

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2- Living Stations of the Cross @ 1:30 (all are welcome)
April 6- No School (Easter Monday)
April 7- Dewig meat fundraiser kick off
April 7- 8th Grade field trip

April 8- 8th Grade Field Trip
April 13-May 9- Grades 3-8 iLearn testing
April 17- 2nd Grade 1st communion retreat
April 26- 2nd grade 1st Communion

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful and restful spring break filled with meaningful time together. As we return to school, we are excited to enter the final stretch of the year with renewed energy, faith, and a strong sense of community. These last months have always been full of growth, celebration, and special moments for our students.

As we prepare our hearts during this sacred season, Holy Week is a beautiful opportunity for reflection and prayer. I encourage your family to check the parish bulletin for opportunities to attend Mass and participate in the many meaningful celebrations leading up to Easter.

ILEARN Testing (April 13 – May 8)

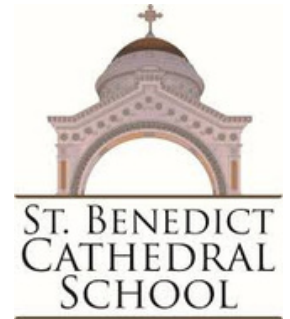
Students in grades 3–8 will participate in Indiana's state assessment, ILEARN, during this time. You can support your child by ensuring they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time each day. If possible, please try to avoid scheduling appointments during this window so students can do their very best without interruption.

As we anticipate celebrating the joy and hope of the Easter season, may we be reminded of the love, sacrifice, and renewal that Christ brings into our lives. May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with peace, joy, and abundant blessings.

Thank you for being such an important part of our St. Ben's family. We are truly grateful for your continued support, partnership, and prayers. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter season!

A friendly reminder: There will be no school on Monday, April 6.

Easter Blessings,
Megan Orandi



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RAVENS IN ACTION!



RAISING CONFIDENT GIRLS

Studies show girls' confidence can drop by up to 30% between the ages of 8-14, a shortage not seen in their male peers. As girls reach their tween years, their emotional intelligence grows. This enhances their ability to read the feelings and moods of those around them, leading to people-pleasing and increasing self-doubt. Girls become more cautious, less likely to try new things, and avoid opportunities to fail. So how do we boost our girls up and make sure they are wired for confidence in their teen years and beyond?

- **Focus on body positivity.** See the March newsletter for more tips on this!
- **Teach boundaries.** No is a complete sentence. Remind your daughter about the importance of setting personal boundaries in relationships, protecting her time, and reducing overcommitment without requiring justification or explanation.
- **Normalize Failure.** Support your daughter in building resilience instead of striving for perfection. Mistakes are necessary for growth and essential for developing true confidence.
- **Praise effort rather than outcome.** Always keep the focus of your praise on the process involved, not the final result. Help her develop growth mindset language by using the power of YET. "You don't have that math concept mastered YET. But I see you working hard on your homework to grasp it."
- **Have a candid conversation about media, what it is and is not.** Ask your child what apps they are using, what sites they are viewing, what images they are consuming. Discuss how media and social media can create unrealistic, negative comparisons, which can lower mood and self-esteem. Protect your child's online safety to avoid predators who exploit their low confidence.
- **Encourage New Experiences.** Encourage your daughter to step outside her comfort zone to try new things. Make the focus on learning a new skill, meeting new people, or just having fun, NOT on mastery.
- **Encourage independent problem solving.** Avoid jumping in to "fix" for her. When we do for our children, they do not learn how to do for themselves. Be available to listen. Then allow her to brainstorm solutions and approach a resolution on her own, even if the route she takes to get there is different from yours.
- **Encourage her individual identity.** Allow her to make her own decisions, such as choosing clothes, hairstyles, and extracurriculars, to foster a sense of self. Give her responsibilities at home to improve her accountability and sense of responsibility.

As always, the best thing we can do to counteract this confidence shortage is MODEL. Children learn through observation. Show your daughter your growth mindset thinking, your willingness to try new things and fail, your positive self-talk.

Brooke Skipper is the Youth First Social Worker at St Benedict Cathedral School. You can call the school to reach her personal extension or send her an email at bskipper@youthfirstinc.org. All contacts are confidential.

Donate **Shop** **Swap**
the

St. Ben's PTO Uniform Closet

OUR UNIFORM CLOSET CAN BE ACCESSED
ANYTIME DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

How It Works

Donate

Are you looking to get rid of old uniforms? Drop off clean, gently used uniforms and spirit wear at the school office. (Helpful, but not required: label bags with size & gender.)

Swap

Outgrown a size? Bring in your clean, gently used uniforms to swap for the next size up.

Shop

Need uniforms, spirit wear, or logo apparel? Shop the uniform closet first. (Monetary donations welcome, never required.)

Accidents happen! Students may visit the uniform closet anytime during the school day for a change of clothes.



Will it Popsicle?



Blaze of Benedict Youth Ministry
All middle schoolers welcome!

APRIL 26TH



3-4:30 PM

Woodward Center

Come ready to try new things...
or weird things.

Questions: crshockley@evdio.org

EAST SIDE YOUTH MINISTRIES

★ WALTHER'S ★
GOLF

AND FUN

2301 N First Ave Evansville IN 47710

Join the east
side youth
ministries for
unlimited mini
golf, pizza and
a round of
lazer tag!

April 12th
5-7pm

**\$15 PER
PERSON**

Questions: crshockley@evdio.org or ophipps@evdio.org



There are spots open for youth at Youth Resources' Middle School TEENPOWER leadership development conference!

Students who are entering grades **7-8 in fall of 2026** can register for TEENPOWER and become involved in the only youth substance abuse prevention conference of its kind in southwestern Indiana!

Youth Resources' TEENPOWER is a jam-packed conference designed to empower youth to lead drug-free lifestyles while engaging them in leadership development and community service. Students who register can expect to do all of the following:

- Have tons of fun during large and small group activities
- Engage in life-changing conversations with their peers about what really matters to them
- Participate in workshops that motivate them to serve as catalysts for positive change in their own lives and in their communities
- Plan a prevention service project to complete at their school or in the community

All TEENPOWER participants will have the opportunity to build positive peer and mentor relationships with the all-volunteer youth and adult staff members who serve at TEENPOWER.

After the conference ends, students are eligible for up to \$500 in grant funding to bring what they learn at TEENPOWER back to your school community by planning a prevention-based service project!

Middle School TEENPOWER is an overnight conference that takes place from **Monday, June 22, 2026 at 9:00 AM to Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 7:30 PM on the University of Evansville campus.**

Students can register for Middle School TEENPOWER here: [Middle School TEENPOWER Registration Link](#)

Full and partial scholarships are available, but funds are limited. Families should register for TEENPOWER at the link above AND apply for scholarship assistance as soon as possible: [Scooter Scholarship Application](#)

To learn more about TEENPOWER and hear from youth involved, visit: youth-resources.org/teenpower



BLAZE OF BENEDICT

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

**SPRING
2026**

Wed. events
after school
until 3:30



JANUARY

7th Wed. meeting
11th Sunday 3-4:30
14th Wed. meeting
21st Wed. meeting
22nd March for Life

**FILL OUT THE FORMS BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE.**

Reach out to Catherine
crshockley@evdio.org
with any questions.

FEBRUARY

4th Wed. meeting
11th Wed. meeting
18th Wed. meeting
28th Holy Fire

APRIL

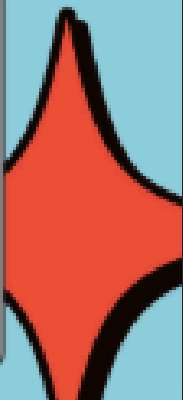
1st Wed. meeting
8th Wed. meeting
12th Walther's Golf and Fun
15th Wed. meeting
29th Wed. meeting

MARCH

4th Wed. meeting
13th-15th Source and Summit
18th Wed. meeting

MAY

3rd Sunday 3-4:30
6th Wed. meeting
13th Wed. meeting





Are you Pre- or Post-Christmas Purging?

As you sort through and declutter your home this holiday season, please keep St. Ben's in mind! We are always looking for GENTLY USED or new items to enhance our students' learning and play experiences.

Here's how you can help:

Keyway Room is looking for:

LEGOs

Blocks

Dollhouse items and accessories

Hot Wheels and track sets

Indoor Recess Items:

Board games

Card games

Activity kits (crafts, puzzles, etc.)

Outdoor Equipment:

Basketballs

Footballs

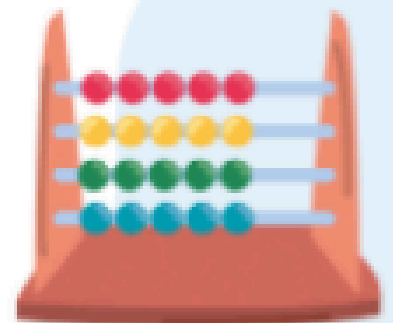
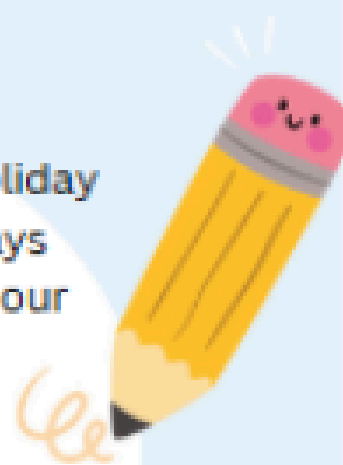
Soccer balls

Volleyballs

Your generosity makes a big difference in providing engaging and enriching activities for our students.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office during regular hours.

Thank you for supporting St. Ben's!





Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

St. Benedict Cathedral



Noon to 6 pm
Every Monday

Sacrament of Reconciliation | 5 - 5:45pm

Benediction at 5:50pm

Family Friendly Holy Hour | 5 to 6pm

Families with small (&BIG) children encouraged to participate. Resources for our young children will be provided.

Faith Formation

The Bible Timeline from Ascension Press
The Story of Salvation

Starting in January, 2026



Saint Benedict Cathedral Parish

Three separate opportunities.

Monday at 6pm

Wednesday at 10am

Sunday at 9am

More information and to sign up:
Scan the QR code



Scan me



Looking for a private tutor?

Subjects



Reading
Comprehension



Mathematics



Phonics



Writing

Session Prices

\$20
per half
hour

\$40
per
hour



Schedule

- Kindergarten - second grade
- Monday-Thursdays, May 26th-July 24th
- Flexible times to fit your schedule.



Mary Goedde
Kindergarten Teacher

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE, register now!

mgoedde@evdio.org



SHEPHERD AND SMITHEY

SUMMER SCHOOL

2026

- Phonics/Comprehension ●
- Science/STEM ●
- Math ●
- Creative Arts ●
- Kindness Lab ●
- Tues-Fri 8:30 am-2:30 pm ●
- Located at Saint Ben's

**MAY 26-JUNE 26,
2026**

JOIN NOW

EMAIL
ASHEPHERD@EVDIO.ORG
KSMITHEY@EVDIO.ORG



Contact
270-361-9748





Krista Rue

Private summer tutor

Stay sharp over the summer
with personalized lessons

- *I am a mother of 2 girls and a law enforcement wife.
- *I enjoy riding horses and hiking in my spare time.
- *I have a passion for making academics accessible for all learners.
- *I have a background in special education through EVSC.
- *I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

I will be offering one hour tutoring sessions at St. Ben's over the summer. I will tailor math and reading lessons specific to your child's needs. I will be offering tutoring for students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Please reach out with any questions or interest
krue@evdio.org

Scan the code to inquire

SUMMER TUTORING

with Mrs. Hunt!

Tutoring at
**St. Benedict
Cathedral School**

Pick-up on Harlan Ave.

**Boost Reading,
Math & Confidence
All Summer Long!**

**Limited Spots
Available!**

Email: ahunt@evdio.org

- ★ Reading Comprehension Skills
- ★ Orton-Gillingham Trained & Certified for Dyslexia Support
- ★ 2nd Grade & 3rd Grade Standard Math Skills

Learn ★ Grow ★ Succeed!

A cartoon illustration of a pickleball paddle with an orange perforated face and a white back, positioned above a green pickleball with an orange dot. The background features a blue and white mosaic pattern.

PICKLE BALL *Is Back!*

ST. BEN'S GYM | FEBRUARY

7pm-9pm THURSDAYS
6:30pm -8:30pm SUNDAYS

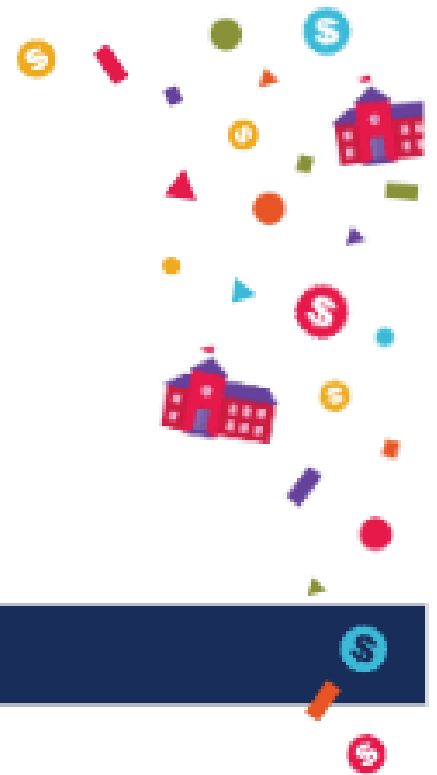


FOR MORE INFORMATION
LISA ROTH 812-473-1702

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qualifying receipts
in the app



SUBMIT

qualifying digital
receipts in the app



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your Walmart and
Box Tops accounts



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Whether you order groceries for delivery or pickup, shop through your store's app, request an email receipt at checkout or shop with your Walmart connected account, you can earn for your school no matter where you shop.

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THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfec.com)

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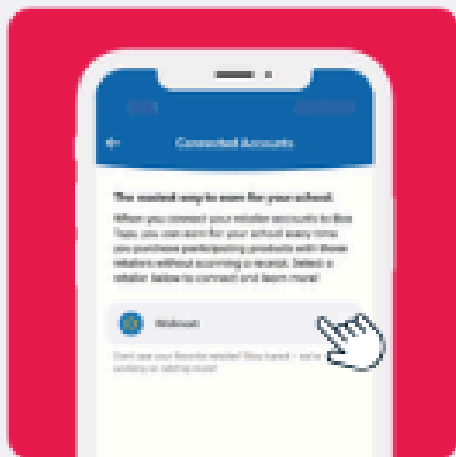
EARN FOR YOUR SCHOOL WITHOUT SCANNING!



Now you can earn cash for your school every time you buy Box Tops products at Walmart – no scanning required! Just follow these simple steps to connect your Box Tops and Walmart accounts.

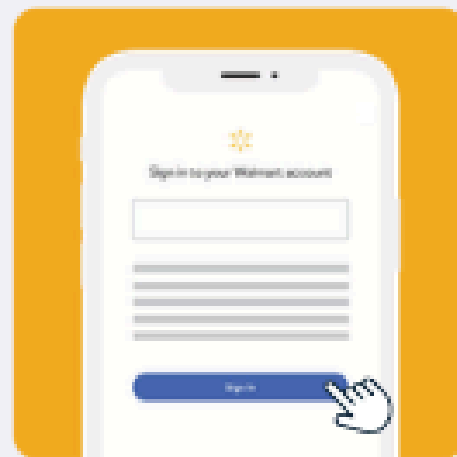
NEW FEATURE!

HOW IT WORKS:



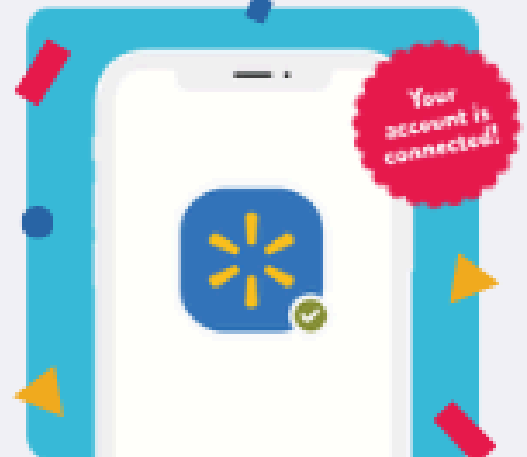
STEP 1

Download the Box Tops app or update to the latest version. In the app, go to your profile, then tap on "Connected Accounts" and select "Walmart."



STEP 2

When prompted, sign in to your Walmart account. (If you don't have a Walmart account, you'll be prompted to create one). Make sure to save a payment method to your Walmart account.



STEP 3

Your Walmart account is now connected to Box Tops, so your qualifying purchases made in-store and online with a saved payment method will earn for your school! Box Tops will be credited after you receive your Walmart items.

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CONNECT YOUR ACCOUNTS NOW FOR THE EASIEST WAY TO EARN

