



ST BENEDICT'S

GENERAL INFO

WELCOME

St Benedict's is one of South Africa's largest and most successful Catholic Schools. The school is situated in Bedfordview, Gauteng; operates as three schools and currently caters for 650 College, 400 Preparatory and 400 Junior Preparatory boys from Grade 00 through to matriculation in Grade 12.

Founded by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1958, the school is owned by the St Benedict's Trust and is administered by a Board of Governors. The day-to-day management of the school is conducted by the Executive Head, Heads of School, Deputies, the School Chaplain and well-qualified academic and sports staff. St Benedict's is affiliated to the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa, the International Boys' School Coalition and the Catholic Board of Education. The school is fully accredited.

St Benedict's is in every sense a distinctly Catholic School, where Christian formation is seen as its fundamental purpose. It is a school with a proud academic tradition, producing consistently outstanding results in the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) matriculation examinations. There has been no failure at the Grade 12 level for close on fifty years and University Entrance pass rates are generally in excess of 97%.

All boys participate in sport at St Benedict's. Our unique "integrated day," where much of the boys' sport takes place during school hours, has seen the school develop into a well-respected sporting participant. The same rigorous approach to academics is adopted in sport - with coaching and sporting facilities that rank amongst the best.

In the College, participation in sport (or the Pipe Band) is compulsory for all: Hockey or Rugby in the winter months and Aquatics (Swimming and Waterpolo), Basketball, Cricket, Rowing or Tennis in the summer months. Additional but optional sporting activities offered outside of the integrated day include Air Rifle Shooting, Athletics, Cross-Country, Golf and Soccer.

Within certain parameters, boys in Grades 10 - 12 may elect instead to participate in the following alternate activities during the integrated day: Drama, First Aid, Music (Private tuition) and Pipe Band. They may specialise in the following sports: Aquatics, Basketball, Cricket, Golf, Hockey, Rugby and Tennis.

In the Preparatory School, a seasonal sport is compulsory for all: boys may choose between team and individual sports like Athletics, Cricket, Cross-Country, Hockey Rugby, Soccer, Swimming and Tennis, with Basketball, Golf, Rowing and Waterpolo as additional codes for senior boys. Grade 3 – 7 boys develop a healthy body and co-operative skills through friendly competition.

Boys are also encouraged to participate in a wide range of cultural activities, including Public Speaking, Drama, Chess, Choir, the Marimba Band, the Music School and the Pipe Band.

In the Junior Preparatory school, all boys participate in sport during the school day, with the emphasis on participation, skills and sportsmanship. Niche and cultural activities are offered during the school day. Privately run activities include Swimming, Karate, Mini-Golf, Italian and Portuguese, Speech and Drama.

TRANSPORT

School buses currently operate daily, bringing boys from Grade 4 to school from Alberton, Brackenhurst, Meyersdal, Oakdene, Glenvista, Edenvale, Benoni, Thornhill Estates, Greenstone, Benoni, Boksburg and Germiston. Buses return home daily (except Wednesdays) departing at 15:10.

BOARDING

Bishop Grandin House is the boarding establishment on the school property catering to boys from Grade 8 to Grade 12. Both termly and weekly boarding are available.

AFTERCARE CENTRE

The facilities at the Joseph Gerard Aftercare Centre rank amongst the best in Johannesburg and include a computer centre, library, games room, homework rooms, kitchen, dining area and grade-specific playgrounds. Boys in the centre partake in a hearty lunch before supervised homework sessions and participate in indoor and outdoor activities specially designed to meet the needs of boys. The Aftercare Centre operates from 12:30 to 17:30 daily. We offer a full and a half subscription to cater for the varying after school needs of families.

Full subscription: 5 days a week with holiday care in April and the June midterm break.

Half subscription: Limited to 10 days per month. An additional daily rate is payable for holiday care.

A Holiday Club operates from 07:30 to 17:00 during the August holidays. The Aftercare remains closed for the December holidays.

Contact: Mrs Isabel Rodriques, convenor of the Centre: 082 569 2151 or 011 455 3544.



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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

From Grade 00 to Grade 12, the academic curricula are based on the National Curriculum which is skills-based and compatible, therefore, with the best international approaches to teaching and learning. Our teaching and learning strategies are progressive and innovative and are specifically designed to meet the academic needs of boys in a learner-centred environment.

Our staff promote creative and lateral thinking. Throughout the school, the accent is on the acquisition of problem solving and critical thinking skills. Within our ACTIVE Curriculum, boys are encouraged to embrace a collaborative and entrepreneurial spirit in their approach to learning and assessment. St Benedict's offers a school-specific IT curriculum from Grade 00 to Grade 9 that teaches the following skills: hardware and devices, software applications (Google, Windows products and other educational apps), operating systems (Windows, Apple and Google environment), networks, digital citizenship, web browsing and communication and programming. Boys are equipped to embrace technology as part of the learning environment.

The school offers three official languages: English, Afrikaans and isiZulu. English is taught at Home Language level and is also the medium of instruction. The additional languages are given equal status from Grade 1- 3, whereafter boys elect to take either Afrikaans or isiZulu at First Additional Language level.

In the Foundation phase (Grade 00 to Grade 3), in addition to the languages, boys are taught Mathematics, Art, Life Skills, Information Technology, Music and Physical Education. In our Preparatory School, the core curriculum consists of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences. Our extended curriculum in the Preparatory includes IT, Visual Art, Music and Life Orientation in all grades.

In Grades 8 and 9, in addition to English (Home Language) and Afrikaans or isiZulu as a First Additional Language, boys take Mathematics, Drama, Music and Visual Art, Economic Management Sciences and Accounting, Physical Science and Life Science, Geography and History, IT and Life Orientation. From Grade 10 onwards, boys are prepared to write the IEB National Senior Certificate, the high-quality independent examination that is favoured by almost all independent schools in Southern Africa. For this qualification, boys take four core subjects and three choice subjects:

Core Subjects: English (Home Language), Afrikaans or isiZulu (First Additional Language), Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy and Life Orientation.

Choice Subjects: Accounting, Business Studies, Dramatic Art, Geography, History, Information Technology, Life Sciences, Music, Physical Sciences and Visual Art.

From Grade 10 onwards, Further Studies Mathematics and Further Studies English are available to boys by invitation.

As a Catholic school, part of our spiritual focus is to grow men of integrity who understand, appreciate and are prepared to live the gospel values that underlie a moral, Christian life. For this reason, Religious Education is compulsory for all boys throughout the school.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The two main entry points to St Benedict's are at the Grade 00/0 and Grade 8 levels. Placement in other grades is dependent on vacancies occurring. Pupils are admitted to Grade 00 in the year in which they turn five and into Grade 0 in the year in which they turn six. In Grade 0, there are 100 places available, catering for four classes of 25 boys.

Placement assessments take place for the admission of pupils from Grade 1 to Grade 12.

Normally, new pupils are not accepted into Grade 11 or Grade 12 (unless parents have moved into our feeder area or boys have attended other Catholic or independent schools). Entrance exams are followed by an interview, conducted by the Head, Deputy Head or Head of House. Ideally both parents and son need to attend the interview.

The school reserves the right to conduct a credit check on all prospective applicants.

OUR FACILITIES

MAIN CAMPUS

7 Sportsfields; 1 Astroturf facility; 8 Tennis Courts; 6 Basketball Courts; Gymnasium; Indoor Pool; Indoor Cricket Centre/Multi-purpose Hall; 8 Outdoor Turf Nets and 6 Outdoor Astro Nets; 50-metre Outdoor Pool; Rugby and Cricket Pavilion; Rowing Centre; Pipe Band Room; Bibliotech, 3 Computer Centres; Chapel; Box Theatre; 4 Music Tuition Rooms; Tuck Shops and Restaurant.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Aftercare Centre; RE Room; Auditorium; Bibliotech Science Laboratory; Computer Room; Art Studio; Library and extended reading area; Therapy Rooms.



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JUNIOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Aftercare Centre; Specialised venues for Computers, RE, Music, Art, Academic Support, Private Occupational and Speech Therapy; Library; Hall; Chapel; Heated Swimming Pool.

RAVENS PARK

Ravens Park is an additional sports facility in Linbro Park which caters mainly for Preparatory School sport. The facility includes fields with three turf wickets, Rugby and Soccer fields and a sports pavilion.

PARNASSUS FARM

St Benedict's makes extensive use of Parnassus Farm, its Conference and Environmental Centre in Magaliesberg. This magnificent 115 hectare property on the Magalies River is used for various academic, sporting, adventure and leadership camps which take place during the course of each year. The Grade 8 Orientation Camp takes place here on the first weekend of the first term. Facilities include a dining hall and kitchen complex, recreation facilities, swimming pool, conference centre and dormitory accommodation for boys and accompanying staff accommodation.

2024 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

ACADEMIC FEES

Section	Annual	Capex Levy* Annual	School Fees Monthly
00	R54 054	R4 950	R5 160
0	R82 296	R4 950	R7 856
1 - 3	R100 607	R4 950	R9 603
4	R119 729	R4 950	R11 429
5 - 6	R120 837	R4 950	R11 534
7	R139 471	R4 950	R13 313
8 - 9	R140 763	R4 950	R13 436
10 - 12	R162 724	R4 950	R15 533
12 IEB EXAM	R162 724 & IEB Exam Fee	R9 079 (IEB Exam Fee)	R15 533

* The Capex levy of R4 950 per annum is billed as follows: 1st child - R4 950. 2nd child R3 700. 3rd child R2 475. Matric parents are exempt from this Capex Levy.

BOARDING FEES

Boarding Option	Annual	Monthly
Weekly	R111 711	R10 155 x 11
Termly	R119 130	R10 830 x 11

Boarding Fees are over and above Academic Fees

- For a comprehensive overview of our fees, visit www.stbenedicts.co.za
- Gr 12 IEB Fees are due by end of May each year
- Monthly fees are payable in advance at the beginning of each month

BANK DETAILS

Account Name: St Benedict's Trust
 Bank: First National Bank
 Account No: 55275101604
 Branch: Eastgate (257705)

AFTERCARE

Grade 00 - 7	Full subscription: R1 950 per month Half subscription: R975 per month	Aftercare is charged for 10 months (An August holiday programme is available at an additional cost)
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NON-REFUNDABLE ENROLMENT FEE

All new admissions to St Benedict's are required to pay a non-refundable enrolment fee within one month of acceptance. All enrolment fees must be paid by the end of August of the preceding year. Enrolment fees for applications from 1 September are immediately payable after acceptance.

Grade 00 Enrolment Fee	R5 000 - an additional R10 000 is payable by the end of July of the Grade 00 year
Junior Preparatory Enrolment Fee	R15 000
Preparatory Enrolment Fee	R15 000
College Enrolment Fee	R15 000

In terms of the agreement signed by parents/guardians at the time of their son's enrolment, a full term's notice in writing is required if it is their intention to remove their son from the School or Boarding House. Alternatively a full term's fees in lieu of notice is required. Adequate notice is appreciated as it allows for timeous arrangements to be made for the reallocation of places at the school and Boarding House.



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REBATES

To assist parents who have more than one child enrolled at St Benedict's and our sister schools Assumption (Malvern) and Holy Rosary (Edenvale) - application can be made for a rebate on the St Benedict's School Fee: 5% - two children enrolled; 10% - three children; 15% - four children; 20% five children.

This rebate is not applicable for families who have a son on scholarship or bursary at St Benedict's.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT LEVY

Income from the capex levy and the non-refundable enrolment fee is used for the improvement and provision of school facilities.

SCHOOL TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

Additional charges are levied in respect of school tours and excursions. No charge is levied, however, for the conveyance of pupils to or from normal sports activities.

RAVENS SPORTS CENTRE

No charge is levied in respect of boys making use of the sports centre. Boys must, however, be 14 years or older before being allowed use of this facility.

ADDITIONAL BILLINGS

Parents will be notified in writing of all additional billings to be added to their account. Additional billings are described in the School's Additional Billing Policy.

TEXTBOOKS

Reading books are issued on loan to pupils from Grade 00 to 3. Pupils from Grade 4 to 12 are required to purchase their own textbooks.

STATIONERY

All Grade 4 to 12 pupils are required to provide their own stationery and equipment as per the list supplied by the school. In Grade 00 to 3 parents purchase stationery packs prepared by the school.

SCHOLARSHIPS

St Benedict's offers a limited number of scholarships each year to boys entering the College at Grade 8. No scholarships are offered to boys entering at any other grade or to boys who are currently enrolled in another grade at the school.

Whilst boys are usually "invited" to write the scholarship exam, the selection process is open to all boys who wish to participate - including Grade 7 boys from our own Preparatory School. Only boys who achieved an academic average of 75% (Upper Level 6 or B+) at the end of Grade 6 will be admitted to the scholarship process.

The Examinations consist of two papers usually written in March of every year.

The awarding of scholarships is based on the results achieved by the candidates in the Scholarship Examinations, documentation in support of extramural achievements, a testimonial from current school and interview with the Head/Deputy.

Scholarships take the form of a percentage subsidy of school fees for a period of five years provided the recipient continues to conform to the College's standards of conduct, academic work, extramural progress and level of commitment.

BURSARIES

A small sum of money is provided by the St Benedict's Trust each year to assist parents experiencing temporary financial difficulty by providing partial bursaries for pupils. As resources are limited, assistance can be provided in only the most needy circumstances and to pupils whose behaviour and scholastic progress is regarded as satisfactory. Such assistance needs to be applied for in October for the following year.

CONTACT DETAILS

Applications Grades 00 to 12 - Harcus Road, Bedfordview, Tel: 011 455 1906, Email: admissions@stbenedicts.co.za
Private Bag 15, Bedfordview, 2008 - www.stbenedicts.co.za

Right of admission is reserved and final decisions are at the sole discretion of the Head of School.