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FAMILY BULLETIN



Advent Happenings

A new year has begun in the Church with the season of Advent. The four weeks before Christmas are to be a time of penance, anticipation, and preparation for Christmas Day and the Season of Christmas. In today's society, it can also be a more stressful time filled with shopping and rushing about.

Here is a brief run down of the events scheduled between now and the start of Christmas Vacation!

The Chili Cook Off Trifecta: The weather is getting to be absolutely perfect Sunday... perfect for chili! So join us starting at Noon for the third annual St. Benilde Men's Club Chili Cook Off Trifecta! There are three parts to the annual competition between men's clubs: the food competition (best chili and lagniappe item); the raw jalapeño eating competition; and the corn hole tournament. Presell tickets are on sale now. The band Burger and Fries will be performing. So grab your family, grab some friends, and enjoy some great food, music, and fun on December 11!

Chorale Concert: For those of you able to attend our weekly school mass or one of our monthly family masses on Sunday know that our children are blessed with wonderful voices. This Thursday, December 15, the St. Benilde School Chorale will be performing Advent and Christmas music for your enjoyment starting at 7:00 PM in the Church. This performance is free and open to the public. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bless the Baby Jesus: The December Family Mass at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday December 18 is very special. Each year, Fr. Cooper invites all children who attend to bring with them the baby Jesus from their family nativity scene. During the homily, the children will be invited to the front of the Church to sit with Fr. Cooper as he delivers a homily especially for them. After that, he then blesses each child's baby Jesus. This year after Mass, you can head over to the cafeteria to have

Breakfast with the Baby Jesus from 12:00 - 2:00 PM. This is our first year doing this event, and it looks to be a ton of fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Advent Fun Day: The school met and exceeded Mr. Downey’s challenge during last week’s #iGiveCatholic Day of Giving. As a result, students will have the promised fun day on Tuesday December 20. We will be having bounce houses available for children ages 2 and up to play on during the morning. Prek 2 through Prek 4 will have a special bounce house just for them. The older students will have times assigned to play on the additional bounce houses. The lower elementary students will also get to see The Muppet Christmas Carol movie, while the upper elementary students will see the comedy, Elf! After lunch, we will have our Second Quarter Benilde Bash from 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Then at 2:00 PM, the Homeroom Moms will host the annual homeroom Christmas Parties.

Christmas Eve Liturgy: As we move from Advent Season to Christmas Season, please join us for the 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Liturgy. The school’s choir will sing as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus and the Incarnation.

We at the school hope you all have a wonderful Advent Season. May this month be a time of joy, wonder, and spiritual closeness to the Lord.

Advent Book Fair Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for making our Book Fair such a success this week - the students really enjoyed shopping and adding to their home libraries. However, it would not have been possible without the help of these wonderful volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energy: Joyce Torres, Brielle Sagnibene, Velma Dupuy, Allison DeVun, and Camille Condon. Our hats are off to you, ladies!

Spring Gala Tickets on Sale Now

Please join us for this year’s *Luck of the Irish Spring Gala* April 8, 2016 at the Landmark Hotel here in Metairie. Long time school assistant teacher Mrs. Lynne Pilie will be honored during the gala. Get your tickets at 501auctions.com/sbsgala or stop by the school office. Reduced price tickets are on sale through December 31.

Upcoming Calendar

December 10: Rite of Enrollment, 10:00 AM, Church

December 11: Chili Cook Off Trifecta, Noon - 5:00 PM, School Grounds

December 12: Mission Club, 3:15 PM

December 13: Student Council, 3:15 PM

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

December 14: 6th & 7th Grade Book Club, 3:15 PM

December 14: Workout Wednesday Club, 3:30 PM

December 14: Grandparent’s Club Meeting, 7 PM, Cafeteria

December 15: Drama Club, 3:30 PM

December 15: Jazzy Jumpers K-7 3:30 PM

December 15: Chorale Concert, 7:00 PM, Church

December 15: Benilde Bash \$1 Dress Down Day

December 18: Bless the Baby Jesus Mass & Lunch