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FAMILY BULLETIN

The 2017-2018 School Preliminary Calendar

St. Benilde School is pleased to release our preliminary calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. A comprehensive calendar will be released later this summer, and the official calendar resides on the school's main website: stbenilde.com.

A few notes about the new school year calendar:

- ❖ Thank you to parents who took the calendar survey. By a 2/3 majority, parents have overwhelmingly approved two early release days each month for teacher in-service trainings. These days will be used by teachers for professional development, data review of class and individual student test scores, and collaboratively planning. There will be no additional after care charges to families on these days, including those who do not do usually use after care. The survey also showed that 80% of respondents preferred Fridays to be the day off, so we will make teacher in-service days Fridays.
- ❖ There will be no school for children from Prek 2 - Grade 7 on Friday December 22 as the Church prepares for the celebration of Christmas. The Loreto Center for children in our infant and toddler programs will remain open on this day for no additional charge to those families.
- ❖ School will be open on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday January 15 for a special day centered around the National Day of Service and learning about Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement.

2017-2018 School Year Calendar - Preliminary St. Benilde School

August 11:	Family Move In Day
August 14:	School Begins
August 25:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
September 4:	Labor Day - Campus Closed
September 8:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
September 15:	End of First Interim

September 22:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
October 6:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
October 9:	No Classes, Grades K-7, Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 13:	End of First Grading Period
October 16:	Start of Second Grading Period
October 20:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
October 27:	Grandparent's Day. Campus Closed, 1:00 PM
October 27-29:	2017 St. Benilde Foodie Fest
October 30:	Campus Closed
November 1:	Feast of All Saints Mass
November 3:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
November 6:	Campus Closed, Archdiocese of New Orleans In-Service Meetings
November 10:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
November 17:	End of Second Interim 1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
November 20-24:	Thanksgiving Break
November 20-22:	Holiday Care Offered
November 28:	#iGiveCatholic Day of Giving
December 8:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
December 21:	Advent Parties End of Second Grading Period 1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
December 22:	No School, Prek 2 - Grade 7 Infant & Toddler Programs in Session
December 22 - Jan 5:	Christmas Vacation
December 27-29:	Holiday Care Offered
January 3-5:	Holiday Care Offered
January 8:	Start of Third Grading Period
January 19:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
February 2:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
February 9:	End of Third Interim Krewe of Rainbow Parade
February 12-16:	Mardi Gras Break
February 14-16:	Holiday Care Offered
February 23:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
March 9:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
March 16:	End of Third Grading Period
March 19:	Start of Fourth Grading Period
March 23:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
March 29 - April 2:	Easter Break
April 6:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
April 9 - 20:	ACT Aspire Tests
April 20:	End of Fourth Interim 1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
May 4:	1:00 PM Early Release - Prek 2 - Grade 7
May 18:	Seventh Grade Graduation Liturgy
May 18:	End of Fourth Grading Period
May 21:	No Classes, K-7, Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
May 24:	Closing of School Liturgy

Upcoming Calendar

April 23: SBS Family Mass, 11:00 AM, Church

April 24: 4th & 5th Grade Book Club, 3:15 - 4:00 PM

April 25: Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

April 26: School Mass, 8:15 AM, Church

April 26: 4th - 7th Grade Math Club, 3:15 - 4:00 PM

April 27: Jazzy Jumpers, 3:30 - 4:15 PM

April 28: End of Fourth Interim

April 29: Day with Jesus (2nd Grade) 9:00 AM - Noon, Church

May 1: Grades 2 & 3 Book Club, 3:15 - 4:00 PM

May 3: School Mass

May 4: Faculty/Staff Business Meeting, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

May 4: First Holy Communion Practice, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Church

May 5: Praise Rally, 8:30 AM, Church

Yearbook Ads Due

Yearbook ads are due FRIDAY, April 28th. Please make sure all forms and pictures are submitted by this date, 3:00 p.m. Yb ad requests that are incomplete will be returned. Please email Susan Connick (sconnick@stbenilde.com) or Dulce Aguda (daguda@stbenilde.com) with questions.

SBS Got Talent Show

The annual school talent show will take place on Friday May 5 at 1:30 PM in the cafeteria. All are invited. Tryouts for children in Grades 4-7 will take place on Tuesday April 25 from 3:15 - 5:00 PM. Tryouts for children in Grades 1-3 will take place on Wednesday April 26 from 3:15 - 5:00 PM. The dress rehearsal will be May 3 from 3:15 - 5:00 PM.

Upcoming Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

At the start of the year, students meet with their teacher and parents to set up their annual goals. On May 22, we will have our year-end meetings, where we review goals, review student data, and determine if children met their goals and what they should focus on over the summer. Look for more information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

Duke TIP Congratulations

Some of our 7th graders recently participated in the 7th Grade Talent Search with the Duke University 2017 Talent Identification Program. Duke TIP works with students, their families, and educators to identify, recognize, challenge, engage, and help students reach their highest potential. The 7th Grade Talent Search identifies bright seventh graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or middle school. Candidates are invited to take the ACT or the SAT college entrance exams as seventh graders, which allows them greater insight into their academic abilities. **Congratulations to Mason Blount** who qualified for a state recognition award by scoring approximately at or above the national average of recent high school graduates on at least one part of the ACT!

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 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!

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.