

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 2- 7th-grade field trip
December 7- Cookies with Santa
December 8- 8th grade field trip
December 10- PS/PK Thankmas Celebration

December 12- 2nd and 3rd grade Field Trip
December 16- K-4th Christmas play
December 19- 6th-8th Spelling Bee
December 19- Classroom Christmas Parties
December 19- Christmas shirts with alternate bottoms

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Raven Family,

As we welcome the start of Advent this Sunday, November 30, our students and staff are joyfully preparing their hearts for this sacred and hope-filled season. Advent invites each of us to pause, reflect, and recognize the profound ways Christ is present in our daily lives. I encourage you to take intentional time as a family to pray, reflect, and prepare your hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior with renewed joy and deep gratitude.

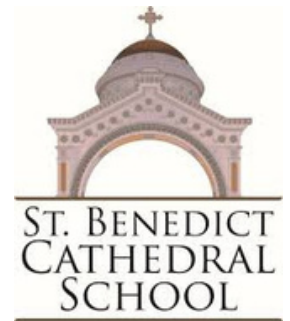
When our students return to school on Monday, December 1, they will be greeted by a large, school-wide Advent calendar displayed prominently in the hallway. Each morning during announcements, a new "window" will be opened, revealing a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy assigned to a specific grade level. Throughout Advent, students will engage in these acts of service, allowing them to live out their faith in meaningful and tangible ways.

These grade-level projects extend far beyond the walls of our school. They reach into our broader community, offering compassion, assistance, and Christlike love to those who may need it most. Through these intentional acts of mercy, our students are reminded that Advent is not only a time of waiting, but it is also a time of giving, serving, and embodying the light of Christ.

I warmly encourage you to cultivate this same spirit of generosity and reflection within your own homes. Ask yourselves: How can we, as a family, continue to let Christ's light shine through simple acts of kindness, love, and service during this holy season?

Wishing you and your family a grace-filled Advent and a joyful, blessed Christmas.

Filled with hope,
Megan Wright



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RAVENS IN ACTION!



RAISING INCLUSIVE CHILDREN

As the Christmas season approaches and we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, this is a great time to discuss diversity in our world and the importance of inclusion for all. The message that everyone is created in God's likeness and belongs is embodied throughout the New Testament by Jesus Christ. Jesus was a beacon for those deemed by society as "others".

In order to raise children who are inclusive, we need to be comfortable discussing differences. These conversations don't have to be scary! Children are innately open-minded and seek honest answers out of honest curiosity. They don't feel discomfort about differences unless we portray discomfort to them.

If your child points out differences or questions you about them, take time to pause and have a positive conversation that explains diversity and the value of each and every person. Our individual gifts and challenges from God come in many different forms. We need to demonstrate this is not only ok but something to celebrate. By doing so, we can model self-acceptance and peer acceptance.

How Can I Help as a Caregiver?

- Model inclusive behavior. Children are always watching, listening, and learning. They will model our observed behavior. Make sure the behavior you are projecting is the behavior you desire your children to engage in at home, school, and in the community. Celebrate differences, use respectful language when discussing others, and treat everyone with kindness. Remember the golden rule to love your neighbor as yourself.
- Build your child's positive self-esteem and teach them to be full of empathy. A child who feels good about who they are is more likely to be inclusive of others. Children who understand how to put themselves in someone else's shoes and imagine how they are feeling will be more likely to make positive choices in social relationships.
- Talk about excluding behaviors and bullying. When your child understands what empathy is and how to display it, they will naturally be opposed to bullying. Teach your child how to proactively stand up for others and report bullying behaviors to an adult in charge. Ask your child if there are any students who eat or play alone. Encourage them to be a friend to that student and help them feel included.
- Expose your child to diverse people and experiences. This can help to normalize differences and ensure children are aware there is no "one way" to be. You can do this through something as simple as watching programs on tv or reading books that celebrate diverse characters. While exploring diversity, you can also point out the similarities we all have as children of God.

At St Ben's, we want to create a safe, inclusive environment where all students feel they can belong. This goal is achievable when staff, students, and families work together to bring awareness to acceptance of all people.

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.

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

December 2025

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1
Banana Bread
Yogurt
Veggie Crunchers w/Dip
Tater Tots
Fruit Variety
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

2
Fish -N- Chips
Veggie Crunchers w/Dip
Baked Beans
Fruit Variety
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

3
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Fruit Variety
Garlic Toast
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

4
Mini Corn Dogs
French Fries
Veggie Crunchers w/Dip
Fruit Variety
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

5
Papa John's Pizza
Veggie Crunchers w/Dip
Fresh Side Salad
Fruit Variety
Milk
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

8
Breakfast Slider, NW WG
Yogurt
Tater Tots
Veggie Crunchers w/Dip
Milk
Fruit Variety
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

9
Beef Ravioli
Cheese Bisco Stick
Veggie Crunchers w/Dip
Baked Beans
Fruit Variety
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

10
Chicken Drumsticks
Mashed Potatoes
Baked Beans
Fruit Variety
Roll
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

11
Frog & A Log (Chicken
Fries & Warm Pretzel
Stick)
Homestyle Green Beans
Veggie Crunchers w/Dip
Fruit Variety
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

12
Papa John's Pizza
Veggie Crunchers w/Dip
Fresh Side Salad
Fruit Variety
Milk
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

15
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
w/ Tomato Soup
Fresh Side Salad
Fruit Variety
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

16
Mini Cinnis
Ham
Veggie Crunchers w/Dip
Fruit Variety
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

17
Crispy Chicken Strips
Mashed Potatoes
Homestyle Green Beans
Fruit Variety
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

18
Beef & Cheese Burrito
Chips/Salsa
Beans
Fresh Side Salad
Fruit Variety
Milk
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

19
Papa John's Pizza
Fresh Side Salad
Veggie Crunchers w/Dip
Fruit Variety
Milk
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

22
Merry Christmas
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

23
Merry Christmas
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

24
Merry Christmas
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

25
Merry Christmas
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

26
Merry Christmas
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

29
Happy New Year
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

30
Happy New Year
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

31
Happy New Year
Cookie
Alt: Un crustable w/
String Cheese & Cracker

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Lunch \$3.45
Side Item \$ 1.00
Milk \$0.60
Smart Snack \$1.00
Large Water \$1.00
Small Water \$0.50
FREE Extra Fruit and Vegetab
(Potato and Juice products
FREE Cups are provided
to fill water at the water foun





Dear School and Parish Members,

For our **December service project**, we are requesting donations of disposable diapers and Pull-Ups. These will be donated to our local



Birthright of Evansville, a faith-based service that assists expectant mothers who are struggling and need



support/guidance. **They need diaper sizes 4, 5, and 6, and Pull-Up sizes 3-4T, 4-5T, and 5-6T.** We will be taking donations now through December 19th. Please drop them off at the parish center or school offices!

*****Thank you for your generosity and support!*****

♥ The Preschool and Pre-K classes ♥



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

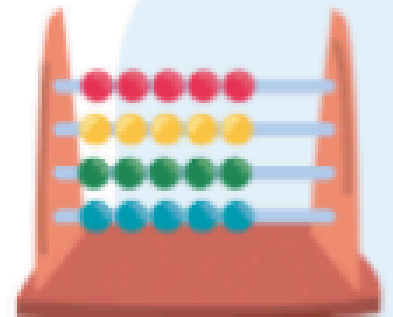
Soccer balls

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!



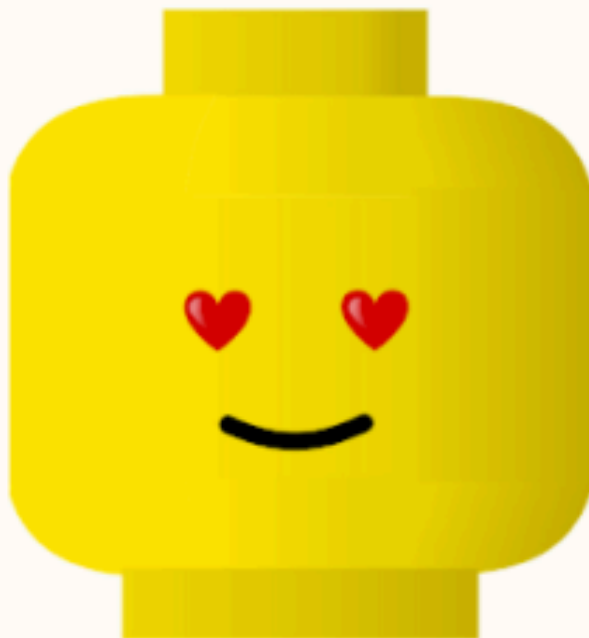


ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL INSPIRE CLUBS

Lego Drive



After School Block Builders Club coming soon!
We are accepting donations of used and new
Lego blocks for our Quarter 3 Club.
Please send donations to our club sponsors,
Mrs. Chandler or Mrs. Goedde.

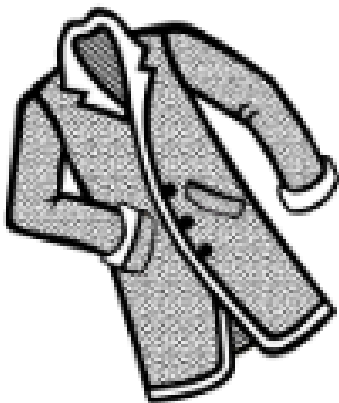


Coats for Kids



and Adults!

Please donate a new or used coat for
Don's Claytons Dry Cleaning Coat Drive
for those who may not have one! Thank
you from the Preschool and Pre-K
classes!



It's St. Ben's
BUNCO
TIME!

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 2ND

WEAR AN UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER! WE CAN TEACH YOU TO PLAY!

ST. BEN'S WOODWARD CENTER

Registration: 5:30-6pm

Food: 6-6:30pm

Bunco 6:30-8pm

- **\$5 ENTRY FEE**
- **PRIZES ARE BACK**
- **BRING A SNACK / APPETIZER
& BEVERAGE OF YOUR CHOICE.**



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

R.S.V.P to speffinger@hotmail.com or Lezza Stark @ 812-449-1881

Save the Date



Proudly Presents

Our

2025 Christmas Program

***The
Little
Drummer
Dude***

Abel, the PTB's band roadie discovers his passion for playing the drum. On his way, he meets Wise Men and hopes to play his drum for the King. The wise men encourage his efforts on his journey to Bethlehem. We celebrate Jesus' birth and learn that God can do amazing things with the tiniest of individuals.

**SEE
YOU
THERE!**

December 16, 2025 @ 6 PM

St. Benedict School's Auditorium

Featuring:

Kindergarten-4th Grade Students

• COOKIES WITH ST. NICHOLAS •

All St. Ben's School and parish families are welcome!



- ★ Cookies and donuts
- ★ Crafts for kids
- ★ Pictures with St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 7
after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Woodward Center



RSVP now!

Hosted by St. Ben's PTO

SAINT BENEDICT CATHEDRAL PTO

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!

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:
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Encounter + Deepen + Engage



Becoming One with CHRIST

Encounter HOPE

A Jubilee Year Event

Building Christ-Centered Families

Saturday, December 6th | 8 am - 4 pm (CST)

Opening Mass with Bishop Siegel | St. Benedict Cathedral
Adult Conference Following Mass | Reitz Memorial HS Auditorium

Featured Speakers



Bobby & Jackie Angel



Mark Hart



Fr. Alex Zenthoefer



Ticket \$50
Limited Seating available.
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Diocese of Evansville
Celebrating the Jubilee Year

Friday Night Bilingual | Featuring
HOLY HOUR | Tony Melendez

December 5th | 6-7 pm (CST)
St. Benedict Cathedral. No Ticket Required.

Formally CHRP

WELCOME WEEKEND

at Saint Benedict Cathedral



Women's Welcome #2: January 31-February 1, 2026

Men's Welcome #2: February 28-March 1, 2026

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

**Scan here for
Women's Welcome**



**Scan here for
Men's Welcome**



St. Ben's Eucharistic Adoration

Adorers Needed **MONDAY AFTERNOONS**

**Looking to fill some weekly afternoon
openings in the Adoration Chapel between
the hours of 1:00pm - 6:00pm on Mondays.**

**Please contact Lisa Roth at 812-473-1702
for more information.**



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A Musical Celebration of Hope
for the Advent/Christmas
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JOHN ANGOTTI**

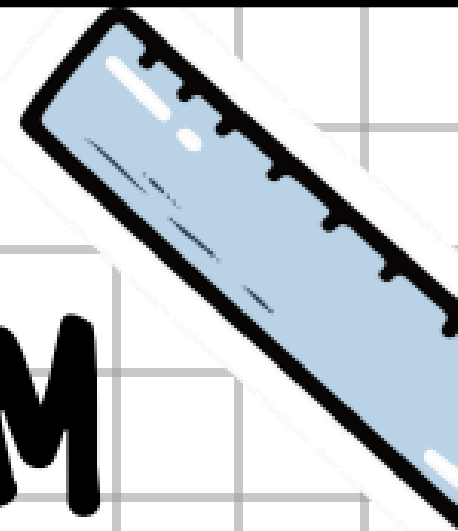
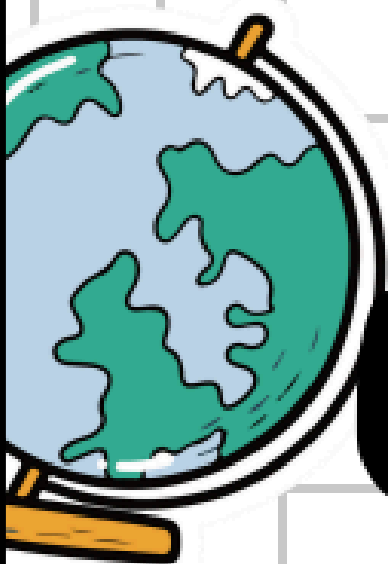
**WITH DION CLAY, J.T. BROWN,
JOHN PACIGA & OTHER GUESTS**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 6:30PM

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

3010 EAST CHANDLER AVEUE
EVANSVILLE, IN 47714



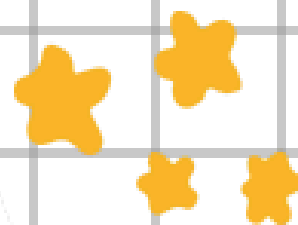
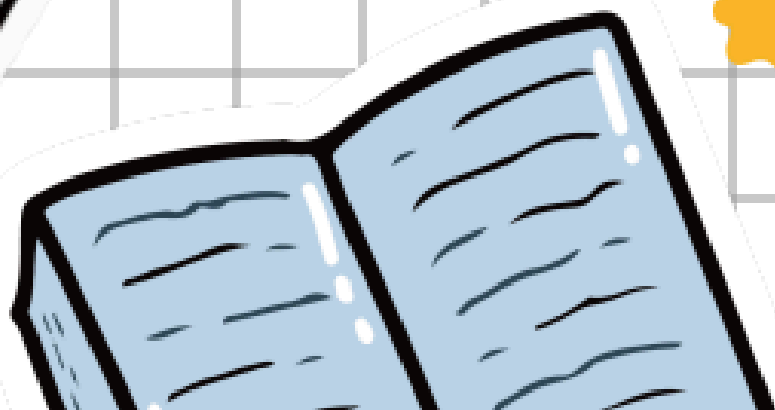


PTO UNIFORM CLOSET

Did you know:

**The uniform closet can be
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school year?**

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



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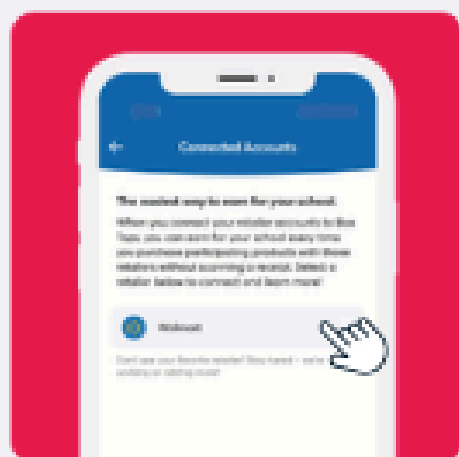
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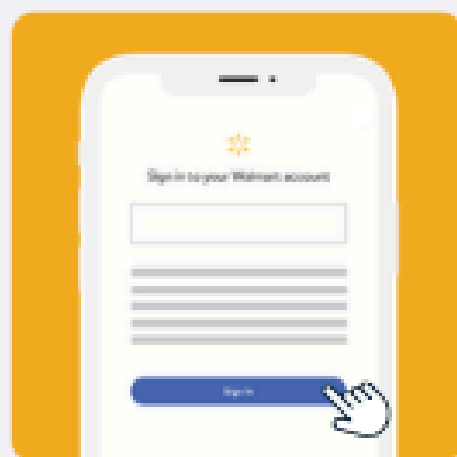
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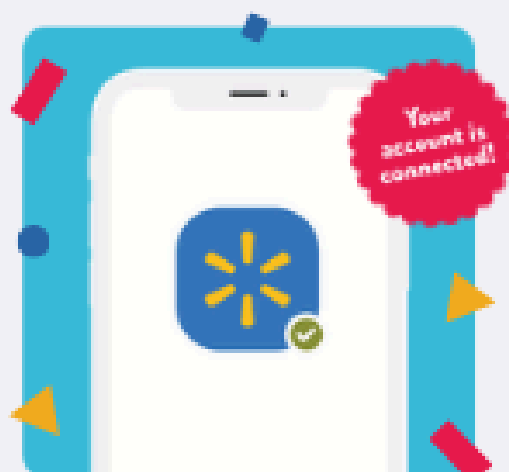
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STEP 2

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STEP 3

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