

We're early!

As you opened up this issue of the BENN newsletter, we know what you were thinking. "This issue of the BENN is early... doesn't it usually come out at the end of the school day?" Those of you who are a bit more astute will further quip, "has it been two weeks already? It seems like I just got an issue of the BENN last Wednesday."

Well, you are all right! Welcome to a special edition of the BENN newsletter. Today's issue is an invitation to parents to participate in an important survey. The purpose of the survey is to compile a list of things that you—as parents—would like to see in order to help your son or daughter prepare for a new school year.

School Council has committed to developing a Parent Toolkit for parents of students new to our community, whether it is by moving from grade 8 to grade 9, or by moving into the neighbourhood. The intention of the Toolkit is to provide parents with the necessary information to help them become active participants in our community, and thereby effectively support their son or daughter as they transition into our community.

We would like your input on the information that should be included in the toolkit. Tell us the information that you feel is important, as well as the questions that you feel every parent needs answered as their son or daughter enters the St. Benedict school community.

To gather your input we have set up a [very simple one question online survey](#) for you to enter your suggestions. *The survey should only take you two to three minutes.* We will also send home a hard copy of the survey with report cards that you can return to the main office.

As an added incentive, all those who submit suggestions will be entered into a draw for a \$100 McCarthy's voucher. The draw will take place at our Grade 8 Parent Night the evening of Thursday, January 19, 2012. Please take a moment to share with us your thoughts and suggestions.

TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO TAKE THE SURVEY **AND ENTER THE** **MCCARTHY'S \$100 GIFT CARD DRAW**

Miscellaneous

Your opinions are important to us! Please [email us](#) with your comments and suggestions. If you like our newsletter, tell others; if you don't like it, tell us!

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