

FAMILY BULLETIN

Calendar

August 23: School Picture Day
- Full Uniforms

August 23: Girls Volleyball
Practice, 3:30 - 4:45 PM, Cleary
Playground

August 23: Advisory Council
Meeting, 6:30 PM

August 24: School Liturgy, 8:15
AM, Church

August 31: School Liturgy,
8:15 AM, Church

September 5: Labor Day,
Campus Closed

September 6: High School
Night, 7:00 PM, Cafeteria

September 7: School Liturgy,
8:15 AM, Church

September 12: Mission Club
Meeting, 3:15 PM, School

September 14: School Liturgy,
8:15 AM, Church

September 14: Grandparent's
Club Meeting, 7:00 PM,
Cafeteria

September 16: End of First
Interim

September 18: SBS Family
Mass, 11:00 AM, Church



We Stand Together

St. Benilde School stands with the entire Archdiocese in solidarity with the people being affected by the floods devastating Southeast Louisiana. Our prayers will remain focused upon their recovery and healing, and especially on those who have lost the lives of a loved one.

The St. Benilde Parish and School community is also actively involved in bringing aid directly to those who need it. At the Men's Club Meeting this Monday, a collection was taken to benefit the flood victims. Over \$2,000 was raised. On Thursday, this money was used by the Men's Club to purchase the supplies necessary to make over 100 gallons of jambalaya, which was then given to flood victims who live near St. Thomas More Catholic School.

This weekend, St. Benilde Parish will be joining with other Archdiocesan churches to take up a special second collections at



all Masses this weekend (August 20-21) to support the flood relief efforts of Catholic Charities and the local bishop. We ask you to seriously consider making a donation from your treasury to this collection. If you are unable to attend mass, you may also give online at www.stbenilde.org/flood-relief.

St. Benilde School is also currently looking for additional ways to help. Keep an eye on the Family Bulletin for more information on our efforts to provide the people impacted by the floods the sustained support they will need to get back on their feet.

Get School Updates Right on Your Phone

SBS offers a variety of methods for parents to receive school communications through email bulletins, the school's website, Facebook, and Twitter. Now, parents can elect to receive basic announcements via their phone through Remind 101. There are two ways to receive school instant messages:

- A. **Through the App:** On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rm.at/sbspri. Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You will be prompted to download the mobile app.
- B. **Through Text Notifications:** Text the message @sbspri to the number 81010. If you are having trouble with 81010, try texting @sbspri to 504-383-7728.

Messages sent through "The Principal's Office" will focus on whole school announcements such as dress down days, inclement weather, and upcoming whole school events. Many teachers may also use Remind for classroom specific announcements.

High School Night

We look forward to seeing students and families in Grades 6 and 7 for our annual High School Night on **Tuesday September 6 at 7:00 PM** in the **Cafeteria**. During this night, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the high school application process. More important, you will get the chance to interact with Admissions Directors and other officials of the Catholic high schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Family of Schools. This is a great way to get a jump start on the application process and finding your "best fit" school. *And pass the word... all 6th and 7th grade students in East Jefferson Catholic Schools are invited to attend.*

City Park Night

City Park Night scheduled for August 12 has been CANCELLED due to the inclement weather. It is now scheduled for Thursday September 29 (the day before Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences). More information will be made available in September.

Morning Drop Off Notes

Thank you to all in our community who are working to make sure that morning drop off becomes an efficient and safe process each morning. With that in mind, we ask our families to remember the following:

- ◆ **There is no on-street parking from 7:00 - 8:00 AM on Division St.:** Division St. gets heavily congested during the morning drop off times from 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM. When parents stop on Division St. to allow their children to get out of the car and walk over to school, that congestion gets worse. It is also not safe for the children - especially the young ones. For these reasons, Jefferson Parish does not allow parking on Division St. during morning drop off.
- ◆ Children in the infancy - Prek 2 programs can only be walked into their classroom when they park in the back on the school grounds. If you do not wish to park in the back, then you must pull into the Loreto Center driveway, where the staff will take your child out of the car and they will walk your child into the center. We do this again to ensure that the drop off times are both efficient and safe.
- ◆ Parents in Prek 2 and the Loreto Center who choose to park on school grounds must return to their car and leave the grounds by 7:45 AM, as at that time, PE classes begin. As a rule of thumb, when the school starts morning prayer, the grounds need to be clear.
- ◆ Parents with children in Prek 3, Prek 4, and Kindergarten may continue to walk their children to the Rainbow Building, but they may not walk their children into the classroom. This helps the teachers get their students organized and ready for the school day!

STAR Benchmarks Begin

Central to our efforts at academic formation is the use of data to drive instruction. The base data point we use is the STAR Test. This computer-adaptive benchmark test is given to children from Prek 4 - Grade 7 at several points during the year.

From **August 22-26**, children in Grades 1-7 will take the STAR Reading and STAR Math benchmarks, both of which take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Children in Kindergarten will take the STAR Early Literacy test after Labor Day.

Children in Prekindergarten 4 will take the STAR Early Literacy test in October.