

Good afternoon,

Thank you to Mrs. Owen and the 8th grade class for leading us in Mass this morning, it was a lovely liturgy as always. It is another busy week here at school, we had our NED assembly yesterday. Thank you for purchasing your yo-yos to support having this program at LHS this year! Next week, we have our annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday, OCEW for K - 3rd on Tuesday and OCEW for 4th - 8th on Wednesday. Please send your children dressed appropriately and thank you to those who have volunteered to help. Finally, we will have our annual Great Ghost Chase on Friday, October 25th for K - 8 students with an 11:30 dismissal as there is no extended day that afternoon as teachers are participating in an in-service that afternoon. Last but not least, our fall Book Fair will be held the week of October 28th. As always, we have a wonderful community who always steps up to support these amazing events and we are so grateful for your help!

It is interim time, the time when we are about half way through the first trimester and it is an opportune time to check in on your child's progress academically and behaviorally. If you have not already checked FACTS, we encourage you to do so to see how your child is doing so far. Teachers will be reaching out should they have any questions or concerns about your child's progress and parent-teacher conferences will be coming up shortly to allow for more detailed discussion (information below). Please reach out to the child's teacher with any questions or concerns that you yourself might have as well.

Save the Date: Parent - Teacher conferences for students in grades K - 8 will take place on Monday, November 4th and Tuesday, November 5th this year, from 1pm - 5pm. Teachers will be reaching out with their Sign Up links shortly, please be sure to contact them with any questions or concerns. Extended care will be offered on November 4th and November 5th from 11:30 am - 5:00 pm. Extended care will close promptly at 5:00 pm. **Students may only attend extended care if they arrive at 11:30 am.** There will be a strict **no drop-in care** for the two days conferences are held. Students must be registered for the program and all required paperwork must be completed prior to November 4th. **Any student with life saving medication (such as epi pens or inhalers), must have medication on hand with the LHS Office AND Extended Day (two sets of medication). We do not transfer life saving medication from the classroom to extended day.** Please provide a peanut and nut free lunch and a snack for your child. You may register for this program through your FACTS Family Portal under web forms.

Please remember, we will celebrate an Out of Uniform Day fundraiser to support the Ann Clark Dollard memorial Foundation in honor of breast cancer awareness month tomorrow, Friday, October 18th. Students may dress in pink that day for a minimum of a \$1 donation per student to support this cause. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support of this cause.

Lunch Ordering for November CLOSES TONIGHT!! Please log into Facts and order your child's lunch for November.

Book Fair Oct 28- Nov 1: Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again. Studies show that kids read more when they choose books for themselves. And fostering a love of independent reading leads to a wide variety of benefits—including academic success and improved mental health.

Please visit our Book Fair's homepage if you would like to set up an ewallet for your child:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/lintonhallschool>

A Book Fair eWallet is the digital payment account that allows your child to shop for books at the Fair without cash. You can also share your eWallet link so friends and extended family can add funds.

Peer Tutoring sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA629ABFCC16-51456348-peer>

Our next **Leo Club Meeting will be Tuesday, October 22** at 11:00 am in the Stem Lab.

Vision Screening: Please return your form by tomorrow if you would like your child to have a vision screening. The form is attached.

**Saint Benedictine Inductees
Value of Hospitality**

Kindergarten: Margo K

Margo is a wonderful example of a student who exhibits hospitality. She has a welcoming nature and always looks out for others. One day, Margo was called on in class to come up to the board for a math problem. She noticed that a friend was sad that she did not get picked. Margo asked if she could give her turn away to her friend. This kind gesture made her friend smile.

Margo is very caring and will check on friends if they are sad or lonely. She always makes sure everyone is included and will pull up extra chairs for her classmates so they can work together.

Margo's empathy towards others helps grow our classroom into a loving community where we help and care for one other.

Margo has a welcoming and gentle spirit. She thinks about others' feelings and needs and is sure to tell her teachers if someone needs an extra hand or support. We are very blessed to have Margo in our Kindergarten class.

1st Grade: Caitlin N for her hospitality to her classmates and teachers. Caitlin has a quiet but friendly presence and her calm and welcoming nature helped both our new and returning first graders feel at ease in the classroom.

Caitlin is attentive to the needs of those around her and her thoughtfulness and willingness to lend a helping hand is noticeable throughout the school day. Caitlin greets her teachers with a big smile and often brings us hand drawn pictures to put on display in the classroom.

Although she is not one to call attention to herself, Caitlin goes out of her way to celebrate her classmates' successes and invited a new student to join her play at recess. Her appreciation for everyone's unique personalities has helped us foster an accepting and close-knit classroom community right from the start. Caitlin, your genuine desire to see others grow and feel appreciated has been a blessing to watch and we are so thankful to have you as part of our first grade class. Congratulations, Caitlin!

2nd Grade/ Owen: Rachel S

Hospitality is offering warmth, acceptance and joy in welcoming others. The student that demonstrates that Benedictine Value in the second grade class is **Rachel S**.

Rachel enters the classroom each day with a big smile. She is happy to greet each of her classmates and welcomes them to a new day.

Rachel is the first one to offer a friend a comforting hug or a listening ear. She is sincere in her words and actions. Rachel is eager to offer her classmates help when they drop items, or needs assistance with an assignment. Rachel has also been a good friend to our new students showing them how we do things in our classroom and around Linton Hall School. Rachel is always eager to help me with tasks and often hands out papers for me.

Best of all Rachel has the distinction of being a professional hugger. A hug from Rachel makes you feel like everything is going to be alright. You can feel all the love and joy in her soul when she wraps her hands around you and squeezes tight. Her hugs are just what you need even if you did not know you needed it. I am lucky to receive one every day. Rachel is a perfect example of the Benedictine virtue of Hospitality and we are blessed to have her in our 2nd grade classroom.

2nd Grade/ Gazes: Audrey B. Hospitality means giving acceptance, welcoming others, and showing kindness.

Each day Audrey comes into the classroom with a big smile on her face and a positive attitude. She loves to offer help to classmates who may be struggling with classwork. Audrey has been very welcoming to our new LHS students by explaining where special classes are located, including them in playground fun, and sitting with them at lunch. She shows her caring heart when she sees a friend who is sad and checks in to offer a hug or help. She is a great example for her classmates by always encouraging them and cheering on their achievements. I am proud of Audrey and the kindness she shows for others. I am blessed to have her in my class this year. Congratulations Audrey!

3rd Grade: Mrs McGehee nominates **Jack J** to the Benedictine Society for his simple yet profound way of showing the benedictine value of hospitality. Jack shows hospitality best by being his easy going, happy to be here self. This simple nature of his is what makes him stand out and shine to others. Jack promotes an inclusive environment that makes all classmates feel welcome and respected. Jack can be found working with many different friends in the classroom, encouraging learning for everyone. No matter who I sit next to Jack, he is sure to be his buddy in no time. Jack can also be seen rooting for the underdog making sure no one is left behind, or feels excluded. Jack truly has a genuine care for others.

In addition to his inclusive demeanor, Jack demonstrates attentiveness to his work that sets a positive example to his peers. He approaches assignments with a strong sense of responsibility, carefully following instructions and striving for high-quality results. Whether it's participating in class discussions or completing seat work, Jack is always actively engaged, asking insightful questions and seeking help when needed. This attentiveness not only enhances his own learning but also inspires his classmates to approach school with a similar level of commitment. By balancing diligence with a welcoming attitude, Jack proves to be a great example of the virtue of hospitality.

4th Grade: Last year, I learned from Mrs. Alipio that the Greek concept of hospitality is called philoxenia, which literally translates to "love the stranger" or "turning strangers into friends." My nominee for St Benedict is **Melissa S**. Melissa is new to us this year and she has quickly turned her new classmates into friends. In the process, Melissa has shown friendship to many students who were initially considered strangers.

Melissa comes to class each day ready to engage in a friendly and positive way with her teachers and peers. She is welcoming and inclusive of everyone in class. She is frequently the

instigator of ideas and activities that draw others into play. As such, I usually find Melissa surrounded by a group of happy students. Watching Melissa begin her school year with us at LHS reminds me of a quote from the book, *The Tale of Despereaux*, "There is nothing sweeter in this world than the sound of someone you {care about} calling your name." Melissa, thank you for caring about your classmates and turning them into your friends!

5th Grade: Lily A.

The description for this Benedictine value is offering warmth, acceptance, and joy in welcoming others. I believe Lily is a great example of this value. She has been nothing but hospitable to her new classmates. At the beginning of the year, she made sure one of our new students had everything they needed and helped with setting up supplies, labeling workbooks, and putting things in their proper place. If her classmate did not understand something, she was there to explain it to them. Lily offered her time, knowledge, and even her own supplies, to help this new student feel comfortable and part of the class.

Lily likes to draw, make little crafts, and color. Lily spreads that love of art to others around her. She may be drawing at her desk, and the next thing you know, the students around her are drawing as well. Lily encourages them by complementing their work or letting them borrow something to write or color with.

Another way you can live this value is by being a good listener. Lily listens to her classmates and lets each student talk and give their opinion when doing group activities. She listens to her friends when they are having a difficult day or a difficult time with their schoolwork. She is there to be a good friend and we are lucky to have her.

Lily is such a great example of the Benedictine value of Hospitality and I am so proud of her. Congratulations!

6th Grade: Hadley C..

In Matthew Chapter 22 verses 37-39, Jesus is asked by a lawyer which of the commandments is the greatest, Jesus responds with, "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself*" (Matthew 22:37-39). Hospitality is the practice of loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Hadley can often be seen putting into practice the spirit of hospitality. She quietly moves about her day with a warm nature, kind words and actionable kindness towards her classmates and teachers alike. She demonstrates hospitality by creating a welcoming environment for all. Despite being packed up and ready to go, she will often stay in our homeroom quietly and patiently waiting for a friend to be ready. On more than one occasion, I have seen her pick up books or pencils pouches a classmate has dropped or left behind. She offers to return the lost or dropped items with a warm smile. I have witnessed her make space at a table for classmates to

sit and invite others to study with her. With each display of hospitality she is building community, sharing friendship, actively living the commandment of loving thy neighbor.

God's two greatest commandments are to love God and love others. Hospitality is a genuine way to show love for others. Thank you to Hadley for sharing the spirit of hospitality with your neighbors here in our community at Linton Hall School.

7th Grade: Jillian A:

Saint Benedict advised that hospitality should be extended with prayer, humility, genuine kindness, and selfless service. Jillian has demonstrated genuine kindness to the new students in her class this year. She has befriended her new classmates and encouraged them--both in the classroom and on the volleyball court.

Jillian shows hospitality as an attentive friend, quick to acknowledge when someone might be having a hard day or be in need of a friendly smile. She is an empathetic person who often notes others' feelings and works hard to brighten a friend's day.

She also demonstrates selfless service as a member of our school community. You can find her helping to clean up the classroom or Upper School hallway at the end of the day. She is always one to offer aid when a teacher or staff member asks for a volunteer.

Jillian possesses a warm, welcoming heart and it is evident in all she does at Linton Hall.

8th Grade: Kennedy W If hospitality is offering warmth, acceptance and joy in welcoming others than in my eyes Kennedy Wyckoff is a welcome addition to the St Benedict Society. Since last year, I have witnessed numerous examples of Kennedy being someone who goes out of her way to make everyone feel like they belong. Her attitude never changes and she brought it back for her 8th grade year. Whether it's in the hallway with a hello to every teacher, an energetic burst of positivity during class or much needed jolt on the volleyball and basketball court, Kennedy never disappoints.

No matter the grade, I have seen Kennedy go out of her way to make a new student feel like he or she belongs. She invites them into her circle of friends and makes sure their day is always positive. Whether it's with a comment about her favorite movie or music star (we won't mention who) to make them laugh or just a big hug when they are down, Kennedy makes it happen. On the court, every teammate and fan knows where Kennedy is at any moment. Whatever the score is, she goes out of her to lift her teammates up with passion and the rah-rah attitude.

This type of value of Kennedy is something that everyone should try to imitate and strive to have. Kennedy I hope you never lose this gift that you have and continue to make everyone

feel like they belong. I'm proud to be your teacher and coach and I want to welcome you as the newest member of the Saint Benedict Society.

Congratulations to all of our inductees!

I hope you are enjoying the fall weather, have a wonderful rest of your week and weekend!

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