



Welcome  
to  
Your New  
School  
Family!



# Our Mission

***Faithfully Catholic, we educate children in the Classical tradition.***

Our Catholic Faith guides and informs all we do at St. Benedict. Prayer with our classmates punctuates our days and our students have Religion class daily, Mass weekly, and we celebrate feast days, lives of the Saints and other observations of the Liturgical Calendar throughout the school year.

***In partnership with our parents, our ultimate goal is to inspire in our students:***

A Love of God, His Son Jesus Christ and the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Respect for the Dignity of Our Neighbors and Ourselves

A Servant's Heart, A Well-Formed Conscience,

A Life of Virtue and A Soul for Heaven!

# Classical

What you will find at Saint Benedict is a teaching system based on more than 2,000 years of experience. While students learn the fundamentals – math, history, science, English, and theology – they also learn at the feet of the giants of history by studying the classical literature, language, art, music, and philosophy of ancient Greece and Rome and the long Western intellectual tradition that was built on their foundation.

The classical education at Saint Benedict is characterized by four key elements:

- A timeless and enduring system of forming the mind and character of human beings
- Based on the classical civilizations of Greece and Rome
- Preserved and developed throughout history by the Church
- Placed entirely in the context of Jesus Christ as Savior of the world



# Welcome to **your** school.

- ▶ We are the OLDEST parochial school in RVA with the largest alumni community around!
- ▶ We were founded by the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia in 1919. We operate as mission of St. Benedict Church.
- ▶ We are the COMETS! **Go Comets!** Show your pride!
- ▶ We communicate with families weekly through our school [newsletter](#). **It's a MUST-READ.** It comes out every SUNDAY to get you ready for the week.
- ▶ We are a community of families dedicated to making our children's school experience **THE BEST**. Every family is valued and every family is *needed* to BUILD UP our school.
- ▶ This is your school. Be invested. Be involved.





# Overview

- ▶ **Welcome to your new school home!**
- ▶ **Getting ready:**
  - ▶ Fun with FORMS!
  - ▶ Facts about FACTS and Parentsweb
  - ▶ Safe Environment - Get Virtus Trained
  - ▶ Summertime Prep
  - ▶ Dress for Success - All things UNIFORM
  - ▶ Yay Lunch!
  - ▶ ASE is the Place!
  - ▶ Be a Carline King (or Queen!)
  - ▶ Helping Hands! PTO and more!
  - ▶ Next things...
- ▶ **Questions? We're here to help!**





# Fun with Forms!

➤ **DEADLINE: JULY 1**

**We have a lot to do to get ready for your arrival!**

- Complete & return the packet of school provided forms
- Present an original Birth Certificate to the Registrar (Pam Autry)
- Provide a completed Virginia State School Physical Form - need to be dated after 8/22/2022
- Provide current record of immunizations - PK (included in Physical for K-8)
- Current custody documents
- Questions? Email Mrs. Autry at [pautry@saintbenedictschool.org](mailto:pautry@saintbenedictschool.org)





# Facts about FACTS



- ▶ **Please set up your FACTS Account by June 15th.**
  - ▶ **Directions are on our website [HERE](#)**
  - ▶ All student charges are recorded in FACTS even if payment is not made through FACTS
- ▶ **Charges**
  - ▶ You will receive an email notification whenever a charge is added.
- ▶ **Payment at the School**
  - ▶ You may make payment at the school by cash, check, or money order. Be sure payment is made at least 7 days before the due date, to be sure it is recorded before the automatic payment occurs.
- ▶ **Due Date Changes**
  - ▶ Email the business office ( [bwingfield@saintbenedictschool.org](mailto:bwingfield@saintbenedictschool.org) ) at least 7 business days in advance to have a payment date moved. You can move tuition date yourself - up to 10 days 3 times a year.

# Parentsweb



## ► What is PARENTSWEB?

- This is our online hub where you check grades, track absences and record **volunteer hours. Important!**
- Here's what it looks like:
- [ParentsWeb](#) (Password: Portal)
- **Parent Alert** - IS OUR method of pushing emergency notifications to you.
- \* You will not be able to access Parentsweb **until mid July** (once the current academic year is completed). A notice will go out in the newsletter as soon as you are able to login.



# Safe Environment

**VISITORS including parents must enter through the front door, sign in, and receive a badge/pass.**

Anyone over the age of 18 volunteering with or near children must...

- ▶ **Complete VIRTUS training (*synchronous*)**
  - ▶ This is a one time training and counts toward your volunteer hours
  - ▶ We will provide VIRTUS training opportunities at the beginning of the year! **AUGUST 28TH OVER ZOOM @ 5:30PM (Mark your calendar!)**
  - ▶ **Please take advantage of one of these opportunities that will be shared in our weekly newsletter as scheduled.**
- ▶ Have a current background check.
  - ▶ when you sign up for your VIRTUS training DON'T skip the background check.
  - ▶ when you read your monthly bulletins DON'T ignore the background check reminder
- ▶ Have a Safe Environment Acknowledgement Form on file
  - ▶ Don't skip this part of signing up for training



# Summertime Savvy!

- ▶ New Student Kits (with workbooks & summer prep) - provided. \*\*
- ▶ Summer Reading - GRADES 1 - 8
- ▶ Summer Prep for Middle School:
  - ▶ GRAMMAR (Workbook provided). Students will turn in their workbook at the beginning of the school year. (15-30 minutes/weekday)
    - ▶ Grade 6: Students were provided a 5th Grade Review Workbook
    - ▶ Grade 7: Complete Part I, Part II: Lessons 50-55; Part III: Lessons 79-84; 91, 31, 96
    - ▶ Grade 8: Complete Grade 6 & 7 sections, plus Part II: Lessons 34-41
  - ▶ MATH:
    - ▶ 6th Graders were provided a 5th Review Workbook
    - ▶ Are You Ready for 7th Grade Math?
    - ▶ Are You Ready for 8th Grade Math?
  - ▶ LATIN:
    - a. All middle school students are encouraged to get ready for Latin by reviewing the following key vocabulary found HERE.



# Dress for Success!

## ► Uniform help!

- On the [website](#) (pictures and all!)
- You'll need to have at least 1 complete uniform ready to go (DO NOT wait for the uniform swap)
- [Flynn & O'Hara](#) (online and on Midlothian Tpk in the Stein Mart Shopping Ctr.)
- Uniform Swaps (\$2/item or swap GENTLY used items) - See the newsletter for upcoming dates!
- For convenience, check out FRENCH TOAST (or others) on Amazon for generic items! YOU CAN BUY GENERIC ITEMS ANYWHERE BUT they must match our [guidelines](#).





# Lunch

- Students can bring their lunch or order from **YayLunch!**
  - Parents create an account and set up specifics (like allergies for each student “luncher”)
  - There is a weekly rotation from different restaurants/vendors
  - Parent controls and pays YayLunch!
  - YayLunch! delivers to school and we distribute the individually packaged lunches.
- OR
- Please send in a self-contained lunch.
  - Include needed utensils, napkins, and a drink.
  - **Do not** send in items that need to be refrigerated or heated.
  - **Teachers will advise parents if there is an allergy concern in your classroom.**
  - Students should **not** have outside lunches delivered to the school.





# Extended Day - ASE is the place!

## Advance registration required.

- ▶ **Morning Care is available from 7:30am - 7:50am. (Carline opens at 7:50am)**
  - ▶ Annual Contract if you need it
  - ▶ By-Appointment - email [ase@saintbenedictschool.org](mailto:ase@saintbenedictschool.org) as far in advance as possible
- ▶ **After School Enrichment (ASE) is available from dismissal - 6pm.**
  - ▶ **Parent calls upon arrival at ramp door**
  - ▶ Annual Contract if you need it, saves \$'s
  - ▶ By-Appointment - email [ase@saintbenedictschool.org](mailto:ase@saintbenedictschool.org) as far in advance as possible





# Helping Hands....

## ▶ **Your Saint Benedict Parent Teacher Organization**

### ▶ What is the PTO?

- ▶ ALL parents, teachers and faculty members are members of the PTO. That's YOU!
- ▶ We believe that every member of our Saint Benedict community has a gift to give back to the school through their time and talents.
- ▶ Parents contribute to the shared responsibility of enriching our children's school experience through SERVICE HOURS. Without the help of our parents, many of the activities that we all enjoy would not be possible.

### ▶ What Does the PTO do?

- ▶ We sponsor events throughout the year including Back to School Night, Fall Fest, Santa Shop, Teacher Appreciation and Field Day amongst many others. We also plan and execute the ONE AND ONLY school fundraiser our annual Spring Gala.



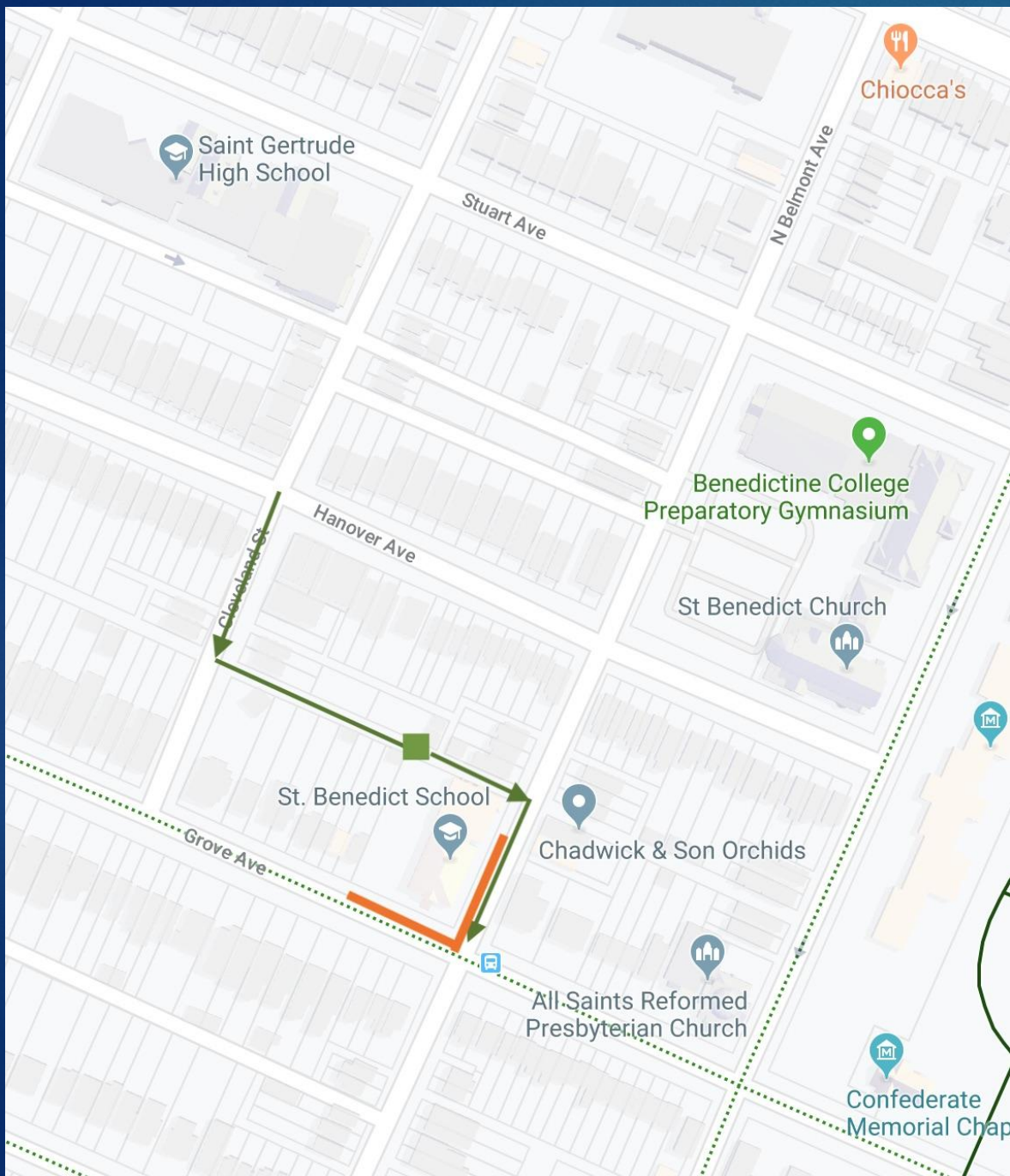
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### ▶ How do I get involved?

- ▶ Jump right in! The PTO is an amazing way to meet other parents and make new friends beyond the already amazing contribution you make with your time.
  - ▶ General meetings are held periodically throughout the year and each have a specific focus. They will be advertised in the newsletter. Join us!
  - ▶ Many of our activities and events need family members who are willing to help coordinate the event with the PTO's support.
  - ▶ Join us at a meeting! Check the newsletter and school calendar for upcoming dates!
  - ▶ The Parent Involvement Program form will be sent out in the newsletter as soon as it is updated for the 23-24 school year, including details about service hours and what counts towards your PTO service hour requirement. All families must turn in their signed PIP form by Welcome Fair.





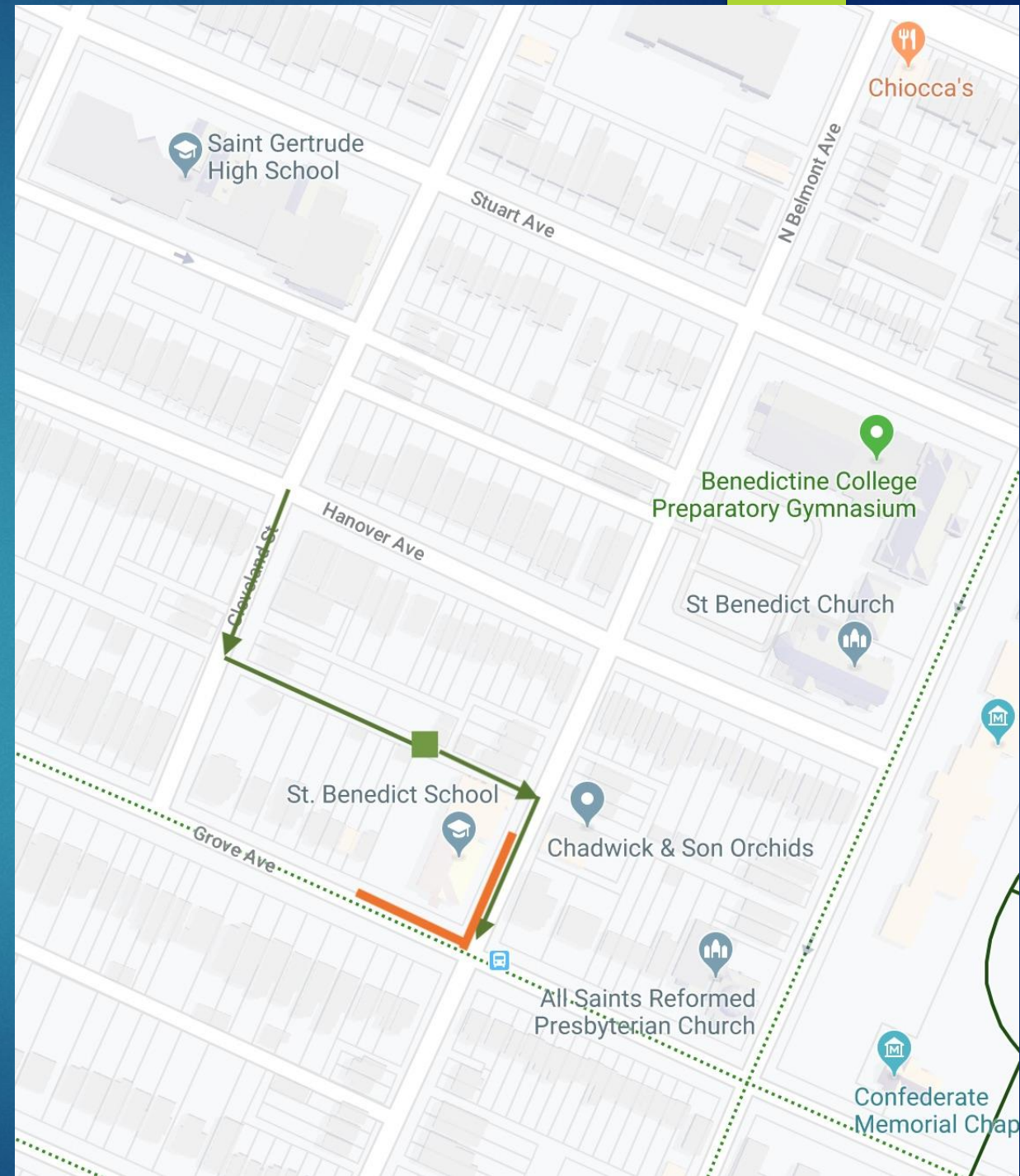
# Be a Carline King

- ▶ Morning Carline drop off begins at 7:50am and ends at 8:10am.
- ▶ Everyone must go through carline **unless they have been approved as a walker by the Principal.**
- ▶ Please make sure you get into carline at the END of the line on Hanover Ave. Don't try to cut in on a side street please.
- ▶ **At 8:10am the gates will be closed and...**  
You must park. Walk your student to the front door and you must sign your child in. For the safety of your children, you must walk your child to the front door on Grove Ave. No drop offs.



# Be a Carline King

- ▶ Afternoon Carline begins at 3:00pm and ends at 3:20pm.
- ▶ Please remember to join the carline at its end on Hanover. Don't jump the line.
- ▶ Please be a good neighbor to our neighbors and let them in/out.
- ▶ We will call the parents of any remaining children not scheduled for ASE. At 3:20 pm students remaining will be sent to ASE (and you will incur the ASE cost).
- ▶ To be a carline King or Queen - give yourself time and **don't be late**. Things happen, but being late starts the day off on the wrong foot or ends the day on a sour note for your children.

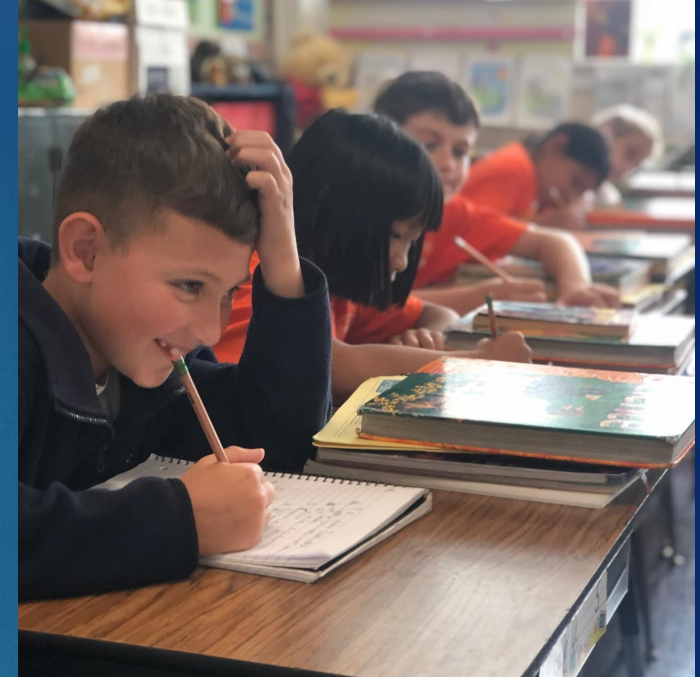




# Next Things...

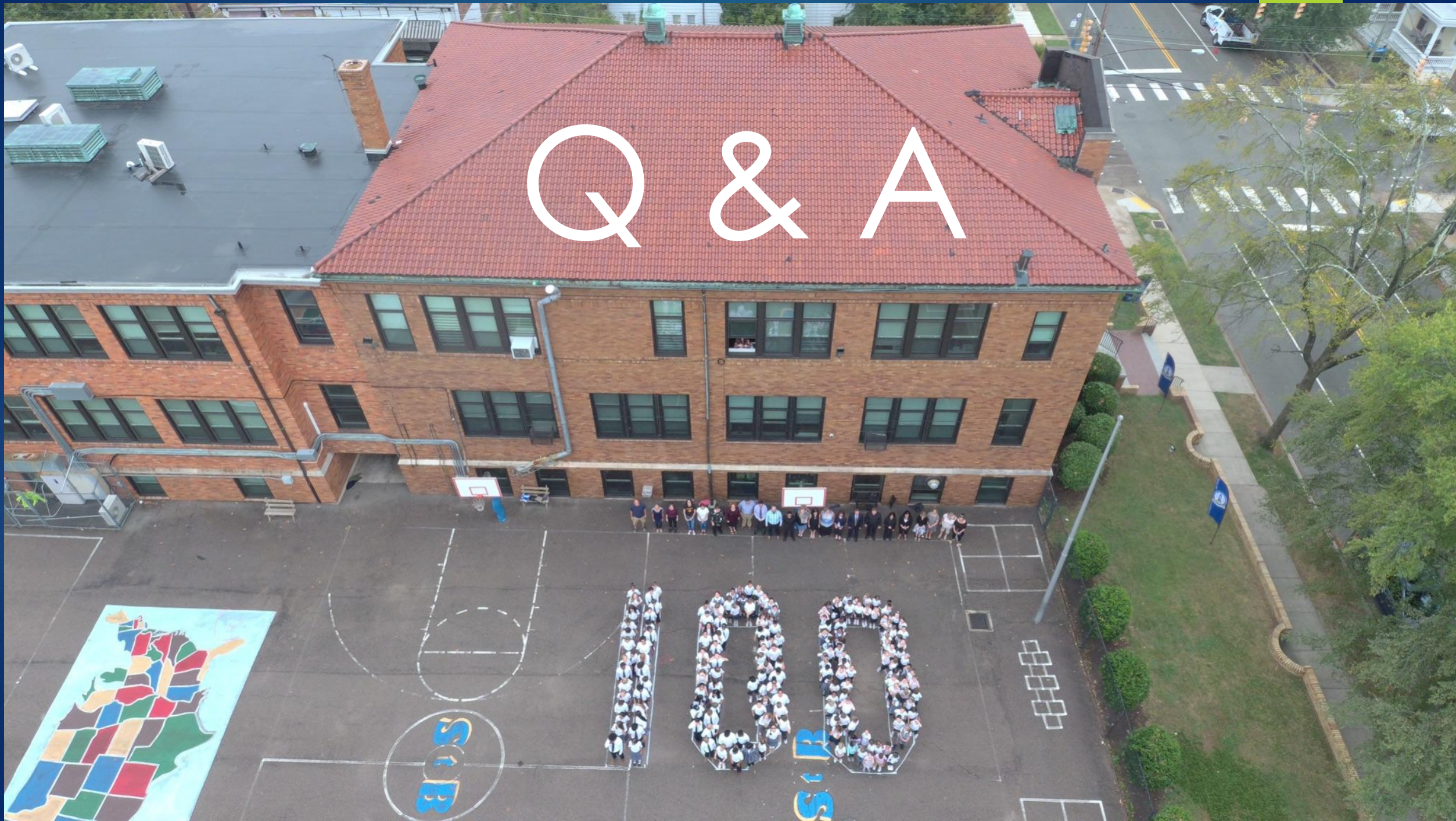
- ▶ **Summertime Socials! Stay tuned to the weekly newsletter for dates!**
- ▶ **Gently Used Uniform Swap** - Next one will be at Welcome Fair, Aug. 21st. (But don't wait for this to get your uniforms in order!)
- ▶ **Middle School Parent Orientation** - will take place in August for all 6th - 8th grade students and their parents. You will be notified of the date in the newsletter.
- ▶ **Welcome Fair: Monday, August 21st. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**
  - ▶ An email about Welcome Fair will come out in late July/early August with all of the information you need.
- ▶ **First Day of School (Grades JK-8): Tuesday, August 22nd. You will be connected with your Class Rep who will help to get you settled into the classroom.**
- ▶ Coffee with Mr. Cruess for NEW FAMILIES - September 6th

**Stay tuned to the newsletter!!! It will help you get ready!**





# Q & A





# Checklist for Welcome Fair....

- Uniforms (We recommend having at least 3 days of uniforms to start the school year!)
- Forms, Facts and Parentsweb complete by JULY 1ST.
- Sign up for Welcome Fair time slot. (Email to come this summer!)
- School Supplies purchased.
- Health Forms turned in or dropped off at Welcome Fair.
- Summer Reading and Prep work completed. (Check and see if there's something your child needs to turn in...some grades do/don't!)
- Carline morning drop off 7:50-8:10am.
- Carline afternoon pick up 3:00-3:20pm.
- Need ASE/Morning Care - email [ase@saintbenedictschool.org](mailto:ase@saintbenedictschool.org) as early as possible.
- Keep cell phones, jewelry & smartwatches at home. Get those boy's haircuts scheduled. Make sure to follow our uniform guidelines. They are important for our school community and are enforced.
- Backpack, Lunch (Snack JK-5), daily! NO WATER BOTTLES!
- Get involved with your PTO! Turn in your PIP and be on the lookout for volunteer sign ups for the year in early August! Also, sign up for Oktoberfest in July!