

FAMILY BULLETIN

Calendar

March 4: St. Benilde Junior CYO Bunco Night, 7:00 PM, Teen Center - *For Sixth and Seventh Grade Students!*

March 6: Sacramental Parent Workshop #2, 2:00 PM, Church

March 7: Benilde Bash \$1 Dress Down Day

March 8: Lenten Penance Service, Grades 2-4, 1:00 PM, Church

March 9-11: Middle School Exams

March 9: School Mass, 8:15 AM, Church

March 9: Grandparent's Club Meeting

March 10: Lenten Penance Service, Grades 5-7

March 11: End of Third Grading Period

March 11: Benilde Bash! 2:00 PM, Cafeteria

March 12: Grandparent's Club Bunco Nite, 7:00 PM, Cafeteria

March 15: Spring Picture Day, Students will dress UP for their pictures on this day!



Come Celebrate Benilde

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!

We have several new additions to this year's Gala we hope you will enjoy!

✦ **The Sunset on Pontchartrain Patron Party** will run from 6:30 - 7:30 the night of the gala up in the Benson Tower overlooking Lake Pontchartrain. In addition to hors d'oeuvres and an open bar, patrons will be treated to a performance by the St. Benilde School Choir and stunning views of the sun setting on Lake Pontchartrain. Patrons who purchase tickets as Gold Sponsors and above receive admission into the Patron Party.





Like Fish?

The Second of the Men's Club Fish Fries is on Friday, March 11, 2016 starting at 5:30 PM in the school cafeteria. You can get your fish plate, fish and shrimp combo plate, soft shell crab plate, grilled redfish with shrimp cream sauce, crab & corn bisque, seafood gumbo, fish tacos, thai shrimp tacos, cheese pizza, and a variety of drinks!

Because of the high demand, we strongly recommend our families purchase their meals in advance. NOT ONLY do you get a discount, you also get to go straight to the front of the line with our special "advance purchase" line. Advance purchase order forms will go home on Monday with the "Youngest and Only" packets. A copy will also be placed on the school's website under "documents."

♦**Interactive Silent Auction!** St. Benilde School is partnering with 501 Auctions to take the silent auction to another level. All silent auction items will now be able to be viewed online through our new gala website (501auctions.com/sbsgala) prior to the gala (some items can already be previewed now). The auction itself will open one week prior to the gala, 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! And if you cannot make it to the gala, you can still bid on items from wherever you are!

♦**Three Ways to Purchase Tickets:**

1. The Old Fashioned Way: Ticket order forms go home Monday. Pick your sponsorship with the number of tickets you want, and send in a check to school. You will still need to register your phone or device on the night of the gala to make silent auction bids.

2. Through the School's Website: <https://stbenilde.com/sites/ecatholic.com/irish-spring> has everything you need to sign up today, but you will still need to register your phone or device on the night of the gala to make silent auction bids.

3. Through 501auctions.com/sbsgala: You can purchase your sponsorships and tickets here... the added bonus? Your device will already be registered, allowing you to preview auction items and begin bidding early!

2016-2017 School Year Registration

Thank you to all families who have registered for the 2016-2017 school year! Plans are already well underway for next year, with some exciting new programs and announcements coming into place that we look forward to sharing with you in the coming weeks and months. If you have not yet registered your child,

please do so ASAP! Already 38 new families have signed up for next year. You don't want your child's spot to be taken. Finally, for families who have registered, your FACTS tuition payment accounts will be finalized in the next couple weeks, which means the annual fee from FACTS will also be taken out.

St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Altar

On March 16, 2016, please send in the below food items, which will be offered at offertory during mass by the students. All students with food items will then have a Dress Green Day on March 17 in honor of St. Patrick's Day. All food items will be used to make our St. Joseph Altar successful and beautiful. The food items from the altar will be brought to Ozanam Inn. Be sure to also visit the altar on Saturday March 19!

The following are the food items per class:

Loreto Center Children - Italian Bread or Cookies

PK2 - Stuffed Artichokes

PK3 - Fresh Vegetables (artichokes, eggplants, bell peppers, zucchini, etc.)

PK4 - Nonperishable pies (apple, cherry, pecan, etc.)

K - Italian Breads (loaves and traditional Italian shaped breads)

1st - Fresh Vegetables (artichokes, eggplants, bell peppers, zucchini, etc.)

2nd - Fresh Fruit (bags of apples, oranges, pears, pineapples, bananas, etc.)

3rd - Small green plants

4th - Italian Cookies (fig, anise, seed)

5th - Fresh Fruit (bags of apples, oranges, pears, pineapples, bananas, etc.)

6th - Italian Cookies (fig, anise, seed)

7th - St. Joseph Cakes (red and green decorated, lambs, heart shaped cakes, cross cakes, etc.)

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.

FACTS & Tax Statements

It is everybody's least favorite part of the year: taxes! While we cannot make life tax free, the tuition you pay to St. Benilde School can be used as a tax credit for the State of Louisiana (prekindergarten families can also get federal credits)! FACTS makes it super easy to get a statement of total tuition paid in 2015. Simply log in to your FACTS account. Click on "View Details." After that, click on the tab that says "Payments." Then click on "View Printable Payment Summary." Finally, choose a date range and print your statement. If you have any difficulties, please contact Mrs. Kim Gandolfi - Financial Secretary - at 504-833-9894 or email at kgandolfi@stbenilde.com.