

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 5- School is back in session

January 7 - PTO Meeting

January 9 - Report Cards Issued/Athletic Eligibility Check

January 16- 3rd-5th Spelling Bee

January 16- Alternate dress

January 19- No School (potential make-up day)

January 20 - 8th Grade Memorial Registration @ St. Ben's 5:30-8:00

January 26-30 Catholic Schools Week

January 29 - Come and See Night - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Raven Family,

As we wrap up the first semester, I find myself reflecting on the many moments that brought joy to our school community, from the festive programs and service projects to the classroom celebrations that carried us into Christmas break. Your support, generosity, and partnership continue to be a true blessing to our students and staff, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for all you do.

With the second semester underway, we look forward to the continued collaboration that makes St. Benedict such a vibrant and faith-filled community. There is so much to be excited about in the months ahead!

We are already preparing for one of our favorite traditions, Catholic Schools Week, coming up at the end of January. This special week gives us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our mission, our faith, and the families who make our community strong.

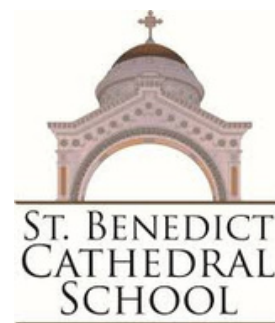
We warmly invite you to join us for Family Mass on Saturday, January 24 at 4:30 PM at the Cathedral. Following Mass, we'll gather in the school gym and cafeteria for an evening of fun dancing, board games, and pizza will be available. It's always a joyful night and a great way to kick off the week together.

We'd also love to see you at our All-School Mass on Thursday, January 29 at 9:00 AM, as well as Come & See Night later that evening from 5:00-7:00 PM. Please spread the word to friends or family who may be looking for a school community rooted in faith, excellence, and belonging.

As we begin this new semester, may it be a time of renewal, growth, and hope for all of us. Thank you for your continued support and for sharing your wonderful children with us each day. Together, we are shaping a bright future for our students.

Wishing you a blessed and joy-filled semester,

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RAVENS IN ACTION!



SMALL WAYS TO BECOME A HEALTHIER PARENT

Small Ways to Become A Healthier Parent

This January, when setting your intentions for the new year, consider incorporating these small action steps into your daily life.

1. Press pause when you feel overwhelmed. Take time to breathe, stretch, and ground yourself.
2. Let yourself rest without guilt. Rest helps your brain and mood stabilize.
3. Name your feelings when you are triggered. When we name our emotion, we claim and take control of it. We can then move to responding vs reacting.
4. Speak to yourself with kindness, not criticism.
5. Set boundaries that protect your time and energy. Say "no" when your plate is full or "I'll get back to you" when a response is not urgent.
6. Remind yourself that good enough truly is enough. Shift your mindset to one of accomplishment, not failure.
7. Connect with others. Reach out to supportive friends or family. Seek professional help when things feel too much.
8. Repair after a tough moment instead of shaming yourself.
9. Do what you love. Make time for activities that bring joy, not just things you "should" be doing.
10. Limit screen time. Set do not disturb time frames to reduce constant notifications and negative news.

Children do as we do, not as we say. Healthy, confident children start with healthy, confident role models.

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.

READY, SET... GLOW!



Join
us
for **ST. BEN'S
GLOW DANCE**

JANUARY 24, 2026

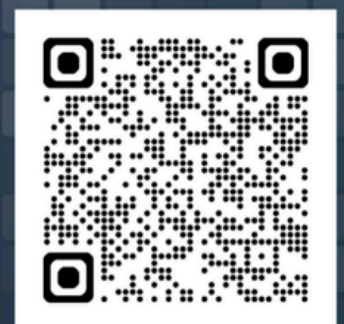
5:30 - 7:30 pm

(Following Catholic Schools Mass @ 4:30 pm)

Dance-St. Ben's Gym & Pizza-Cafeteria



**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
PLEASE USE THE PROVIDED QR
CODE TO RSVP! →**





PTO MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH



5:30PM

ST. BEN'S LIBRARY

Room 320



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER STUTE WITH ANY QUESTIONS 812.499.4388

We are excited to see you there!

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



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

St. Benedict Cathedral



Noon to 6 pm
Every Monday
Starting January 12

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.

QUESTIONS?

PAIGE.PERKINS@EVSC12.COM

MTAYLOR@HSCCPA.COM

**\$40 PER
PARTICIPANT**

*This includes a t-shirt

Tigerette Feeder Clinic

JANUARY 10TH FROM 9AM-NOON

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION



THINGS TO KNOW:

- Kindergarten - 8th grade
- All participants will perform their clinic routines at the MHS game the evening of 1/10
- All participants need to be back at MHS by 6:45pm
- Bring a water bottle
- Small snack provided
- Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes

QR CODE TO REGISTER!





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

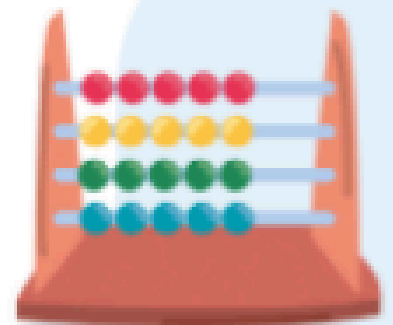
Soccer balls

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!



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:
Scan the QR code**



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WELCOME WEEKEND

at Saint Benedict Cathedral



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

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

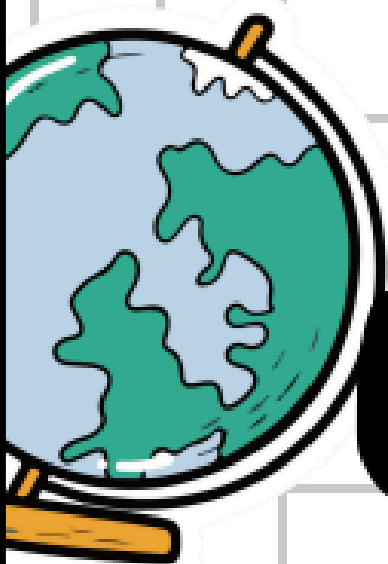
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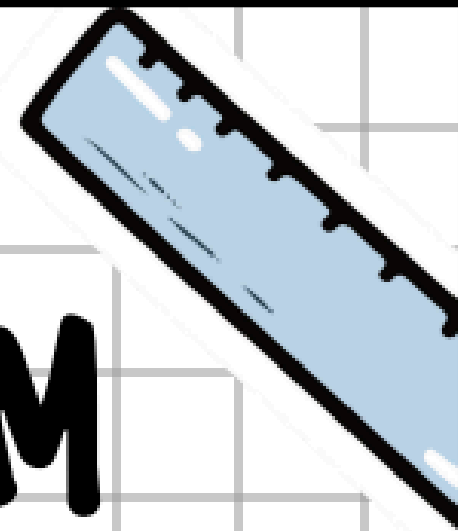


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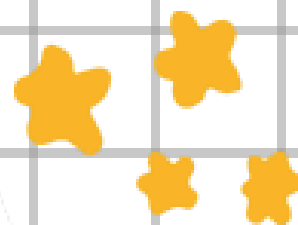
PTO UNIFORM CLOSET



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:



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qualifying receipts
in the app



SUBMIT

qualifying digital
receipts in the app



CONNECT

your Walmart and
Box Tops accounts



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

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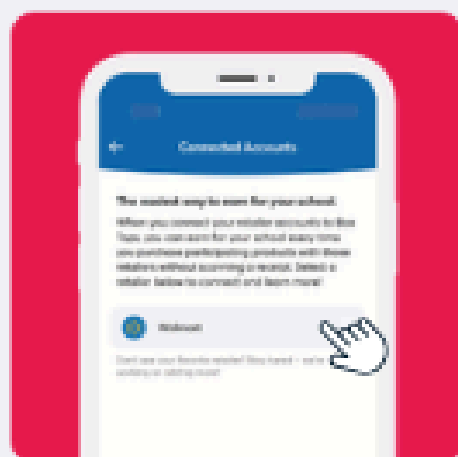
EARN FOR YOUR SCHOOL WITHOUT SCANNING!



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.

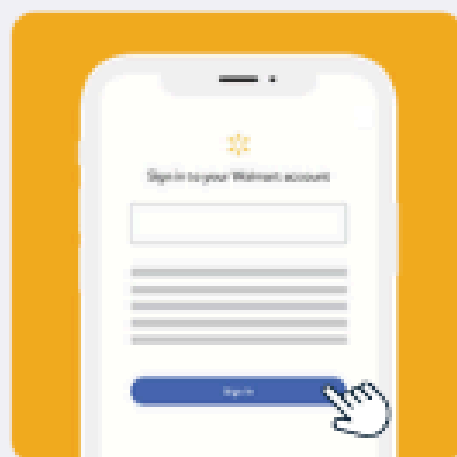
NEW FEATURE!

HOW IT WORKS:



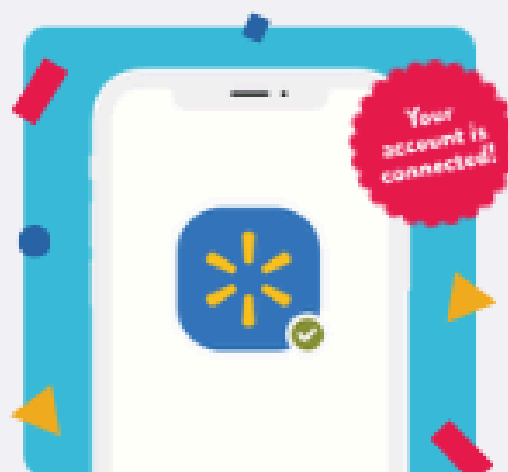
STEP 1

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

