



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 4- 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> grade retreat (on campus)  
May 5- Dewig meat pick up 2-4 in Woodward center  
May 6- PS/PK Fiesta  
May 8- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reality Store  
May 11-12- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Carson  
May 12- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade field Trip

May 13- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip  
May 14- Candle Mass 9:00 am  
May 15- Field Day  
May 18- Kindergarten Graduation 1:15  
May 20- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Luncheon  
May 20- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation  
May 21- Last day of school

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St. Ben's Families,

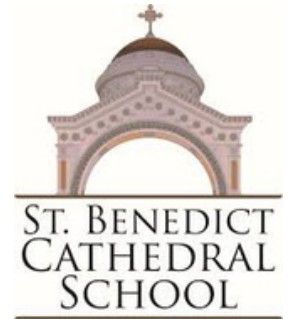
As we enter the final stretch of another beautiful school year, our hearts are full of gratitude for all that God has done within our school community. May is always a joyful month at St. Ben's, filled with treasured traditions, meaningful celebrations, and special moments that remind us how blessed we are to walk this journey together.

Before anything else, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for the incredible outpouring of kindness shown during Principals Day and our upcoming teacher appreciation week. From the thoughtful notes and generous treats to the many Diet Mt. Dews that mysteriously appeared, your love and generosity were deeply felt. More importantly, thank you for the way you continually support our teachers, our staff, and this entire community. St. Ben's is special because of families like you. Please join us as we celebrate these upcoming events and milestones:

- Thursday, May 7 at 9:00 AM – May Crowning
- Thursday, May 14 – Candle Mass One of our most beloved St. Benedict traditions, Candle Mass, allows our 8th-grade students to symbolically pass the light to our 7th graders as they prepare for high school and the next class steps into leadership within our school.
- Monday, May 18 – Kindergarten Graduation We look forward to celebrating our youngest graduates and all the growth they have made this year.
- Wednesday, May 20 at 6:00 PM – 8th Grade Graduation Mass A special evening as we honor the Class of 2026 and celebrate all they have accomplished during their time at St. Ben's.

As summer approaches, we encourage all of our students to remain rooted in their faith and to continue living the values they have learned here at St. Ben's: kindness, responsibility, service, perseverance, and love of God. Even as the school year comes to a close, we continue building a future filled with faith, hope, and promise. Thank you for your continued partnership, your prayers, and your unwavering support. We are so grateful for each St. Ben's family and look forward to finishing this school year strong together.

With gratitude,  
Megan Orandi



## OFFICE STAFF

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**RAVENS IN ACTION!**



*Teaching minds... Touching hearts... Shaping souls*

**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.



Join us for  
some time of  
games, food,  
talks, and  
Jesus!



# MIDDLE SCHOOL *Summer* RETREAT

All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade to outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> grade welcome

Scan me to register:



Due May 18<sup>th</sup>

  
**St. Benedict  
Cathedral  
Woodward  
Center**



**Retreat Cost**

**\$40**

\*Includes lunch, snacks,  
journal and prayer book

**Friday,  
June 12<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am -  
4:30pm**



Questions: [crshockley@evdio.org](mailto:crshockley@evdio.org)

# GIVE BACK MORNING

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MORNING  
FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING

## ST. BEN'S SCHOOL

Hosted By:



+



MAY 20, 2026

IN BACK PARKING LOT AT MORNING DROPOFF

A portion of sales will go back to St. Ben's!



**baked**  
BY JONAH

67 FROM EVERYTHING GOES TO ST. BEN'S!

**EVERYTHING**  
1/54 - 6/518

**SAINT BENEDICT RAVENS**

**CUPCAKES**  
Chocolate  
Vanilla  
Lemon

**CLASSIC COOKIES**  
Mint Chocolate Chip  
Ice Cream  
Oatmeal  
Cream Pie

**CINNAMON ROLLS**  
Sourdough roll with a sugar glaze

PREORDER FOR PICKUP @ 812-345-7753

# St. Benedict Cathedral

# Pray & Play!

Come to  
Wednesday  
Daily Mass  
at 9AM

and Play Afterwards!

Feel free to bring  
bikes/scooters for  
parking lot and  
snacks to share  
if you wish!

Bikes!  
Scooters!  
Snacks!

Let's WORSHIP & PLAY TOGETHER

THIS SUMMER!

June

10

June

17

June

24

July

1

July

8

July

15

Faith, Friends & Fun – All Are Welcome!

# Peace, Love & School LUNCH

May 2026

Saint Benedict Cathedral School

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

 	<p><b>4 Beef Ravioli</b> Garlic Toast Green Beans Veggie Crunchers w/Dip Fruit Variety Milk</p> <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p>	<p><b>5 French toast</b> Yogurt French Fries Veggie Crunchers w/Dip Fruit Variety Milk</p> <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p>	<p><b>6 Salisbury Steak</b> Corn Mashed Potatoes Fruit Variety Roll Milk</p> <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p>	<p><b>7 Mini Corn Dogs</b> French Fries Veggie Crunchers w/Dip Fruit Variety Milk</p> <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p>
<p><b>11 Hot Dog on Bun</b> Fries Baked Beans Fruit Variety Milk</p> <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p>	<p><b>12 Breakfast on a Stick</b> Yogurt Veggie Crunchers w/Dip Fries Fruit Variety Milk</p> <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p>	<p><b>13 Popcorn Chicken</b> Homesyle Green Beans Roll Treat Fruit Variety Milk</p> <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p>	<p><b>14 Papa John's Pizza</b> Veggie Crunchers w/Dip Fresh Side Salad Fruit Variety Milk</p> <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p>	<p><b>15 Sack Lunch Uncrustable</b></p>  <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p>
<p><b>18 Veggie Crunchers w/Dip</b> French Fries Fruit Variety Milk</p> <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p>	<p><b>19 Tuesday's Tasty Manager's Choice Lunch</b> Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</p> 	<p><b>20 Chicken &amp; Manager's Mystery Munch</b> Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</p> 	<p><b>21 Papa John's Pizza</b> Veggie Crunchers w/Dip Fresh Side Salad Fruit Variety Treat Milk</p> <p><b>Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese &amp; Cracker</b></p> 	<p><b>22 NO SCHOOL!</b></p> 
<p><b>25</b></p>  	<p>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</p>			

*What Maker & Lunch*  
Select 3-5 Components

One must be a

FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE

FRUIT

GRAIN

PROTEIN

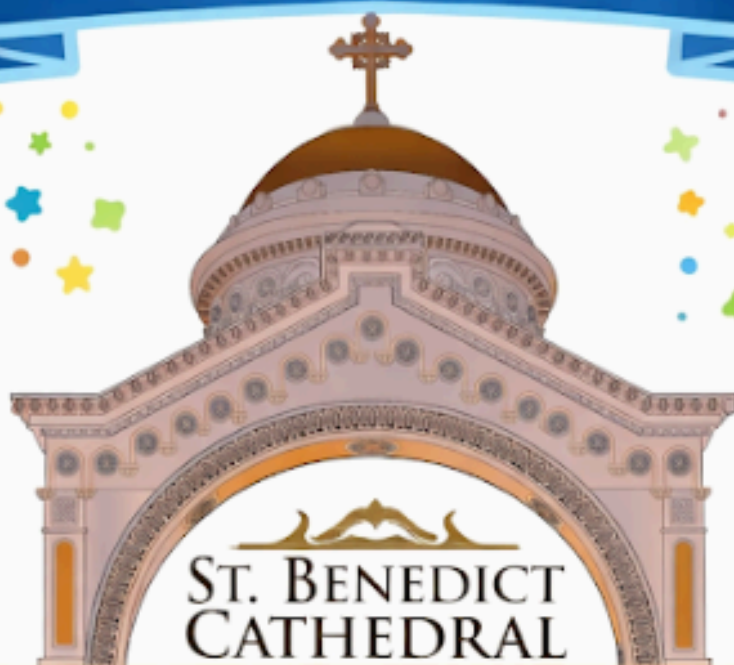
VEGETABLE

## Lunch Prices!

- Lunch \$3.45
- Side Item \$ 1.25
- Milk \$0.60
- Smart Snack \$1.00
- Large Water \$1.00
- Small Water \$0.50
- FREE Extra Fruit and Vegetables (Potato and Juice products exclude)
- FREE Cups are provided
- to fill water at the water fountain



**SAVE THE DATE!**



**July 27, 28, 29, 2026**

**5:30-7:30pm**

**at St. Benedict Cathedral**

**Meal will be served! Enjoy 3 nights of  
discipleship for adults and kids**

**Families on  
Mission**





# WHERE MUSIC BUILDS LEADERS

Band is more than halftime entertainment — it's a life-changing experience.

Through countless hours of rehearsal and performance, our students learn teamwork, discipline, and leadership skills that extend far beyond the classroom. In fact, high school music students have been shown to hold higher GPAs than non-musicians in the same school, according to the National Educational Longitudinal Study. Secondary students who participated in band reported the lowest lifetime use of all substances, according to a Texas School Survey of Substance Abuse.

By supporting Memorial Bands, you give more students the opportunity to succeed far beyond graduation. **However, it costs an average of \$1,500 to put just one student on the field for a single marching season.** While families contribute a portion, the true cost of participation far exceeds what most can afford on their own. Your gift allows us to keep our band fees low and ensures that every student has the chance to march proudly, represent our school, and create unforgettable memories.

## Areas of Greatest Need

Many of our instruments and equipment are decades old and our uniforms are nearing the end of their lifespan.

Marching Tubas (4)	\$14,000 each
Marching Baritones (5)	\$5,000 each
Trumpets (8)	\$5,000 each
Mellophones (4)	\$3,000 each
Euphoniums (4)	\$4,000 each
Vibraphone	\$12,000
Marimba	\$20,000
Drum Major Podium	\$3,000
Uniforms	\$200 per student
PA System & Metronome	\$2,000



# Sponsorship Levels & Benefits

<p><b>Diamond Tiger - \$2,500+</b> <i>limited to one annual sponsor</i></p>	<p><b>Everything in Platinum Tiger, plus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Top-tier logo and name on all shirts, event signage, programs, and social media promotion throughout the year</li> </ul>
<p><b>Platinum Tiger - \$1,000-\$2,499</b></p>	<p><b>Everything in Gold Tiger, plus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- XL logo on marching shirts</li> <li>- Banner recognition at home football games and band events</li> <li>- Personalized photo from the band</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gold Tiger - \$800-\$999</b></p>	<p><b>Everything in Silver Tiger, plus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large logo on marching shirts</li> <li>- Certificate of appreciation from Memorial Bands</li> </ul>
<p><b>Silver Tiger - \$500-\$799</b></p>	<p><b>Everything in Bronze Tiger, plus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medium logo on marching shirts</li> <li>- Reserved parking at holiday and spring concerts</li> <li>- Sponsor spotlight on Facebook</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bronze Tiger - \$200-\$499</b></p>	<p><b>Everything in Tiger Cub, plus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small logo on marching shirts</li> <li>- Handwritten thank-you note from a band student</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tiger Cub - \$100-\$199</b></p>	<p>Recognition on social media and concert programs</p>

## Thank you for supporting Memorial Bands!

To donate, make checks payable to Memorial High School with 'Band' in the memo line and mail to 1500 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, IN 47714.

For Sponsorship inquiries, please contact Alli Engelbrecht at [alliengelbrecht@outlook.com](mailto:alliengelbrecht@outlook.com).

**Alli Engelbrecht, Chair**  
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**Cameron Vile, Director**  
Memorial Bands  
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**GRADES 5-8 CURRENT**

**GRADE**

**MEMORIAL FLAG**

**FOOTBALL CAMP**

**MEMORIAL**



**JUNE 8 & 9TH**

Location: Bob Hargrave Field  
at Memorial High School

**4-7 PM**

\$40 Per Camper

**SKILLS  
DEVELOPMENT,  
POSITION  
FUNDAMENTALS,  
GAMES AND  
FUN!!**



**SCAN THE CODE TO  
REGISTER**



# Memorial Youth Football FAQs

**Q: What are the divisions of players/ages?**

**A:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders play flag football, in a 7-on-7 style

**A:** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders play tackle football in a 'junior' division, in a full 11 v 11 game

**A:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders play tackle football in a 'senior' division, in a full 11 v 11 game

**Q: When are sign-ups?**

**A:** Sign-ups begin in May, prior to school summer dismissal. Sign-ups will continue through summer until the first week of school in August.

**Q: How do we pay league fees?**

**A:** A payment portal will be opened to process credit/debit card payments when school begins and stay open for 30 days. Alternatively, checks can also be written to "Friends of the Tigers", which is the non-profit organization that facilitates the league, and dropped off at Memorial Athletic Office (business ID: 202105051487694).

**A:** Tackle (grades 3-6) is \$100/player. Flag (grades 1-2) is \$50/player.

**Q: How are teams assigned?**

**A:** Schools will be paired together based on sign up numbers. For example, if Holy Rosary at 15 kids sign up, and St Johns has 8 kids sign up, they would make a suitable pair for a tackle team. We try to keep flag teams between 9-13 kids. We try to keep tackle teams between 18-25. Matching numbers is our top priority, finding coach volunteers is our second priority, and school geography is our third priority.

**Q: When, where, and what equipment is issued?**

**A:** Tackle football equipment will be issued the first week of school in August at Memorial High School. Players will be outfit with helmets, shoulder pads, and jerseys. Parents are responsible for securing football pants (most have leg pads integrated) and a mouthpiece.

**A:** Flag football equipment will be issued in the first week of school in August at Memorial High School. Players will be outfit with flags and jerseys. Parents are responsible for shorts & mouthpieces.

**Q: When do practices & games start?**

**A:** Practices can begin the first week of school. Games typically begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school. This date is somewhat flexible based on other teams in the league, which include EVSC schools.

**Q: Where and when are practices held?**

**A:** Practice time and locations will be determined by individual team coaches, that will be identified during the sign-up process. There will be no more than two practices in a week, plus one game on a weekend (Dioceses limits contact to 3/week).

**Q: Where are games held?**

**A:** Flag football games are held behind Memorial High School on either the grass or turf field. Games are typically Saturdays, scheduled between 9am-1pm, pending number of teams.

**A:** Tackle football games will either be held behind Memorial High School on the turf field, or have away games at North or Central. Pending the number of teams in our league, we may attempt to schedule away games with other teams (South Spencer, Mt Vernon, etc) to fill in bye weeks.

**Q: When is the season complete?**

**A:** All regular season games will be complete by late October, pending number of teams in the league. On a voluntary basis only, some teams will consolidate and play in post-season tournaments at Gibson Southern and/or Castle.



# YOUTH



# RESOURCES

OF SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA

## 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](https://youth-resources.org/teenpower)



# BLAZE OF BENEDICT

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

**SPRING  
2026**

Wed. events  
after school  
until 3:30



### JANUARY

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

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

Reach out to Catherine  
[crshockley@evdio.org](mailto:crshockley@evdio.org)  
with any questions.

### FEBRUARY

4<sup>th</sup> Wed. meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> Wed. meeting  
18<sup>th</sup> Wed. meeting  
28<sup>th</sup> Holy Fire

### APRIL

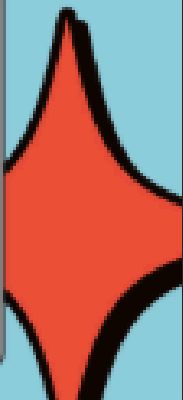
1<sup>st</sup> Wed. meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> Wed. meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> Walther's Golf and Fun  
15<sup>th</sup> Wed. meeting  
29<sup>th</sup> Wed. meeting

### MARCH

4<sup>th</sup> Wed. meeting  
13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Source and Summit  
18<sup>th</sup> Wed. meeting

### MAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 3-4:30  
6<sup>th</sup> Wed. meeting  
13<sup>th</sup> Wed. meeting





# 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

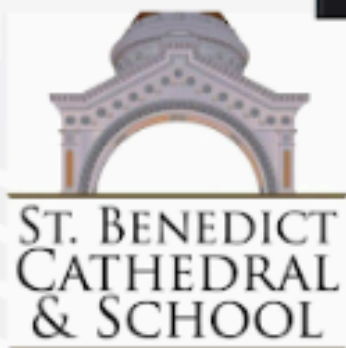
Family Friendly Holy Hour | 5 to 6pm

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ahunt@evdio.org)

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

**Learn ★ Grow ★ Succeed!**



**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



# Summer Art Camp

June 8-12

Join Mrs. Will and Mrs. Rue

4:00-5:30pm

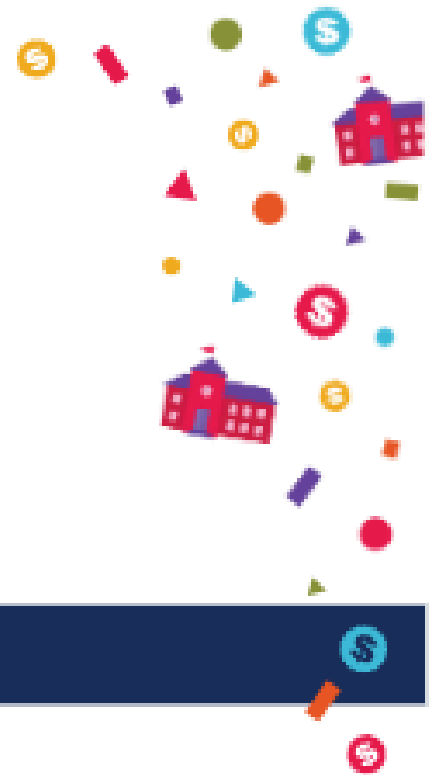
mixed media  
pastels  
acrylics  
pointillism  
beads  
crafts

Welcoming students  
grades 3-8. \$50 per  
student. Limited spots.

# 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.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfec.com)

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS  
APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:





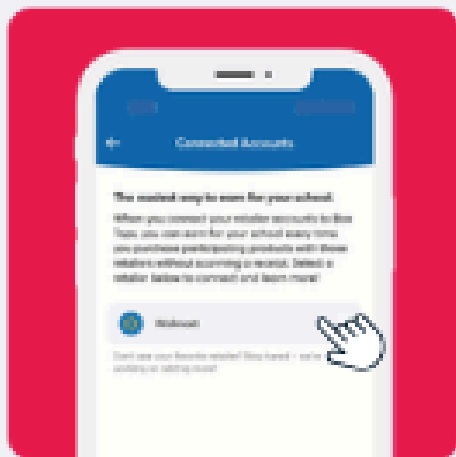
# EARN FOR YOUR SCHOOL WITHOUT SCANNING!



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.

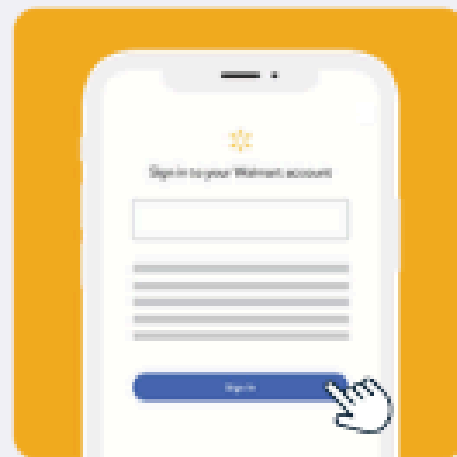
**NEW FEATURE!**

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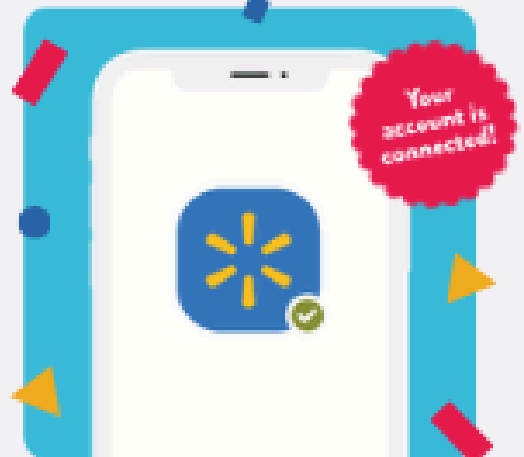
### STEP 1

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](https://www.btfec.com/app)

CONNECT YOUR ACCOUNTS NOW  
FOR THE EASIEST WAY TO EARN

