



ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 16- School is in session (snow make-up day)
February 18- Ash Wednesday - 9:00 school-wide mass
February 19- 2nd grade 1st Reconciliation after 9:00am mass
February 23- 8th Grade Field trip

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Ravens Families,

Although Catholic Schools Week looked a little different from originally planned, it was still a joyful celebration of all that makes St. Benedict so special. On Friday, students enjoyed a fun Blue Out Day filled with trivia, a spirited assembly, and a movie, lots of smiles, and school pride all around.

We were also grateful for the opportunity to give back. Through our service efforts, we collected supplies and monetary donations to support Hands of Hope, helping children who have been displaced from their families. It was a beautiful reminder of our call to serve others with compassion and love.

To top off the week, we gathered for our Glow Dance, and what a wonderful evening it was! The night was filled with faith, family, laughter, dancing, selfies, and so many joyful memories, one of those moments that truly captures the heart of our St. Ben's community.

A huge thank-you to our Catholic Schools Week committee and PTO for their time, creativity, and dedication. Their hard work helped create a meaningful, full-of-faith, fun-filled experience, with reminders of how blessed we are to be part of a school where Christ is at the center of all we do.

Our Come and See Night Open House and Kindergarten Round-Up were also great successes! If you know a family searching for strong academics in a Christ-centered environment, please encourage them to visit St. Benedict. We would love to welcome them and share what makes our school so special.

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee champions, Henry Taraska and Daniel Wittmer! These students will represent St. Ben's at the diocesan spelling bee later this month. We wish them the very best of luck!

Important Upcoming Dates:

IREAD (Grades 2-3): March 2-13

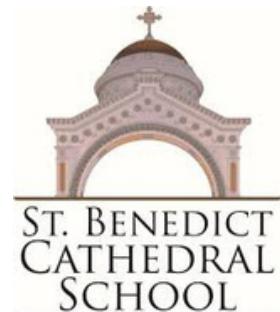
ILEARN (Grades 3-8): April 13-May 8

Please help your child prepare for testing by avoiding appointments or trips during these windows when possible, ensuring they get plenty of rest, and providing well-balanced meals to support their best effort.

Thank you for another wonderful month at St. Benedict. We are truly blessed to partner with such an amazing community of families.

With gratitude,

Megan Wright



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RAVENS IN ACTION!





TEACHING YOUR CHILD ABOUT CONSENT

Each year, the diocese requires all K-8 students to be presented with information about ways to stay safe when it comes to their bodies. This year, the diocese has adopted a new program to be taught by your student's teacher. Experts agree that children need to be taught about bodily autonomy and consent starting at a young age. This serves as a huge protective factor in regards to child abuse. When children understand they have the right to decide when and how to use their bodies, they learn how to be assertive, set healthy boundaries, and can recognize their own needs as well as the needs of others.

How can we reinforce this at home? The way parents teach their kids about consent will vary from one child to another. Age and maturity will also factor in. You want to keep the discussions developmentally appropriate while still being open and informative. Here are some ideas for how to accomplish this.

- Teach your child it is okay to say "no" if they do not like something that is happening to their body. If they don't enjoy being tickled or do not want to give someone a hug, they should feel empowered to stop it. Help your child find alternative ways to show affection or respect, such as a high five, thumbs up, or a fist bump.
- Educate your child about the importance of receiving permission to touch another person's body, as well. If their friend does not want a hug, they have to learn to be okay with that. Understanding "yes means yes" prepares children for the future world of romantic relationships.
- Talk with your child about the difference between okay touches that make them feel happy, safe, and loved and not okay touches that make them feel uncomfortable, confused, or scared. Even if someone you know and love uses a touch that makes you feel uncomfortable, you have the right to say no.
- Ensure your child understands that your family does not keep secrets. This applies even if the person asking them to keep a secret is someone they love and trust, even if they are told not to tell, and even if they are told that something bad will happen if they tell. This includes when a friend asks them to keep a secret involving something bad happening to the friend. Help your child understand they will not be in trouble for sharing the secret with a trusted adult.
- Have your child identify at least 5 trusted adults they could turn to for help. Make sure the list includes some nonfamily members, as well. Remind your child these adults are there to help protect them and keep them safe.
- Parental modeling is key! A great way to reinforce consent at home is by sticking firmly to your own boundaries. If you told your child no more screen time, do not allow them to continue badgering you until you give in. This confuses the message of "yes means yes" and sets your child up for pressuring others to get their way.

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** the ★**Swap**

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.





GIVE BACK PROGRAM

EAT SOME PIZZA TO RAISE SOME DOUGH!

SHOW THIS FLYER AND A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR
TICKET WILL BE DONATED TO YOUR GROUP

GROUP ST BENEDICT CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

DATE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026

MUST RECEIVE FLYER FROM ORGANIZATION PRIOR TO EVENT.
MAY SHOW COUPON FROM MOBILE DEVICE OR PRINT OUT.

VALID FOR DINE IN, CARRY OUT, AND
GIFT CARDS. ALCOHOL EXCLUDED.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025-2026

SEPTEMBER

- 9/9-PTO Meeting
- 9/11-Grandparent's Day
- 9/13-Bourbon & Blue Jeans
- 9/16-Picture Day
- 9/17-Mum Fundraiser Pick Up
- 9/18-9/26 Book Fair
- 9/18-9/19 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- 9/22-Culver's Giveback

OCTOBER

- 10/9-10/13- Fall Break (No School)
- 10/21-Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 10/25-Bodine's Food Truck Giveback @ St.Ben's 5-8pm
- 10/27-10/31 Red Ribbon Week

NOVEMBER

- 11/11-Veterans Day Breakfast
- 11/26-11/28- Thanksgiving Break (No School)



DECEMBER

- 12/2-Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 12/7-Cookies with St.Nicholas
- 12/19-Homeroom Christmas Parties
- 12/19-1/2- Winter Break (No School)

JANUARY

- 1/5- Classes Resume
- 1/19-Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School -PMD)
- 1/24-Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off Event
- 1/25-1/31 Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

- 2/12-2/26 Postage Stamp Fundraiser
- 2/16- Presidents' Day (No School-PMD)

MARCH

- 3/17- Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 3/20-Children's Carnival
- 3/23-3/27- Spring Break (No School)

APRIL

- 4/6-Easter Monday (No School-PMD)
- 4/15-Geranium Fundraiser Pickup

MAY

- 5/4-5/8-Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/5-Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 5/15-Field Day
- 5/21-Last Day of School

Thank You for Making a Difference!

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible PTO members, staff, volunteers, and sponsors whose time, energy, and support help bring our events to life.

We are truly grateful for everything you do to make our school a better place!

BLAZE OF BENEDICT

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

JANUARY

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



SPRING
2026

Wed. events
after school
until 3:30

FEBRUARY

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

FILL OUT THE FORMS BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE.
Reach out to Catherine
crshockley@evdio.org
with any questions.

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

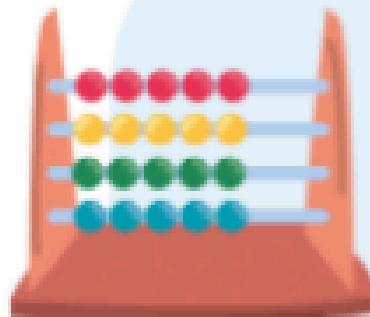
Soccer balls

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!



SOURCE + SUMMIT

YOUTH RETREAT

March 13, 14, 15, 2026



Bishop Joseph Siegel
Bishop of Evansville



Fr. Caleb Scherzinger
Our Faithful Chaplain



Fr. Augustine Wetta, OSB



The Scally Brothers



**The Nashville
Dominicans**



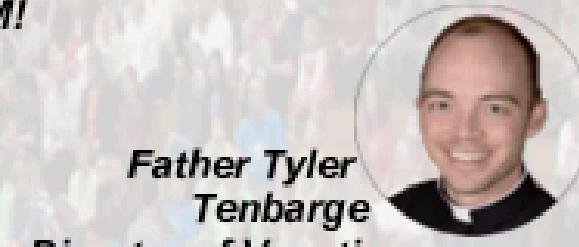
**Sr. M. Gemma
Kissel, SFGM**



Fr. Giles, CFR
Franciscan Friars
of the Renewal



Br. Kolbe, CFR



**Father Tyler
Tenbarge**
Director of Vocations

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."



MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL

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Register Now!

[**WWW.SOURCESUMMITEVANSVILLE.ORG**](http://WWW.SOURCESUMMITEVANSVILLE.ORG)

Questions PHONE 812-453-1024



Please go to www.sourcesummitevansville.org for complete registration information and chaperon guidelines. All Participants and Chaperons please send \$50 Registration Fee (\$35 for each additional sibling) payable to: The Diocese of Evansville and this signed registration form by February 27, 2026 (After 2/27/26 fee is \$55) to your Parish Youth Minister or DRE if you are going with a parish group or mail to:
SOURCE + SUMMIT REGISTRATION – 8733 Shadowridge Drive. – Newburgh, IN 47630
Fee Scholarships are available- Please just let us know you would like one!

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY – TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ HOME PARISH _____ SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____

YOUR CHAPERONE'S NAME - Required if under 18 _____ PHONE _____
THERE MUST BE ONE ADULT CHAPERON (AGE 21 OR OLDER) FOR EVERY EIGHT YOUTH (UNDER THE AGE OF 18)
CHAPERONES: PLEASE LIST YOUTH YOU ARE CHAPERONING ON A SEPARATE PAPER AND ATTACH TO THIS FORM

+ If you would like to join a small group for vocation discernment, please check here

T Shirt size – check one - YL Adult S M L XL XXL Male Female Birthday _____
Other T Shirt sizes available up request.

All Chaperons and Volunteers over age 17 must complete YP training and a background check through CMG Connect. I have completed my YP training and a background check - Signature of your parish YPC _____

NOTE: ANY PARTICIPANT UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE A WRITTEN PERMISSION SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO LEAVE THE RETREAT DURING RETREAT HOURS.

Family Name (Printed) _____ Guardian's Name (Printed) _____

Phone _____ Guardian's Cell Phone _____ Email _____

If Guardian cannot be reached, call (Name) _____ Phone _____

Family Physician _____ Physician's Phone _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Carriers Phone# _____ Policy # _____

Are parents living together? Yes No With whom does child live? _____

Is there anyone who by court order or decree is designated as the primary or sole custodial parent? _____

Name anyone who has been restrained from picking up the child _____

I understand it is my responsibility to inform the Youth Minister about such matters and to provide relevant court orders and decrees to officials

List any chronic or existing diseases, allergies, or medical problems (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, peanut allergy): _____

List any instructions for care of the above if necessary or any medications taken regularly on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form.

Place "X" here _____ if it is NOT acceptable for your child to be provided over-the-counter medications (e.g., commonly used pain medications).

WAIVER FOR THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above-named youth, hereby give my/our approval for his/her participation in the Source + Summit Retreat. I/We assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from the event. I/We do further hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, my Parish, my Pastor, and any of their respective affiliates, successors, agents, employees, members, and representatives, adult sponsors, and other volunteers involved in the activities and transportation associated with the event from any and all claims, including claims of personal injury to my/our youth or property damage, under any theory of law (including negligence, but not reckless or intentional conduct) in any way resulting from or arising in connection with the activities and/or transportation to and from the event. It is understood and agreed that neither the Parish, the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, any respective affiliate, successor, agent, employee, member, representative, adult sponsor, nor other volunteer is the insurer of my child's health and safety while he/she is at youth functions, engaged in supervised activities, including sports, or being transported in association with the event. I/We understand it to be my/our obligation to provide such insurance as I/We may desire to purchase to protect myself/ourselves and my/our child against the costs of sickness or injury. In case of emergency or serious illness, should the above-named child require medical treatment, and neither a parent nor the designated family physician can be contacted, consent is hereby granted for such medical treatment as may be considered necessary in the opinion of the attending physician.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY SIGNATURE RELIEVES DIOCESAN AND/OR PARISH PERSONNEL OF ANY AND ALL LIABILITY RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY PRESCRIBED MEDICATION ATTACHED TO THIS FORM (INCLUDING OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS).

Further, I/we acknowledge having read, or been made aware of the Diocesan Youth and/or Adult Codes of Conduct, the Diocesan Release for Media Recording, and the Diocesan Off-site Transportation Policy, and I/we agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in those documents (copies available via www.evdiocese.org/diocesan-forms-for-oyaya). I acknowledge and understand that any action on behalf of my/our child/dependent that is inconsistent with the Diocesan Code of Conduct may result in appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in those documents. I represent that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement.

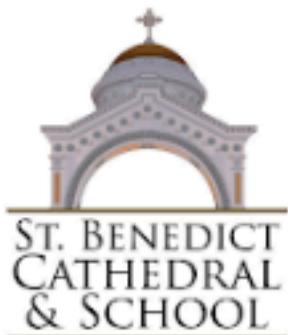
+++++ Parent/Guardian, or Participant, if 18 or older, must sign. +++++

SIGNATURE _____ PRINTED NAME _____ DATE _____



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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPERS LENT 2026

St. Benedict Cathedral

Stations at 5:30 pm in Church followed by soup supper and a presentation in the Woodward Center

This year's presentations will focus on the themes of Catholic Social Teaching. See the topics below

February 25

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

March 4

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

March 11

Rights and Responsibilities & Option for the Poor

March 18

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers & Solidarity

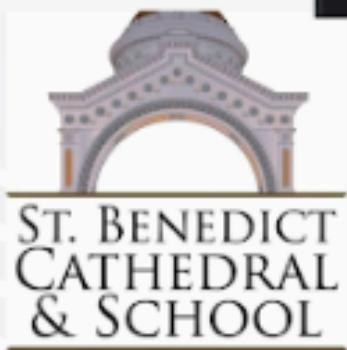
March 25

Care for God's Creation

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



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WELCOME WEEKEND

at Saint Benedict Cathedral



Women's Welcome #1: January 31-February 1, 2016

Men's Welcome #2: February 28-March 1, 2016

**For FAQ about Welcome and to sign up, scan the
QR code below**

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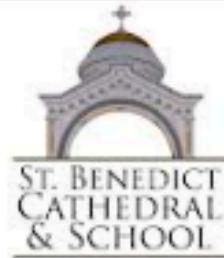


**Scan here for
Men's Welcome**





**Knights of
Columbus®**



Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Saint Benedict's School cafeteria
530 S Harlan Ave, Evansville

Every Friday of Lent

Doors open at 4:30p.m. serving until 7:30p.m.

Save the dates!

Feb. 20 March 13

Feb. 27 March 20

March 6 March 27

MENU

Fried or Baked Fish
Cole Slaw
Mac N Cheese
Green Beans
French Fries
Cheese Pizza

Tea
Lemonade
Water
Beer
Wine

Dine-in Or Carry Out (food Only!)

Adults \$15 Kids 6-12 \$5

*Under 6 Free!
cash, card and checks accepted*



PULL TABS

License Number 013440



**Weekly
1/2 POT**

Need not be present to win

For more information call Kelly Burns at 270-454-9546



DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE SAFE ENVIRONMENT

REPORT AND INFORM POLICY

Children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. The Diocese of Evansville is committed to safeguarding minors, who are persons under eighteen (18) years of age.

Immediately report the suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the Department of Child Services (DCS) or to a local law enforcement agency.

- State of Indiana DCS Hotline: 1-800-800-5556
- Local law enforcement: 9-1-1

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If a bishop has (a) performed sexual acts with a minor or a vulnerable person; (b) forced someone to perform or to submit to sexual acts through violence, threat, or abuse of authority; (c) produced, exhibited, possessed, or distributed child pornography, including by electronic means, or recruited or induced a minor or vulnerable person to participate in pornographic exhibitions; or (d) executed actions or omissions intended to interfere with or avoid a civil or Church (canonical) investigation into allegations of sexual abuse committed by a cleric or religious: after reporting to DCS or to a local law enforcement agency, inform the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service, which is a third-party reporting service for gathering and relaying such reports to the appropriate Church authorities.

- Make a report online at www.reportbishopabuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562.

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If the sexual abuse of a minor involves a priest, deacon, candidate for ordination, pastoral minister, administrator, staff person, or volunteer: after reporting to DCS or to a local law enforcement agency, inform the diocesan victim assistance coordinator.

- Toll-free: 866-200-3004
- Local: 812-490-9565

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The sexual abuse of a minor also includes:

- A vulnerable person is any person in a state of infirmity, physical or mental deficiency, or deprivation of personal liberty which, in fact, even occasionally limits their ability to understand or to want or otherwise resist the offense.
- Child pornography, which is any representation of a minor, regardless of the means used, involved in explicit sexual activities, whether real or simulated, and any representation of sexual organs of minors for primarily sexual purposes.

SE-1-2025



PICKLE BALL

/s Back!

ST. BEN'S GYM | FEBRUARY

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION
LISA ROTH 812-473-1702

MEMORIAL CHEER

Winter Clinic

Join the Memorial Cheerleaders for our annual Winter Cheer Clinic! Learn a routine and perform before the Varsity Boys basketball game that evening!



Feb 14

CLINIC: 9-11AM

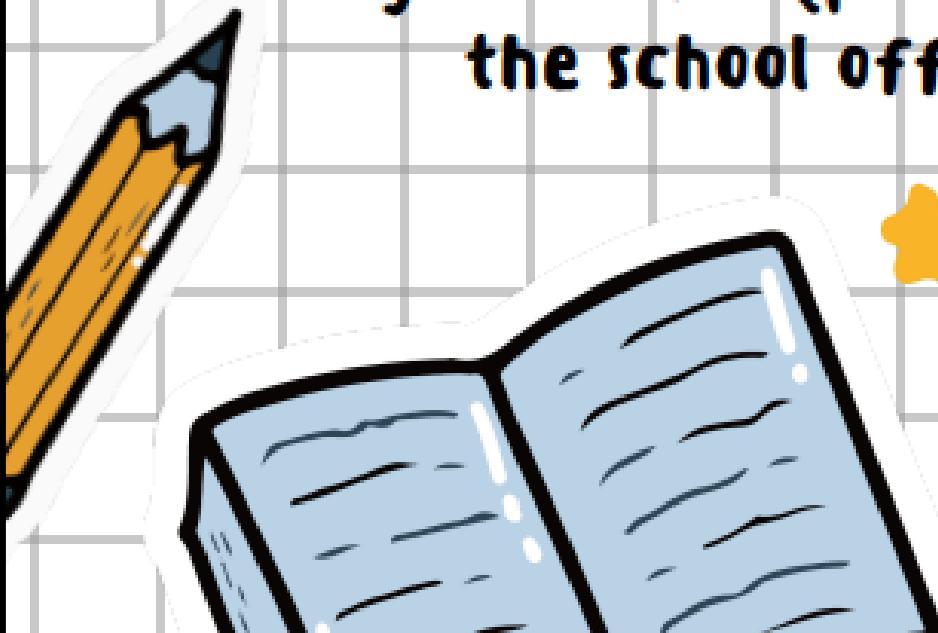
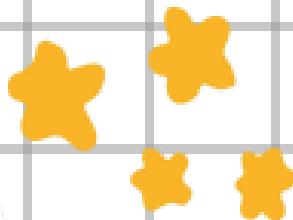


PTO UNIFORM CLOSET

Did you know:

The uniform closet can be
accessed anytime during the
school year?

School Uniform Donations are
always welcome (please send to
the school office)



EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS WITH BOX TOPS

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

For over 25 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn for schools with products they already buy. Today, you can find hundreds of participating products throughout the store — and all you need is the Box Tops app.



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



SCAN

qualifying receipts
in the app



SUBMIT

qualifying digital
receipts in the app



CONNECT

your Walmart and
Box Tops accounts



ONLINE SHOPPERS CAN EARN WITH BOX TOPS, TOO!

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

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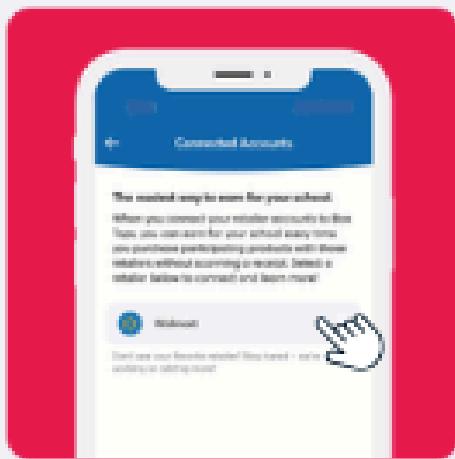
EARN FOR YOUR SCHOOL WITHOUT SCANNING!



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.

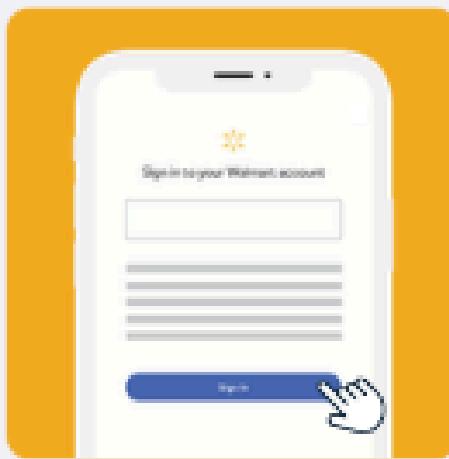
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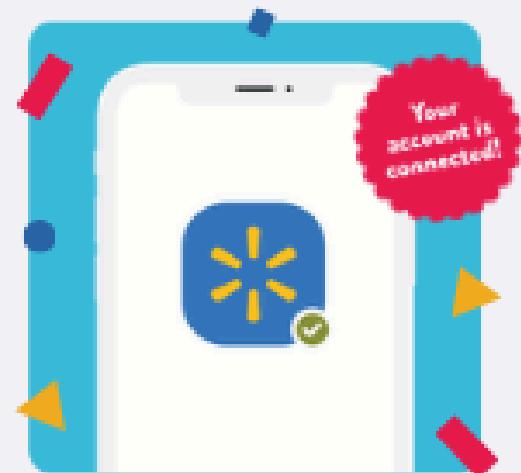
STEP 1

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.

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS
APP YET? GET IT AT BTFE.COM/APP

CONNECT YOUR ACCOUNTS NOW
FOR THE EASIEST WAY TO EARN

