

ST BENEDICT'S

**School Tours and Excursions**

Additional charges are levied in respect of School Tours and excursions where these are not covered by the Basic School Fee. This includes the costs of all sports tours and sports training camps. No charge is made, however, for the conveyance of pupils to or from normal sports activities.

Raven's Gymnasium

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

Grade R Assessments

There is an additional charge for the professional Grade R "School Readiness" assessments. This amount is currently of the order of R 1 300 p.a.

Other Levies

Charges are levied in respect of boys electing to join the St Benedict's Cub Group, Pipe Band, Rowing Section and Swimming Club.

Text Books

Readers are issued on loan to pupils from Grade R to Grade 3. Pupils from Grade 4 to Grade 12 are required to purchase their own text books.

Stationery

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

Scholarships

A number of academic scholarships are offered each year to boys entering the College at Grade 8 level only. The scholarship examination is an "open" one and caters for all applicants including boys currently in Grade 7 at St Benedict's Preparatory School. Scholarships are not offered on sporting achievement alone, however achievements and/or participation is considered.

The awarding of scholarships is based on the results achieved by the candidates in the Scholarship Examinations, Documentation in support of extramural achievements, Testimonial from current school and interview with the Headmaster/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, 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 R to 7 - Harcus Road, Bedfordview, Tel: 011 455 1906, Fax: 086 586 6800
 Applications Grades 8 to 12 - Harcus Road, Bedfordview, Tel: 011 455 1906, Fax: 011 455 6519
 Private Bag 15, Bedfordview, 2008 - www.stbenedicts.co.za



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St Benedict's, situated in Bedfordview, Gauteng, is one of South Africa's largest and most successful Catholic Schools. It operates as three separate schools under one umbrella and currently caters for 620 College, 400 Preparatory School and 400 Junior Preparatory School boys from reception in Grade R 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. Day-to-day operations are conducted by the Headmasters, Deputies and excellent academic and sports staff. The School is a member of the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa and the International Coalition of Boys' Schools.

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 more than thirty years - and University Entrance pass rates are generally in excess of 95%.

Sport has increased in importance - and in success - in more recent years, largely as a result of St Benedict's unique "integrated day", where much of the boys' sport takes place during school hours. 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: Rugby, Hockey, Cross Country or the Pipe Band in the winter months; and Cricket, Basketball, Aquatics (Swimming and Waterpolo), Rowing or the Pipe Band in the summer months. Other optional sporting activities include Athletics, Cross Country, Golf, Squash and Tennis. Our athletes and soccer players have the opportunity of participating in a Boys' High Schools Soccer league in the month of September.

At the Junior Preparatory and Preparatory School level, boys participate eagerly in a wide range of sporting activities, including Cricket, Swimming, Tennis, Athletics, Rugby, Soccer, Cross-country and Hockey. Grades R to 2 participate internally. Grade 6 and 7 boys also have the opportunity to participate in Basketball, Waterpolo and Rowing.

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

TRANSPORT

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

BOARDING

Bishop Grandin House is the hostel on the school property catering for a total of 84 boys from Grade 7 to Grade 12.

Termly boarding - R45 350 per annum

Weekly boarding - R42 250 per annum

AFTER SCHOOL CENTRE

The After-School Centre operates from the close of school each day until 17:30, catering for pupils up to Grade 7. A cooked lunch is provided. A schedule of fees and charges is available from Reception. Payments must be made to the Accounts Office only.

After School Centre Fees for 2012 are R830 (x10 months). Contact: Mrs Isabel Rodriques, convenor of the Centre: 082 569 2151

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**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES**

From Grade R to Grade 12 the academic curriculum are based on the National Curriculum which is skills-based and compatible, therefore, with the best international approaches to teaching and learning.

Curricula programmes are designed to give our boys a better understanding of the real world in which they live and in which they will one day have to make their livelihoods.

The academic programme is designed to promote creative and lateral-thinking - and accordingly the accent throughout is on the acquisition of intellectual skills (rather than on rote learning) and critical thinking skills.

THE IEB EXAMINATION

The IEB examination is a high-quality local Grade 12 examination – supported by almost all independent schools in South Africa. The cost of this examination is currently R4 028. This amount is added to the annual matric school fees.

Although it has the same curriculum and syllabi as those of the various State examining bodies -such as the Gauteng Department of Education and enjoys the same status for purposes of University entrance – it is increasingly being accredited for entrance to Universities in other countries.

Grades 8 & 9

All boys take: English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Physical Science & Life Science (Natural Science), Geography & History (Social Science), Economic Management Sciences (including Accounting), Drama, Music and Visual Art (Art & Culture), Life Orientation and Religious Education is compulsory for ALL boys.

Grades 10 to 12

All boys take: English, Afrikaans, Mathematics/Mathematical Literacy and Life Orientation. In addition boys choose three of the following subjects: Accounting, Music, Dramatic Art, Geography, History, Information Technology, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences and Visual Art. Religious Education (compulsory for ALL boys).

By Invitation: Advanced Programme Mathematics

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

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

A School Readiness Assessment conducted by the Junior Preparatory School appointed psychologist is required for admission into Grade 1. This assessment is conducted during the Grade R year for those boys at St Benedict's for placement in Grade 1. Entrance tests or examinations take place for the admission of pupils from Grade 2 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 Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster or Housemaster. Ideally both parents and son need to attend the interview.

FACILITIES**School Site:**

7 Sportsfields; 1 Astroturf facility; 8 Tennis Courts; 2 Basketball Courts; Gymnasium; Indoor Pool; Indoor Cricket Centre; 50-metre outdoor Pool; Rugby and Cricket Pavilion; Hockey Pavilion; Pipe-Band Room; 3 Computer Centres; Chapel; Auditorium; Tuck Shop; Basil's Restaurant.

Additional Preparatory Facilities:

RE room; Auditorium; Science Laboratory; Computer room; Library and extended reading area; two Therapy rooms and Administrative block.

Junior Preparatory School:

R.E. Room; Art/D&T Room; Academic Support Room; Music Room; Therapy Rooms; Computer Centre; Library; Hall; Chapel; Offices; Swimming Pool.



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Ravens Park:

7 additional sportsfields with three turf wickets, catering mainly for the Preparatory and Junior Preparatory Schools; horse-riding facilities; stables; barns and paddocks. Sports Pavilion; Cub & Scout Hall.

Parnassus Farm

St Benedict's makes extensive use of Parnassus Farm, its upmarket Conference and Environmental Centre in Magaliesberg. This magnificent 115 hectare property on the Magalies River is owned by the St Benedict's Trust and is used for various academic, sporting, adventure and leadership camps which take place here during the course of each year. The Grade 8 Orientation camp takes place on the first weekend of the first term. The camp is compulsory for all Grade 8 pupils.

Facilities include Dining Hall and Kitchen complex, recreation facilities, swimming pool, conference centre and accommodation facilities.

2012 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

DAY SCHOLARS	Gr R - Gr 3	Gr 4 - Gr 6	Gr 7 - Gr 9	Gr 10 - Gr 12
Annual	R 40 120	R 47 300	R 54 560	R 61 700
Monthly over 11 Months	R 3 868	R 4 553	R 5 260	R 5 945

Boarders fees are over and above Day Scholar fees

BOARDERS	Weekly	Termly
Annual	R 42 250	R 45 350
Monthly over 11 Months	R 3 840	R 4 123

For a comprehensive viewing of our schedule of fees, visit us at www.stbenedicts.co.za

A deposit of R10 000 is required by 13 June 2012 for all College applicants, or within 30 days of acceptance for Preparatory and Junior Preparatory applicants, to secure placement at the school. This amount is refundable after a pupil leaves the school, provided that his stay has been for a minimum of one full academic year and the stipulated notice has been given.

Rebates

To assist parents who have more than one child enrolled at local Catholic Schools: St Benedict's; Assumption (Malvern) or 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.

Note: 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 College 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.