year. After the mass and awards ceremony, students will be dismissed to their classrooms to pack up and head home for the summer. All students in the school and Loreto Center must be picked up by 10:30 AM.

Summer at Benilde, Cogmed, and Tutoring

SBS keeps the fun and learning going all summer long! Registration is ongoing for our popular summer programs! If you have not already signed your child up for a fun summer of arts, crafts, enrichment, field trips, and more, do so now! You can also sign up for one of our week long specialty camps in dance, cheer, art, science, and more. New this year we also are offering **Cogmed** for those students looking to improve their short term memory skills. We also offer **tutoring** using our distinctive personalized approach to learning. Look for more details and sign-up sheets in your child's take home papers, or call the school for more information!

The Benilde Bash, Part 4

Our final Benilde Bash for the year is Friday May 15, and we want it to be spectacular! We will be having a Benilde Bash Dress Down Day on May 8, 2015. For this dress down day opportunity, your child may send in a cash donation or gift cards. Any amount of cash and any value of gift card will be

accepted. Please send your donation in an envelope labeled, "Benilde Bash Donation"! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Susan Connick at sconnick@arch-no.org.

Tumble Book Library

We would like to encourage your child to get a library card from your local parish library. We have discovered "**Tumble Books**," a *free, online portal* to e-books that can be accessed with a Jefferson or Orleans Parish library card. Through the Tumble Books portal, your child can search for and access Accelerated Reading books within his or her ZPD! We will begin to show students how to use this great resource in their devices. *Please make sure your child has a library card!*

The 2015-2016 Preliminary Calendar

Please note that the calendar below is tentative. While we make every effort to avoid making changes, the reality is that some dates - such as school mass and field day - may change. The official calendar will be released in August and is found on the school's website.

- June 1: First Day of Summer Camp
- August 7: Last Day of Summer Camp
- August 10-13: Faculty Meetings
- August 13: New Family Orientation
- August 13: Safe Environment Workshop, 6:00 PM
- August 14: Family Move In Day, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- August 14: Principal's Town Hall Meetings, Noon & 4:00 PM
- August 17: First Day of School
- August 18: Back to School Night, Rainbow Building
- August 19: Open of School Liturgy
- August 19: Back to School Night, Main Building
- August 23: SBS Family Mass
- August 28: Home & School City Park Night
- September 1: High School Night @ SBS for Grades 6 & 7
- September 7: No School - Labor Day
- September 18: End of First Interim
- September 20: SBS Family Mass
- September 25: No Classes, Prek 3 – Grade 7
- September 25: Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Upcoming Calendar

5/8: Dollar Dress Down Day to Benefit Benilde Bash

5/11-13: Seventh Grade Exams

May 13: School Mass, 8:20 AM, Church

5/15: Fourth Quarter Benilde Bash

5/15: Graduation Liturgy

5/18-20: Grades 5 & 6 Exams

5/20: End of Fourth Grading Period

5/21: Closing of School Liturgy and Awards, 8:30 AM, Church

Dismissal is immediately after Mass at approximately 10:00 AM.

5/22: Campus Closed, Faculty Meetings

5/26-29: Campus Closed, Summer Cleaning

6/1: Summer at Benilde

October 14-16: Middle School Exams
October 16: End of First Grading Period
October 16: First Quarter Benilde Bash
October 18: SBS Family Mass
October 30: Grandparent's Club Trunk or Treat
November 6: Grandparent's Day
November 6-8: SBS Foodie Fest
November 9: No School - Foodie Fest Clean Up (Holiday Care)
November 11: Veteran's Day Mass
November 15: SBS Family Mass
November 20: End of Second interim
November 23 - 27: Thanksgiving Break
November 23-25: Holiday Care
December 15: Early Registration Day
December 16-18: Middle School Exams
December 18: End of Second Grading Period & Christmas Parties
December 18: Second Quarter Benilde Bash
December 20: SBS Family Mass & Bless the Baby Jesus
December 21 - January 1: Christmas Break (Holiday Care)
January 4: School Resumes
January 18: No School, MLK Day (Holiday Care)
January 24: SBS Family Mass & Registration Day
January 25-29: Catholic Schools Week
January 26: Registration Day
January 27: Catholic Schools Week Liturgy
February 5: End of Third Interim
February 8-10: Mardi Gras Break
February 21: SBS Family Mass
March 9-11: End of Third Grading Period
March 11: End of Third Grading Period & Third Quarter Benilde Bash
March 20: SBS Family Mass & Picnic
March 25-April 4: Easter Break (Holiday Care)
April 15: End of Fourth Interim
April 16: Spring Gala
April 24: SBS Family Mass
April 29: SBS Spirit & Field Day

- May 15: SBS Family Mass
May 16-18: Seventh Grade Exams
May 18-20: Middle School Exams
May 19: 7th Grade Student/Parent/Teacher Conference
May 20: End of Fourth Grading Period/Fourth Quarter Benilde Bash
May 20: Graduation Liturgy
May 23: No Class, Prek 3 – Grade 6
May 23: Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences, Prek – Grade 6
May 26: Closing of School Liturgy & Awards
May 27: Closing of School Faculty Meetings
June 6: Start of Summer at Benilde

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center News

The Retreat Center for the Archdiocese of New Orleans located at 5500 St. Mary Street in Metairie announces the following retreats:

Seeking the God of Mercy

Rev. Simeon Gallagher

May 15-17, 2015

May 22-24, 2015

The Gift of St. Francis

Rev. Keith Hosey

May 29-31, 2015

Young Women's Retreat

Yvonne Hymel

May 30-31, 2015

For more information or to sign up for a retreat, please contact the retreat center at 504-267-9604 or online at retreats.arch-no.org.