

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 9- Last day of Quarter 1
October 13- 8th Grade PSTA @ Memorial High School
October 14-16 Fall Break (no school)
October 26-October 30- Red Ribbon Week (see flier of themes each day)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Ravens Family,

There is something special about October at St. Ben's. The school year is beginning to find its rhythm, the leaves are changing, and our hallways are full of the energy that comes from watching our students learn, grow, and discover new things. It is also a wonderful time to pause and recognize just how much happens when our school community comes together.

Over the past few weeks, our families have once again shown what makes St. Ben's such a special place.

A tremendous thank you to everyone who supported Bourbon & Blue Jeans! Whether you purchased a ticket, bought raffle tickets, bid on an auction item, helped with a class basket, volunteered your time, or simply helped spread the word, you played a part in making the evening a success. Your generosity directly benefits our students and helps us continue to provide opportunities and resources that enrich their experience at St. Ben's.

Our Mum Sale was another wonderful example of what we can accomplish together. We made 4200.00 in profit and this money will go directly to replacing a door on the front of campus near the resource room to increase the safety of our children. Thank you to everyone who sold, purchased, delivered, promoted, or helped organize this fundraiser. I hope those beautiful mums are still adding a little color to your porches and yards!

Looking Ahead in October

October 26-30 - Red Ribbon Week

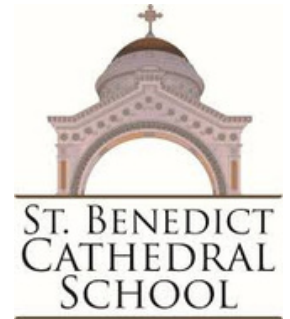
Our students will participate in Red Ribbon Week as we focus on making healthy choices and understanding the importance of living a drug-free life. Students will have opportunities throughout the week to participate in themed activities and conversations that encourage them to make positive choices for their health and well-being.

As we move through this busy season, I am continually reminded that a school is so much more than its classrooms and buildings. It is the people who fill those spaces and the way we care for one another. Thank you for continuing to partner with us, volunteer, encourage our teachers, support our students, and make St. Ben's the community it is.

For the Children,

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Principal



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RAVENS IN ACTION!



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

YOUTH FIRST CAMP MEMORIES TO HELP STUDENTS IMPACTED BY GRIEF

Youth First Camp Memories to Help Students Impacted by Grief

Losing someone we love is a difficult process at any age. Every child, just as every adult, will grieve in their own way. Children can be impacted physically, emotionally, behaviorally, and even spiritually after someone dies. They will have many questions that can be hard for us to answer. One way to support your child in their grief is by allowing them to see they are not alone.

Youth First provides a cost-free grief camp for students each year called Camp Memories. This year, Camp Memories will be held on Saturday, November 7 at Glenwood Leadership Academy in Evansville. This one-day camp experience includes creativity, fun, and enjoyment. Master's level social workers from Youth First provide campers with helpful information about the grief process using artwork, games, and group activities.

Camp Memories allows youth to:

- Tell the story of their loss
- Process grief in healthy ways
- Meet others their age facing similar circumstances
- Learn they are not alone
- Learn new coping skills and resources
- Have fun!

If you feel your student may benefit from attending Camp Memories, please contact Youth First Social Worker Brooke Skipper for more information. If your family experiences the loss of a loved one at any time, please reach out to St Ben's staff and Ms Skipper for assistance in navigating the grief process during school.

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.



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.



RED RIBBON WEEK

**"MAKE DIFFERENCE. BE A HERO.
STAY DRUG FREE"**

OCTOBER 26-31

**MONDAY
OCTOBER
26TH**



**"SUIT UP, STAND UP
STAY DRUG FREE"**

Students may wear sweats- no leggings,
loung pants, or pajamas.
Please follow alternate dress guidelines.



**TUESDAY
OCTOBER
27TH**



"TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS"

Students may wear a favorite sports team
jersey or shirt with alternate dress bottoms.
Please follow alternate dress guidelines.



**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER
28TH**



**"MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BE A HERO.
STAY DRUG FREE."**

Students may dress up like their favorite superhero
and/or wear a superhero shirt.
No leggings, loung pants, or pajamas.
No face or hair paint.

Please follow alternate dress guidelines.



**THURSDAY
OCTOBER
29TH**



"RED-Y TO BE DRUG FREE"

Students may wear a red shirt
with uniform bottoms.



**FRIDAY
OCTOBER
30TH**



"SAY BOO TO DRUGS"

Students may wear Halloween
shirts and/or socks with
alternate dress bottoms.

Please follow alternate dress guidelines.



BE KIND ★ BE BRAVE ★ BE DRUG FREE





PTO committees | 2026-2027

Fundraising |

Heather Hughes heatheryanh@yahoo.com – Jennifer Stute jstute22@yahoo.com

Our PTO fundraisers include the recently completed mum sale with a total of 649 mums sold, a geranium sale in the spring on **April 14, 2027** and Dewig meat fundraiser on **May 5, 2027**.

Give Back Nights | Monthly

Jenna Hooley jennachooley@gmail.com

Give Back Nights offer a great opportunity for families to get together for dinner or a night of fun, all while local businesses are graciously offering a percentage of the proceeds to give back to our school. Please keep an eye out for dates and details on these events and share the information with your family and friends.

School Support |

Jennifer Hargett hargett.jenn@gmail.com

Spirit wear |

Erin Bates afgirl312@aol.com – Sami Hobson samihobson7@gmail.com

Our next spiritwear order will be in November and arrive before Christmas break.

Uniform Closet |

Heather Hughes heatheryanh@yahoo.com

Our school uniform closet is a valuable resource for students and families. It provides a convenient place to donate gently used uniforms that no longer fit as well as look for sizes your student may be needing. It's also a great backup when spills, accidents, or dress code issues arise.

Homeroom Parents |

Kate Miller kate.miller@oldnational.com

Kate will be reaching out to those who have volunteered to be a homeroom parent. One of the main events our homeroom parents will assist with is class Christmas parties on **December 18**.

Staff Appreciation Week | May 3-7

Megan Kincaid kincaidfm@gmail.com – Devyn Whitler devyn.whitler@gmail.com

A week of fun-filled ideas planned for our amazing staff! A schedule of the week's events, as well as a volunteer sign-up will be sent out in April.

Staff Luncheons | Quarterly

Tiffanie Radnovich asa463@hotmail.com – Jenna Gray jgraysemails@gmail.com

These fun and delicious luncheons are done quarterly, and this year's luncheons are currently scheduled for **October 6, January 19, March 9, and May 4**.

Staff Stocking |

Melissa Stamps melpers25@gmail.com

PTO collects donations for one community holiday fund for staff. Donations are divided among all staff and given as gift cards for Christmas gifts.



PTO events | 2026-2027

Events |

*Vacant

Veteran's Day | Nov. 11

Alex Linberg ritterlinberg@gmail.com – Molly Harris mollymac24@hotmail.com – Sarah Moreau sarahbethmoreau@gmail.com

This subcommittee helps organize and host our annual Veteran's Day Breakfast, providing an opportunity for our students, families, and school community to come together and thank the brave men and women who have served our country.

Cookies with St. Nicholas | Dec. 6

Molly Harris mollymac24@hotmail.com – Dawn Hoesli dhoesli712@gmail.com

This year's Cookies with St. Nicholas will take place on **Sunday, December 6** in the Woodward Center. Join us for a festive morning after 10:30am mass, filled with cookies, donuts, coffee, and holiday crafts and games with St. Nicholas.

Catholic Schools Week Hospitality Room | Feb. 2

Jennifer Hargett hargett.jenn@gmail.com

Graduating classes from all of the Diocese attend mass together this day and we host a breakfast for the bus drivers and staff that bring the students to St. Bens.

Catholic Schools Week Dance/Family Fun Night! | Feb. 6

Sally Primus primus.sally@gmail.com – Ashley Holley holleyam1@gmail.com – Renee Rodriguez reneerodrio@gmail.com

It's time to glow! Join us **Saturday, February 6**, following 4:30pm mass for a night full of family fun! Families are welcome to join us celebrating Catholic Schools Week with a glow dance party celebrating our school community!

Children's Carnival | March 19

Natalie Hedde nataliehedde@gmail.com – Kristen Davis kristenjodavis82@hotmail.com Meredith Schmitt goochbball@hotmail.com – Kim Bui-Sickman kbsickman1@gmail.com

On **Friday, March 19**, the Children's Carnival is packed with games, treats, and all the carnival magic kids love!

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 Hospitality 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
4/18-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!



We Give A'zip GIVEBACK DAY

St. Benedict School

Organization

October 21, 2026

Date of Event

Azzip East

Location of Event



ONLINE CODE: GIVEBACK10

EAT PIZZA, RAISE SOME DOUGH!

20% GIVEBACK

Take My
Picture
to Scan
In-Store!

EAST SIDE

YOUTH MINISTRIES

SPOOKY SHOWDOWN

OCTOBER 11TH

**ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL FIELD
5-7PM**

Come join middle and high schoolers for a spooky night of fun! Wear your costume!

**SIGN UP
HERE:**



ACTIVITIES:

- **FALL GAMES & ACTIVITIES**
- **KICKBALL TOURNAMENT**
- **COSTUME CONTEST**
- **FALL TREATS**

Questions:
ophipps@evdio.org or
crshockley@evdio.org



**Great Spot For Your
Fall Festival Parking at Donut Bank
St. Joe Ave. at Franklin St.**

\$10



Supports the 7th
Grade Students at St.
Benedict Cathedral
School and the
Knights of Columbus
Council 7544



Support the St. Ben's Class of 2028



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.



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.**



It's Time for St. Benedict Cathedral Parish's

Undie Sunday 2026

"Undies" to be collected at the Masses--Weekend of Oct. 3-4

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing... And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'" Matthew 25:35-36, 40 "



***New "Undies" of all sizes are needed
for boys, girls, men and women***

****Socks *Underwear *T-shirts***

****Bra's *Panties *You wear it, they need it!***

**Your donations help the Christian Life Center
meet the *unseen* needs.**

Boxes will be at the entrances to the church.

Financial Donations may be sent to St. Ben's K of C 7544 PO Box 14544 Evansville IN 47728

St. Ben's "support" for this cause is a unique way to fill the "unseen" needs of so many!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

UNDIE SUNDAY is an activity of the Knights of Columbus Council #7544. Over 110 members strong and growing in our Catholic Faith. For more information on the K of C or how you can "support" UNDIE SUNDAY contact Mark Hackert at 812-319-6403. For info on Knights email us at kofc7544info@gmail.com

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**Please send any donations with your
child to the school office.**



Diocesan 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

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

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

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.

STAKE

★ ★ NIGHT ★ ★

**STAKEHOLDERS NIGHT - HOG ROAST
HOSTED BY MEMORIAL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**

OCTOBER 3

6-11:30 PM

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

TICKET: \$30

PART OF THE EXPERIENCE

SILENT AUCTION

HOG ROAST DINNER

MUSIC

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT
MEMORIAL ATHLETIC TEAMS**

**BUY A TICKET FROM YOUR FAVORITE
MEMORIAL ATHLETE OR COACH!
TICKETS MAY ALSO BE BOUGHT AT THE
MEMORIAL ATHLETIC OFFICE.**



MUST BE 21+ TO ENTER