



# Council Newsletter

St. Benedict Catholic Elementary School

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## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year, "may the dawning of this New Year, fill your heart with new hopes, open up new horizons and bring for you promises of brighter tomorrows". *anonymous.*



## Council Advisory Meeting

Our next council meeting will be held on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers lounge. As always, everyone is welcome to attend. It's a great opportunity to get involved and hear about what's happening at our school. Please join us!

## Christmas Raffle Winners



Congratulations to D. Schuler who won the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of 4 adult weekend ski passes to Hockley Valley Resort and to T. Miller our 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize winner who won a \$50.00 gift card from Headwaters Racquet Club. Thank

you to everyone who participated in this fund raising event.

## Kernels Popcorn

Once again **Kernels Popcorn** will be available for \$2.00 each on Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you once again to Janet Jones for coordinating this event.

## Christmas Play

"The First Leon", presentation which was held on December 17<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful demonstration of the many talented and hard working staff and students at St. Benedict School. The audience was captivated with the performances and delightful sounds of the children's voices singing their Christmas songs. Children looked proud and I am certain that parents were even prouder. It was a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season. Thank you Mrs. Longstreet, for your hard work and dedication to making this event possible.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues. January 12	Early Release Day
Fri. January 15	Popcorn Day
Mon. Feb. 1	School Council Mtg
Fri. Feb. 12	Red & White Day (spirit day)
Mon. Feb. 15	Family Day
Tues. Feb. 16	Pancake Tuesday

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Chair:** Sonia McNally

**Treasurer:** Paulina Moniz

**Teacher Rep:** Lisa Longstreet

**Parent Reps:** Mauro Testani, Tina Hinsperger

**Communications Coordinator:** Paulina Moniz

**Co-Chair:** Laureen Jensen & Scott Coulter

**Secretary:** Rosalie Fitzpatrick

**Parish Rep:** Cathy Wilson

**OAPCE Rep:** Scott Coulter

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Janet Jones/Ginger Weaver

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The snack program is now into its fourth month of serving healthy snacks on Tuesdays and Thursdays of every month.

In December the snack program provided students with a special freshly baked treat from Quest for Cakes (a nut free facility here in Orangeville).

With the opening of the new addition, all the students are now able to come to the snack table to receive their snacks. We are happy to see their faces at our serving table.

## HERE'S A SOUP YOU CAN SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY TO HELP WARM YOU UP AFTER SOME OUTDOOR FUN.

### CREAM OF CAULIFLOWER SOUP

***Ingredients:***

1 tbsp butter  
2 coarsely chopped Onions  
1 cup Cauliflower, chopped  
4 stalks of Celery, chopped  
4 cups Chicken or Vegetable Stock  
3 tbsp All-purpose flour  
1 Bay Leaf  
1 tbsp chopped fresh Parsley  
2/3 cup Milk or Cream  
1/4 tsp Salt  
1/8 tsp Black Pepper

1. In a large saucepan melt butter over medium heat. Add vegetables and cook for approximately 2 minutes. **DO NOT BROWN.**
2. Stir in flour and cook for another minute. Remove from heat. Add stock, bay leaf, salt and pepper. Stir and simmer for about 1 hour or until vegetables are tender.
3. Remove and discard Bay Leaf.
4. Serve as is or puree the soup in a food processor or by using an electric mixer until smooth.
5. When ready to serve, add the milk or cream.

This recipe can be prepared in advance, up to the point of adding the milk or cream in step 5.

Puree can be frozen in portion sizes until ready to eat. Just defrost and add cream; season to taste with salt and pepper.