ST. BENEDICT
CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

SAINT BENEDICT RAVENS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 9- Picture Retake Day
November 11- Veteran's Day Celebration and Alternate dress for a donation
November 11- Mid-term Progress Reports and Athletic Eligibility
November 25-27 - Thanksgiving break

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Ravens Family,

November is a wonderful time to slow down and reflect on the many blessings around us. At St. Ben's, we are grateful for the families who partner with us, the students who bring so much joy and energy to our halls, and the staff who pour their hearts into serving our children each day. These everyday blessings remind us how fortunate we are to be part of this community.

As we move through the month, let's be intentional about sharing kindness and gratitude with those around us. A thoughtful word, a helping hand, or a simple act of encouragement can make a bigger difference than we realize. May we continue Walking Together with Christ by treating others with compassion, serving generously, and helping every member of our community feel valued and loved.

We are excited to share that Reagan Hermann and Maddy Primus have been selected to represent St. Benedict at the Serra Club of Evansville Vocational Awareness Program. This opportunity invites eighth-grade students to consider their God-given gifts, reflect on their purpose, and explore the many ways they may be called to serve others. Please join me in congratulating Reagan and Maddy on this special honor!

Honoring Our Veterans

We are looking forward to hosting our Veterans Day Celebration as we recognize the veterans in our St. Benedict family who have served our country. If you or a family member is a veteran who would like to attend, please review the attached flyer for details. On Wednesday, November 11, students may also participate in a Red, White, and Blue Dress Day by making a monetary donation to benefit Honor Flight of Southern Indiana. This is a meaningful way for our students to express their gratitude to the men and women whose service has helped protect our freedoms.

A Few Friendly Reminders

- Uniforms: We are now in our winter uniform season. Students must wear uniform pants; shorts will not be permitted again until April 1.
- Lunch and After-School Care: Please check your accounts and make sure balances are up to date.

Thank you for the trust, support, and partnership you bring to St. Ben's. As we enter this season of gratitude, may we recognize God's blessings in both the big moments and the small ones. May our homes and school be filled with peace, generosity, and joy as we continue building a future of hope together.

With gratitude,
Megan Orandi

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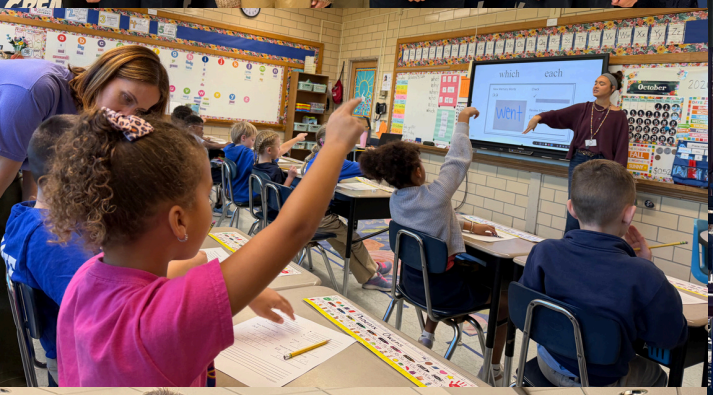
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RAVENS IN ACTION!

















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

Youth First



CAMP MEMORIES

Youth First's Camp Memories is a free bereavement program offered for children ages 6-18 who have experienced the death of a family member or loved one. The day-long camp includes fun, confidence-building activities and age-based support groups for grieving children.

WHEN?

Saturday, November 7, 2026
9:00 am - 3:00 pm CT

WHERE?

Glenwood Leadership Academy
901 Sweetser Ave, Evansville, IN 47713

To register, contact Heather Miller at *hmiller@youthfirstinc.org*, *call* 812-589-5840, or scan the QR code above to register online.

November 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 **Calzone** Seasoned Fries Peas Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**3** **Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap** Baby Carrots Seasoned Fries Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**4** **Chicken Tenders** Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Corn Roll Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**5** **Baked Ziti** Bosco Stick Broccoli Fruit of The Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**6** **Papa John's Pizza** Boneless Wings Fresh Side Salad Fruit of the Day Milk ***Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish***
9 **Pizza Crunchers** Waffle Fries Vegetable Medley Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**10** **Cheeseburger** Baked Beans Seasoned Fries Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**11** **Mac And Cheese** Baked Ham Tater Tots Fresh Side Salad Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**12** **Chicken on the Beach** Rice Cauliflower Fruit of The Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**13** **Papa John's Pizza** Boneless Wings Fresh Side Salad Fruit of the Day Milk ***Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish***
16 **Pizza Quesadilla** Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**17** **TURKEY TUESDAY!** Turkey Mashed Potatoes And Gravy Carrots Roll Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**18** **Beef Ravioli** Bosco Stick Broccoli Fruit of The Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**19** **Walking Taco** Fiesta Beans Corn Fruit of The Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**20** **Pepperoni Or Cheese Pizza** Fresh Side Salad Smiley Fries Fruit of The Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**
23 **Salisbury Steak** Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Carrots Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**24** **Chicken Alfredo** Garlic Bread Broccoli Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**	**25** NO SCHOOL	**26** Happy Thanksgiving!	**27** NO SCHOOL
30 **Chicken Sandwich** Waffle Fries Cauliflower Fruit of the Day Milk **Alt: Uncrustable w/ String Cheese & Goldfish**				

Lunch Prices

Lunch $3.55

Milk $0.60

Large Water $1.00

Small Water $0.60

FREE extra Fruits and Vegetables

(Potato products not included).

What's A Meal?

Choose 3-5 Items

One Must Be A Fruit Or Vegetable



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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Spirit night

20% of the proceeds are donated back to your organization

St. Benedict Cathedral School

Tuesday, November 24th // 4pm - 8pm

Exclusive Spirit Night Pricing

$24.99 Unlimited Play Pass

Tickets available at the front desk. Must mention Spirit Night at time of purchase. Urban Air socks not included.

urban Air ADVENTURE PARK

280 N Green River Rd
Evansville, Indiana 47715
(812) 287-0632



HELP US KEEP THE GLOW DANCE FREE!

St. Ben's Glow Dance

Saturday, February 6, 2027

There are several easy ways to help support the Glow Dance at St. Ben's — help just a little or help a lot!



HELP A LITTLE

Look for Halloween clearance items that glow in the dark or light up. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. These items will be sold at the Glow Store during the dance.



HELP A LOT

Businesses and families can sponsor a station or sponsor the event. Sponsors will be recognized on the back of the Glow Dance T-shirt.



BLACK LIGHTS NEEDED

We would also love donations or loans of black lights for the dance.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Sally Primus at primus.sally@gmail.com

Thank you for helping make this event fun and free for our students! ♡



Dear Parents,

This year we are again encouraging the families of our students to prayerfully consider participating in Operation Christmas Child- a division of Samaritan's Purse also known as the Shoe-box ministry. Their mission is to providelocalpartners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. They ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S. For many of these children, this is the first gift they have **ever** received.

Boxes and labels are being provided at no cost to you. However, in addition to filling the boxes, each family is asked to pay for a $10.00 shipping fee. This can be done 2 ways: credit card payment using the QR code on the label provided via your smartphone or cash in an envelope inside your box. . Feel free to go to the OCC website www.samaritanspurse.org/occ for more information. **Please see the backside of the shoebox label for packing instructions.**

Our Operation Christmas Boxes can be turnedto school by **November20**. Thanks for helping to make a child's Christmas a little brighter this year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

In Him,

Allison Shepherd and the 7th Grade Service Class

OCC Box Order Form- Return by November 6 (Return boxes by November 20)

Student _____

Please send _____box(es) home with my child.

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!







VETERANS DAY 2026

11 NOV | **7:45-8:30**

COME AND JOIN US AT ST. BENEDICT

7:45-8:15 BREAKFAST IN WOODWARD CENTER FOR VETERANS AND THEIR STUDENT

8:15-8:30 VETERANS PROGRAM

8:30 PARADE OF CHAMPIONS



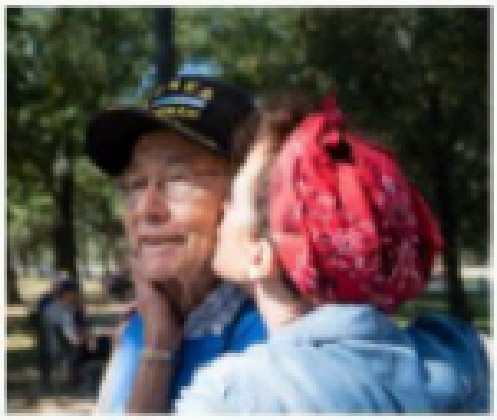
Please join St. Benedict Cathedral School, Reitz Memorial High School, and its partner schools to help raise awareness and money to provide a special opportunity for local veterans to take an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.!

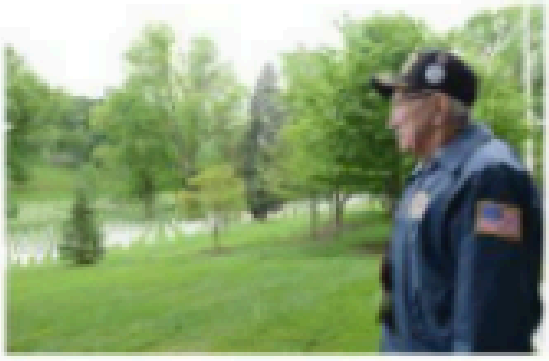
Patriotic Dress Day

Wear RED, WHITE, & BLUE

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

$500 will send one veteran on the Honor Flight. Please consider a donation of ***any*** amount to help!







Honor Flight of Southern Indiana

Honor Flight of Southern Indiana is the 133rd Honor Flight Network. This is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. They transport our heroes to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at their memorials. For more information, visit www.honorflightsi.org.



Kindergarten-2nd Grade

SAINT BENEDICT CATHEDRAL PTO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026-2027

SEPTEMBER

9/4-Teacher Development Day (No School)
9/7-Labor Day (No School)
9/9-Mum Fundraiser Pick Up
9/12-Bourbon & Blue Jeans
9/17-9/19-Old Fashioned Butcher Shoppe Giveback

OCTOBER

10/06-Staff Appreciation Luncheon
10/14-10/16- Fall Break (No School)
10/21-Azzip Giveback
10/23-10/31 Red Ribbon Week

NOVEMBER

11/11-Veterans Day Breakfast
11/25-11/29- Thanksgiving Break (No School)

DECEMBER

12/6-Cookies with St. Nicholas
12/18-Homeroom Christmas Parties
12/21-1/ 3- Winter Break (No School)

JANUARY

1/4- Classes Resume
1/18-Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School -PMD)
1/19-Staff Appreciation Luncheon
1/31-2/6 Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

2/2-Catholic Schools Week Hopsitality Breakfast
2/6-Catholic Schools Week Dance/Family Fun Night
2/12-No School-PMD
2/15- Presidents' Day (No School-PMD)

MARCH

3/9- Staff Appreciation Luncheon
3/19-Children's Carnival
3/22-3/26- Spring Break (No School)
3/29-Easter Monday (No School)

APRIL

4/14-Geranium Fundraiser Pickup
4/16-No School-PMD
4/19-No School-PMD

MAY

5/3-5/7-Staff Appreciation Week
5/4-Staff Appreciation Luncheon
5/5-Dewig Fundraiser Pickup
5/21-Field Day
5/25-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!

Tax Credit Information

Indiana State Credit Scholarship (SGO)

- Created in 2009.
- Funding comes from private donations.
- Donors receive a 50% state tax credit up to $1000 per taxpayer.
- Donors may designate donations to a specific accredited, non-public school in Indiana. Donations must be made to an established SGO.
- Donors can donate here: https://www.i4qed.org/scholarships/indiana-tax-credit/donors
- Awarded scholarships can cover school tuition and fees.
- Scholarship eligibility includes being 4-22 yrs. old and having a household income below 400% of free/reduced lunch guidelines (FLR).
- Capped at $18.5 million annually.
- Link to learn more: https://www.i4qed.org/

Indiana State Credit Scholarship (SGO)

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New Education Freedom Tax Credit (EFTC)

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New Education Freedom Tax Credit (EFTC)

- Launches January 1, 2027.
- Funding comes from private donations.
- Donors receive a 100% federal tax credit up to $1700 per taxpayer. Households in which married couples filing jointly receive up to $3400.
- Donors may designate donations to a specific school located in a state that has opted in to the EFTC. Donations must be made to an established SGO.
- Donors can donate here: https://www.i4qed.org/scholarships/education-freedom-tax-credit/donors
- Awarded scholarships cover private, charter, and public school tuition and fees as well as other educational expenses such as tutoring, educational materials, transportation, and more.
- Scholarship eligibility includes being 5-22 yrs. old and having a household income below 300% of the area median gross income (AMGI) where the student resides.
- No cap.
- Link to learn more: https://fedscholarshiptaxcredit.org/

Frequently Asked Questions About the New Education Freedom Tax Credit (EFTC)

Is this available everywhere in the United States?
Individuals anywhere in the United States may receive the tax credit, regardless of the state in which they reside. SGOs to which they donate, however, must be operating in a state whose governor has opted into the program. Crucially, EFTC scholarships can only be given to students in states that have opted in.

Are students eligible to receive scholarships across state lines?
Student eligibility to receive scholarship funds through the EFTC is determined by the student's state of residence, not the location of the school. Thus, if a student lives in an opt-in-state, they are eligible to receive scholarship funds.

Has my state opted in?
Yes, Indiana has opted in.
This website has a tracker regarding the current status of states' opt-in decisions: https://eftccredit.com/states

When does this opportunity go into effect?
The EFTC will go into effect on January 1, 2027. This means that the tax credit would first be available in one's 2027 tax year filings.

What does this mean for Catholic families and Catholic schools?
It means Catholic families and Catholic schools stand to benefit greatly! As individuals can now receive a tax credit covering 100% of their donation to an SGO up to $1,700, there will be significantly more money available to provide as scholarships for students in Catholic schools. This has the potential to significantly increase Catholic school accessibility and affordability in participating states.

Additional Resources:

- **The principal at the school you are interested in.**
- **Federal Tax Credit Website** https://fedscholarshiptaxcredit.org/
- **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops- Education Freedom Tax Credit FAQ** https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BI5SYI8qbaHqb9zr_BOQ85YOYWngx5Xr/view?usp=drive_link

Can married couples each donate $1,700 and claim a credit of $3,400?
It has been confirmed that married couples can claim a credit of $3,400, as each taxpayer can claim $1,700.

Is the scholarship amount given to students capped at $1,700?
No! Students may receive scholarships worth any amount as determined by the SGO, it is simply the tax credit for donors that is capped at $1,700.

What can scholarships be used for?
The scholarships can be used for any qualified education expense. These include some of the following: tuition, fees, books, supplies, other equipment, academic tutoring, special needs services, uniforms, transportation, and supplemental services.

Is this a government voucher program?
No! This is not a voucher program. No money is being taken from state funds in any way. It is a federal tax credit for private donations, which does not affect state money for schools.

Is this program only for students at private schools?
No, this program is not only for students at private schools. These funds may also be used to help pay for educational expenses that public school students may incur.

Are the scholarships to be solely need-based?
The SGOs must prioritize previous recipients of the scholarship and their siblings, as well as ensure that the recipient is eligible according to the 300% area median household income requirement. Outside of those parameters, SGOs may set their own prioritization criteria.

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Welcome Weekend
at Saint Benedict Cathedral



Women's Welcome #3: January 30-31, 2027

Men's Welcome #3: February 27-28, 2027

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

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.



ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL SCHOOL · FOR FAMILIES

A safe way to speak up.

SPEAK NOW Our anonymous reporting tool

Parents and students can use SPEAK NOW to let the school know about bullying or any other concern, day or night, from any phone or computer. Every report goes straight to Principal Orandi and designated school leaders so they can follow up.

USE IT TO REPORT

- Bullying, in person or online
- Safety concerns at school
- A student who may be struggling
- Anything that doesn't feel right

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Scan or visit

risegroupinc.shortcm.li/SpeakNowStB

Principal Megan Orandi's door is always open.

She is always glad to talk with you or your child directly. SPEAK NOW is simply another option for anyone who would rather share a concern anonymously, for any reason.

For life-threatening emergencies, always call 911.

SPEAK is offered at St. Benedict in partnership with RISE GROUP *Elevating through insight!*

MEMORIAL TIGERS



WE WANT YOU FOR THE GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM!

Open to all Middle School Girls 6-8

No Experience Necessary!

COACH SCHAEFER
nschaefer@bsnsports.com

COACH CLARK
kclark@evdio.org

CALL OUT/ PARENT MEETING

NOV 11
5:30 PM

MEMORIAL HS WRESTLING ROOM



COMMON QUESTIONS

- **Do I have to wear a singlet?**
  No. We are using combat kits for the girls team.
- **Will I have to cut weight?**
  No. We encourage new wrestlers to focus on skills and compete where your weight is naturally.
- **Will I have to wrestle a boy?**
  Only if you want to! Almost every school we compete against has it's own girls team, and almost every tournament we wrestle has a girls only division.

Reitz Memorial High School
Presents



Night Chills

Tales of Terror by Edgar Allan Poe
Adapted by Billy St. John

November 12, 14-15

Thursday 7:00pm
Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 2:30pm

Tickets

Adult $10.00
Senior $8.00
Student $8.00