



Dear St. Benedict Family and Friends,

If you are reading this message, you know that Saint Benedict Catholic School is distinctive among schools. We have a small diverse group of over 160 children from many communities who come together each day in Elberta as part of one tightly-knit Christian family. Our focus on prayer, service, and academic excellence allows our students to thrive and succeed at a cost that is affordable for all families.

As a Catholic school, we are proud of our mission to serve all faiths and levels of income. To do so, St. Benedict cannot survive on tuition alone. We provide over \$125,000 each year in financial aid to many of our students. With your support, we can serve even more young men and women who deserve the opportunity to be a part of an environment that is truly special.

Our school is also in desperate need of campus and classroom improvements. Your gift to the St. Benedict Catholic School Annual Fund Drive will directly impact our students and will help us to achieve the following goals for the coming years:

- Bridge the gap for allotted tuition assistance making the SBCS experience possible to all deserving students
- Fund the operating budget
- Minimize tuition increases
- Create a long-term vision to usher SBCS into our centennial year
- Update campus and facilities to provide the best possible environment for our students to thrive
- Be recognized as one of the top academic schools in Baldwin County
- Enhance the science, technology, religion, engineering, and mathematics (STREAM) curriculum in the classroom
- Bridge the comparable salary gap for our certified, highly qualified teachers who serve as role models for our students
- Instill in students a deep awareness of God's presence in their lives through a dynamic Catholic education and service program
- Offer students the opportunity to uncover hidden talents through our arts and extracurricular offerings

Whether you or a loved one is a member of our SBCS family or your heart was touched in some way by Catholic education, we know your future was also transformed by being a part of a Christian, loving environment. In turn, we ask for your support so St. Benedict Catholic School can continue to thrive and live out its motto "ora et labora (pray and work)" as it has since 1921 in the Baldwin County community.

Highest blessings,

Leslie Mapp and The Annual Fund Drive Committee

Leslie Mapp, Principal

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