

FAMILY BULLETIN

Calendar

May 7: Kentucky Derby Mother/Daughter Tea & Fashion Show, 10:00 AM, Cafeteria

May 9: SBS Sports Banquet, 6:30 PM, Cafeteria

May 11: School Mass
CANCELLED

May 13: Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 7:00 PM, Blue & Gold Meeting, Crossover Ceremony, Cafeteria

May 13: Benilde Bash \$1 Dress Down Day

May 15: SBS Family Mass, 11:00 AM, Church

May 15: Summer at Benilde Registration Day, 12:00 PM

May 16: Men's Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Cafeteria

May 17-19: Seventh Grade Exams

May 18: School Mass & National Junior Honor Society Inductions, 8:20 AM, Church

May 20: Middle School Exams

May 20: Seventh Grade Graduation Liturgy, 7:00 PM, Church

End of the Year Events

The end of the year is upon us! Here is a quick overview of the major upcoming events...

May 9: SBS Sports Banquet - our annual celebration of our student athletes. Guest Speaker Mr. Jay Roth - Head Coach, Archbishop Rummel Football

May 13: Benilde Bash \$1 Dress Down Day - Raises Funds to Cover the Many End of Year Supplies

May 15: SBS Family Mass - our final monthly celebration of the Eucharist at the St. Benilde Church 11:00 AM Mass. Students lead us in song, readings, and serve at the altar.

May 15: Summer at Benilde Registration Day - Your best chance to sign up for another exciting summer of camps, enrichment, tutoring, and more on our safe and secure campus.

May 16 - 18: Seventh Grade Exams

May 20: Fourth Quarter Benilde Bash! Our Seventh Grade spends their last day as leaders of the school, going through Graduation Rehearsal, their Final Class Lunch, their Final Benilde Bash, and at 7:00 PM, their Graduation Liturgy!

May 20, 24, & 25: Middle School Exams

May 23: Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences - Time to review each child's progress and set their personal summer learning goals! **Call the school today and talk to Mrs. Dawn Perrier to schedule your conference time!**

May 26: Close of School Liturgy & Awards! 8:30 AM! Our last Mass on our last day! Parents are encouraged to attend. School dismisses at the end of Mass.



The 2016-2017 School Year: What to Expect

While this year is winding down, we are busy at work on program improvements for next school year. So what should families expect? Above all else, families should always expect our personalized approach to educating young children in faith. Families should also always expect that we will never stop finding ways to improve upon our current programs to better serve children of all ages and ability levels.

Now on to the details...

Restructuring Grade Level Groups: In order to improve student performance and behavior - especially as children enter the early adolescent years - we will make the following adjustments:

- ✦ *The Loreto Early Learning Center:* For children from birth to age two
- ✦ *Prekindergarten:* For children from ages two to four
- ✦ *Lower Elementary:* For children from Kindergarten through Grade 3, learning in self-contained classroom environments.
- ✦ *Upper Elementary:* For children in Grades 4-7. Children will spend their day working with two teachers (not including their elective teachers). Grades 4 and 5 will pair together, and grades 6 & 7 will pair together. This allows for more flexible scheduling. Children will also benefit from better structure and more intensive instruction than is offered in a traditional middle school model.

Electives: We will be keeping our same line up of elective classes: Physical Education (2x's each week), Music, Art, and Media Skills.

Enrichment: Children in Grades 4-7 who are high performing as measured by the ACT Aspire and STAR benchmarks will have the opportunity to dig deeper and across the curriculum to develop their emergent critical and creative thinking skills.

Literacy Lab: We have had extraordinary success helping our emerging readers excel through our literacy lab, which is an additional layer of support available to all children who for any number of reasons fall behind in their literacy skills. We hope to also be able to offer extra help in numeracy skills to help children to continue to excel in math.

Exceptional Learners Lab: For some children, our personalized instructional approach and the Literacy Lab are not enough for them to excel. Typically, this is due to specific learning disabilities like dyslexia, dyscalculia, and other types of processing disorders. The Exceptional Learners Lab will provide this final layer of support, providing these children with alternative curriculum in areas where they need it, and then providing additional layers of support in the regular classroom. Look for more information on Monday about this program!

A Final Note on Backpacks: Since the start of our blended model approach to learning resources, we have significantly reduced the number of heavy textbooks our students carry. Therefore, we will no longer allow rolling backpacks for students next year. They also will not fit in the next generation lockers we will be adding to classrooms over the next several school years.