

FAMILY BULLETIN

Calendar

April 4: School Resumes

April 4: Boys Cabbage Ball
HOME vs. St. Christopher, 4:00
PM.

April 5 - 8: Girls Cabbage Ball
EJCSAL Tournament, St.
Benilde School Cabbage Ball
Courts

April 5: Boys Cabbage Ball vs.
St. Ann @ St. Ann, 4:00 PM

April 6: School Mass Led by
4th Grade, 8:15 AM, Church

April 7: Boys Cabbage Ball vs.
OLDP & St. Ann @ OLDP, 4:00
PM

**April 9: Sunset on
Pontchartrain Patron Party,
6:30 PM, Copeland Tower**

**April 9: Luck of the Irish
Spring Gala, 7:30 PM,
Landmark Hotel**

April 11 - 19: ACT Aspire
Testing, Grades 3-6

April 11: Boys Cabbage Ball
HOME vs. St. Edward, 4:00 PM

April 12: Rite of Illumination,
6:30 PM, Church

April 13: Grandparent's Club
Meeting



It's Gala Time

The third annual "Luck of the Irish Spring Gala" will take place on **Saturday April 9** from 7:30 - 10:30 at the Landmark Hotel in Metairie! At the Gala, you will enjoy an open bar (including house and call brands of liquor), finger foods, buffet dinner, dancing to the tunes of DJ Ice, and the silent auction. We also will award the annual Benilde Medals for Alumni Achievement and Service to Parish and School. It is the party of the year for St. Benilde School! Keep reading for more information!

The Benilde Medal for Service Recipient: Mrs. Miriam Whitman

When Mrs. Miriam Whitman was ten years old and a student at St. Catherine School, the nuns found out that she could play piano pretty well. Since they needed someone to play the organ at school masses, they sat her down and showed her how the pedals work. Since then, Mrs. Miriam has been playing the organ -



Men's Club Golf Open

All golfers! Please put on your calendar the 23rd annual Men's Club Golf Open to benefit St. Benilde School & the Monsignor J. Carter Richaud Endowment Fund. The tournament is **Sunday, April 17th (New Date!)** at the Riverlands Golf Course in LaPlace with a 12:00 PM shotgun start. The tournament is a 4 man scramble with an entry fee of \$75/player. Entry fee includes greens fee, golf cart, range balls, ditty bag, beer, soft drinks, and food. There are prizes for flight winners, closest to the hole, longest drive, money hole, and plenty of door prizes. Space is limited. Copies of the sign up sheet can be printed from the school's website. Hole sponsorships are also available.

without pay - virtually her entire life. In fact, the only time she did not play the organ at Church was a ten year period during which she had her nine children (you read that right... ten years; nine kids!).

Today, Mrs. Miriam continues offering her services playing the organ at weekend masses and the school's weekly mass. She shows up without fail each week, and offers her help to the school's choir and choir director with her trademark humility. We cannot think of anyone better to honor for her constant giving of time, talent, and treasure to our parish and school community.

That is we are proud to announce that Mrs. Miriam Whitman is this year's recipient of the *Benilde Medal for Service to Parish and School*. We look forward to formally recognizing her and giving her the medal during this year's *Luck of the Irish Spring Gala* on April 9 starting at 7:30 PM at the Landmark Hotel in Metairie.

Get Your Tickets While You Still Can!

The *Luck of the Irish Spring Gala* is on **April 9, 2016** at the **Landmark Hotel** in Metairie! The gala begins at 7:30 PM and ends at 10:30 PM. This is the premier event for the St. Benilde Parish and School community. Great food, an open bar (including cocktails and liquor), the silent auction, music, dancing, and fellowship await you.

You can get your tickets by purchasing a sponsorship. Each sponsorship comes with different numbers of tickets and perks. For instance, the Richaud and Loreto Circles receive not only a table of ten, they get premiere advertising packages, special recognition at the gala, and access to the *Sunset on Pontchartrain Patron Party*. These are perfect to advertise your business. On the other end, Bronze Sponsorships do not get tickets to the Gala, but they do give you recognition in the program and allow you to make bids online and through your phone with the silent auction. Looking for two tickets for you and your spouse to attend the Gala? Then the **Green Sponsorship** at \$150 is for you.

But you gotta purchase your tickets soon. The absolute last day to purchase tickets is **Tuesday April 5**. There are three ways to

purchase your tickets:

Option One: Bring a check to school and fill out the sponsorship form at the front office.

Option Two: Go to www.stbenilde.com/irish-spring and fill out the online form and purchase your tickets with a debit or credit card.

Option Three: Go to 501auctions.com/sbsgala and purchase your tickets with a debit or credit card. This also registers your device/phone for the silent auction and gives you an opportunity to do early bidding (starting April 4, 2016).

The Silent Auction

St. Benilde School is partnering with 501 Auctions to take the silent auction to another level. All silent auction items are now able to be viewed online through our gala website (501auctions.com/sbsgala)! The auction itself will open April 4, so if you see something you just gotta have, you can place your bid early. You can then direct the system to automatically make new bids up to a specific amount if someone outbids you, or the system can alert you with a text message when you are outbid. This way, you can spend more time dancing and less time checking and rechecking your bids. We will even have leaderboards displayed in the gala hall so you can check out who is winning for each auction item. Finally, the system will automatically charge your credit or debit card at the end of the night, so you don't need to wait in a long checkout line!

But what if you want to bid on silent auction items but cannot attend the gala? We got dat! Register with 501auctions.com/sbsgala and purchase a Bronze Sponsorship. Not only will you get recognition in the gala program and next year's *St. Benilde Family* magazine and school annual report, you will be able to fully participate in the Silent Auction, bidding to your heart's content from Monday April 4 all the way to the end of the gala on April 9 at 10:30 PM.

Here is just a sampling of some of the items that await you through the silent auction! A comprehensive list can be found at 501auctions.com/sbsgala, including pictures. New items are being added daily!

Auction Items

The Prime Pick Up Spot

Guaranteed First Spot at Parent Pick Up Until the 2017 *Luck of the Irish Spring Gala*

The Steamboat Natchez Swamp and Bayou Tour with Lunch

Tutoring and/or Foreign Language Instruction (French, Spanish, German, Latin, & Chinese) via St. Benilde Online

Raising Cane's Gift Basket

Three Month Membership to Elmwood Fitness Center

\$80 Gift Certificate for Two to Enjoy Sunday Brunch at the Columns Hotel on St. Charles Avenue

A Royal Carwash

Have the Seventh Grade Class wash your car while you enjoy VIP treatment on your throne, complete with champagne toast!

Hand Painted Bench from Prek 3

One Night Stay at The Roosevelt - New Orleans

Golf Foursome with Cart to Chateau Golf & Country Club

Ralph Brennan Restaurant Gift Card for \$100

"Punch the Principal"

One Month Membership to the UFC Gym Elmwood culminating in a sparring session with Mr. Downey where you can punch, kick, knee, and elbow him to your heart's delight

Father/Son Lip Sync Battle

Please Join us for the Father/ Son Lip Sync Battle that will be scheduled for Friday April 22nd 7pm- 10pm. This will be a very fun event for everyone. The cost is 10.00 per family. This includes food, snacks, drinks and plenty of laughs. This event is a fun competition for the father/son team to battle against others. All families will need to choose a song, practice and bring any props with you to the event. Music will be provided by Jeff Scott Aka DJ Ice. If you have questions, please contact stbenildehomeandschool@gmail.com or text 504-261-1529

Home & School Meeting Rescheduled

Due to a series of conflicts, the Home & School Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday April 19th starting at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria.