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ACT ASPIRE TESTING
APRIL 3-7



GALA
APRIL 8 @ 7:30

FAMILY BULLETIN

It's Gala Time!

This weekend is the last week to get your gala tickets! After Monday, they are gone! To get tickets you must purchase a sponsorship, which goes for as little as \$150 for two to attend the gala. People who purchase sponsorships at the Gold level or any of the Circle Sponsorships also get complimentary admission to the Sunset on Pontchartrain Patron Party and the formal ceremony giving Mrs. Lynne the Benilde Medal.



To purchase your sponsorship, go to <https://501auctions.com/sbsgala/tickets?type=6460>.

You can also drop a check or cash off at school.

The Luck of the Irish Spring Gala is April 8, 2017 starting at 7:30 PM in the Landmark Hotel here in Metairie. The last day to purchase your tickets is April 3. Act now, or miss the party of the year!

ACT Aspire Testing Begins

All next week, students in Grades 3-6 will participate in our annual ACT Aspire Tests. The ACT Aspire is the once annual standardized assessment of student learning as directed by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The battery of tests covers Reading, Math, English, Science, and Writing. Students take the tests at assigned times with their homeroom teacher on a computer, as this test is all-digital based. The results of the test are used to assess student academic progress during the year, help us evaluate curriculum and instruction effectiveness, and guide us in planning professional development for the next school year. The tests are also a great test preparation for students, as the ACT Aspire is modeled off of and designed to help kids prepare for the ACT Test they will take in high school for college acceptance. Finally, students who perform in the 90th percentile or higher in one

of the sub-tests and who maintain an A average on their report card receive a scholarship award of between \$250-\$500.

Some helpful hints for preparing:

1. Do NOT stress them out. Standardized tests are measures of academic progress... they are not competitions. Students who are pressured to perform at high levels tend to underperform due to the extra stress and anxieties. You cannot study for a standardized test.
2. DO make sure they take the test seriously. The test is designed so that your child can show us what they know and so that we can plan future instruction accordingly. Students who fail to take the test seriously will likely underperform, which could lead to inadequate instructional planning for the next school year.
3. Sleep, eat, and hydrate... but not too much! Please make sure that your child gets a good amount of sleep each night, has a good breakfast, and drinks a good amount of water when at home. But not too much! Too much food and water may lead to them having to take breaks to use the restroom, which will potentially diminish their performance. If your child sleeps and eats healthy on a day-to-day basis... keep with their regular routines.

Rice Bowl Reminder

The Mission Club reminds everyone to fill your Rice Bowls and turn them in before April 10, 2017. Thank you for your generosity!

Summer At Benilde

Today is the end of the Third Grading Period, which means (among other things) that summer is almost here! And with summer is our annual *Summer at Benilde* programs, including camps, arts, tutoring, and more. Here is a brief listing of our different offerings:

- * **Base Camp:** We will continue offering our long-running summer camp program for children from 2 to 13 years. Each week we offer field trips (off campus and on campus), time at the pool, wet days, arts, crafts, and special events. Camp times run from 9 AM - 3 PM with extended day options running from 7 AM - 6 PM Monday-Friday. Your child will be engaged the entire day. A free hot lunch is provided each day

Upcoming Calendar

March 31: Stations of the Cross, 1:45 - 2:15 PM, Church

March 31: Jr. Boys Cabbage Ball at St. Ann's, 4:00 PM

March 31: Fish Fry, 5:30 PM, Cafeteria

April 3 - 7: ACT Aspire Tests, Grades 3-6

April 3: Grades 2&3 Book Club, 3:15 - 4:00 PM

April 3: Jr. Boys Cabbageball at St. Christopher, 4:00 PM

April 5: School Mass, 8:15 AM, Church

April 5: Grils Cabbageball at St. Elizabeth, 4:00 PM

April 6: Faculty/Staff Business Meeting, 3:30 PM

April 6: Boys Cabbageball HOME vs. St. Ann, 4:00 PM

April 6: Blood Drive, 5:30 - 9:00 PM, Church

April 8: Luck of the Irish Spring Gala, 7:30 PM!!!!

by the cafeteria as part of the program.

- * **Specialty Camps:** Students can “add on” to their summer experience with one of our two specialty camps offered this year: one will be in science and the other will be in art. Students keep their weekly field trips, pool time, and special events that they get during Base Camp. Then they can spend the remainder of their time with specialized activities in science and art.
- * **Personalized Tutoring:** Our personalized tutoring programs led by St. Benilde School faculty using your child’s learning data continues over the summer. These can be used to fill in gaps, enrich their knowledge, and fulfill summer school requirements. This is not generalized tutoring... this is tutoring focused on what your child actually needs!
- * **Summer at Loreto:** Care does not end June 1 at St. Benilde School. Our infants and toddler programs continue throughout the summer months, giving parents a safe and nurturing place for their children to grow, learn, and love all summer long. Parents with infants and toddlers should look for forms coming home in the next few weeks asking them if they plan to have their child with us in June and July.
- * **Bible on the Bayou:** During the July 4 week, St. Benilde Church takes over our summer programs to offer “Bible on the Bayou,” which is the fun and spiritual Bible Camp we have offered for many years. Families can sign up through the Church Office.

Registration begins this Monday, March 20, 2017 for *Summer at Benilde*. Registration forms will be emailed and sent home to parents. Turn them in fast to reserve your child’s spot for a summer of fun and learning in the sun!

Blood Drive on April 6

John Steigman is a long time member of St. Benilde Parish and serves as the parish young minister and oversees the Boy Scout program. Earlier this year, John had heart surgery, which was successful. In his honor, the St. Benilde Men’s Club, church, and school want to invite you to participate in a Blood Drive to be held in the parish parking lot on April 6 from 5:30 - 9:00 PM. Fifteen minutes can save multiple lives. We thank you for your participation.

Help Wanted

St. Benilde School announces the following positions are currently open. Candidates should complete the appropriate employment application (found at <http://www.stbenilde.com/employment-opportunities>) and email the completed application, resume, and cover letter to jdowney@stbenilde.com.

Lead Teacher, Exceptional Learners Program: The lead teacher works in the Exceptional Learners Program under the supervision of the Director of the Exceptional Learners Program. Lead teachers are responsible for classroom leadership, including planning learning experiences, recording data on child progress for planning and reporting purposes, facilitates active communication between home and school, and provides leadership to the classroom Assistant Teacher. The candidate will

have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Education with Special Education Certification through the State of Louisiana or an equivalent current endorsement from another state.

Lead Teacher, Early Childhood Formation (Prek 3): The lead teacher works in the Prekindergarten 3 program under the supervision of the Director of Early Childhood Formation. Lead teachers are responsible for classroom leadership, including planning learning experiences, recording data on child development for planning and reporting purposes, facilitates active communication between home and school, and providing leadership to the classroom Assistant Teacher. The candidate will have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Education or a related field along with State of Louisiana Teacher Certification for Prekindergarten.

Assistant Teachers, Early Childhood Formation: The assistant teacher works in the Early Childhood Formation programs (Nursery - Prek 4) under the supervision of the Director of Early Childhood Formation. Assistant teachers are responsible for providing direct care to the children in the classroom, facilitates learning experiences under the direction of the Lead Teacher, and facilitates communication between home and school. The candidate will have a minimum of three years experience working in an Early Childhood Formation program and demonstrate knowledge of minimum licensing expectations for early childhood learning centers. The preferred candidate will also be working towards their degree or CDA certifications.

Assistant Teachers, Exceptional Learners Program: The assistant teacher works in the Exceptional Learners Program under the supervision of the Director of the Exceptional Learners Program. Assistant teachers are responsible for providing direct care to the children in the classroom, facilitates learning experiences under the direction of the Lead Teacher, and facilitates communication between home and school. The preferred candidate will have a minimum of three years experience working in an Special Education program and demonstrate knowledge of minimum expectations for working with Special Needs students.

After Care Counselors: The After Care Counselor works in the school's After Care program for children in Grades K-7. After Care Counselors are responsible for providing direct care to the children in their assigned classroom under the supervision of the Director of Faith and Human Formation. The candidate will - at a minimum - be a high school graduate, be able to pass a state and federal criminal background check, and be cleared through the Office of Safe Environment for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Summer at Benilde Counselors: The Summer at Benilde Counselor works in the school's Summer at Benilde program for children in Grades PreK 3-7. Summer at Benilde Counselors are responsible for providing direct care to the children in their assigned classroom under the supervision of the Director of Faith and Human Formation. The candidate will - at a minimum - be a high school graduate, be able to pass a state and federal criminal background check, and be cleared through the Office of Safe Environment for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.