



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August 4- Back to School Bash
- August 6- 8th Grade Retreat
- August 7- First Day of School
- August 20- Mum Order Forms are due back to school
- August 29- No School Staff Professional Development Day
- September 1- No School Labor Day

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Raven Families,

As summer winds down and the excitement of a new school year builds, I hope you are savoring these final days of sunshine, family fun, and a slightly slower pace. I am overjoyed to begin another year at St. Benedict Cathedral School a place where faith, community, and a commitment to excellence come together to nurture and guide each child.

This year, we are especially focused on growing our Catholic identity, building strong connections, and equipping students with the skills and values they need to thrive both now and in the future.

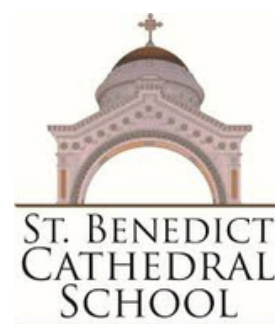
A special welcome to all of our new families joining the Raven community this year! We are thrilled you are here. To our returning families, welcome home. Your partnership and trust mean so much to us, and we are eager to make this year one of growth, joy, and unforgettable experiences. Please remember, we are always here to support you, answer questions, and cheer on your child's success.

We are also blessed to welcome several wonderful new faces to our faculty and staff this year! Please join me in giving a warm Raven welcome to:

- Ms. Paulette Laducer, Kindergarten aide
- Mrs. Emily Walker, first-grade teacher
- Mrs. Katie Smithey, second-grade teacher
- Mr. Raymond Franklin, 3-5 resource assistant
- Mrs. Cheryl Franklin, 6-8 resource assistant
- Mrs. Jennifer Hooper, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten aide
- Mrs. Jennifer Will, Art Teacher
- Mr. Cameron Vile, Band Teacher

Their energy, talent, and passion for working with children will be such a gift to our school community.

Building a future of hope,  
Megan Wright  
Principal



## OFFICE STAFF

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SUMMER 2025

**ST. BENEDICT**  
CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

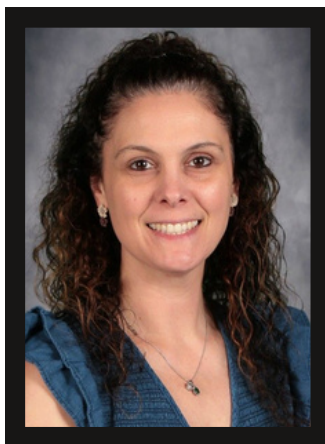


*Raven News*

**WELCOME TO ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL SCHOOL!**



**Mrs. Emily Walker**  
1st Grade



**Mrs. Katie Smithey**  
2nd Grade



**Ms. Paulette Laducer**  
Kindergarten Aide



**Mr. Raymond Franklin**  
3-5 Resource Assistant



**Mrs. Cheryl Franklin**  
6-8 Resource Assistant



**Mrs. Jennifer Hooper**  
Preschool and PreK  
Assistant



**Mr. Cameron Vile**  
Band Teacher

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

**FAMILIAR FACES IN A NEW ROLE!**

**Mrs. Allison Shepherd**  
School Counselor

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Allison Shepherd will be joining us full-time as our school counselor! Mrs. Shepherd will be a wonderful resource for both students and parents, providing support and guidance as we continue building a positive, welcoming environment where every child feels safe, valued, and empowered to grow and thrive.



**Mrs. Jaime Emig**  
Head Cafeteria Cook

We are excited to share that Mrs. Jaime Emig will be stepping into the role of Head Cafeteria Cook! Jaime is a dedicated, hardworking member of our school family who brings both heart and hustle to everything she does. We are grateful for her commitment to serving our students delicious and nourishing meals each day, and we look forward to the energy and care she will bring to our cafeteria.



**Mrs. Jennifer Will**  
Art Teacher

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Jennifer Will will be stepping into the role of Art Teacher this school year! Mrs. Will brings a wonderful blend of creativity, enthusiasm, and a love for inspiring young artists. Her passion for the fine arts and dedication to student growth will make the art room a vibrant and engaging space for all our students. We can't wait to see the creativity and joy she brings to our school community!



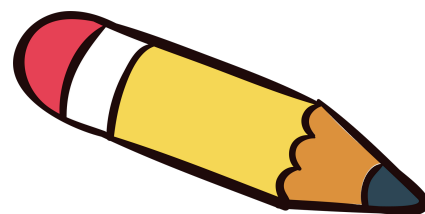


## GETTING BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL ROUTINE

It's almost August once again, and that means back-to-school time. Early mornings, structured days, increased activities, and mounting homework become your household's reality. No matter how many years your child has been in school, transitioning back into the classroom setting can always feel a little chaotic. Minimizing this stress is essential for your entire family's health and happiness.

Here are some simple yet effective tips to help ease those back-to-school blues.

1. Be sure your child is in good physical and mental health by scheduling appointments with your family doctor and dentist. Discuss any concerns you have over your child's emotional development with your pediatrician. Your doctor can help determine if your concerns are age-appropriate issues or require further assessment. Your child will benefit if you can identify and begin addressing a potential issue as soon as it arises.
2. Establish bedtime and mealtime routines. Routines help reinforce your child's overall good health. Eating a meal together as a family provides time to reflect on the school day and gauge how your child is coping. If your summer has been largely unstructured, prepare your child for this change by talking about why routines are important.
3. Familiarize yourself with your child's teachers as well as other school professionals in the building who can be a resource. This can include the principal and front office personnel; school social worker and counselor; and coaches and activity coordinators.
4. Let your child know you care wholeheartedly and unconditionally. Pay attention to your child's mood and behavior as school resumes. Make sure to ask open-ended questions about the school day to ensure real communication beyond a "yes" or "no" answer. Praise your child's effort each day, not the result.







## GETTING BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL ROUTINE

5. Model positive behavior in your home to increase your child's healthy coping skills. If there is anxiety about school, reinforce the ability to cope by remaining optimistic and confident in your child. Give your child a few healthy strategies to manage a difficult situation such as talking with someone or journaling.
6. Remain calm and positive about a new start. Children who have had a difficult time academically or socially may be more fearful or reluctant to return to school. Talk about the issues and how things can improve this year. If you have not yet done so, share your child's concern with the school so the staff can be cognizant and supportive.

Using these strategies in your home can assist your child in feeling more prepared and secure during the return to school. A strong home foundation helps to promote a strong educational foundation. You can directly influence the amount of success your child has at school by promoting a positive attitude, confidence, and performance both socially and academically.

**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](mailto:bskipper@youthfirstinc.org). All contacts are confidential.**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

# POWERSCHOOL

CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR  
PART 1 EMERGENCY PICK UP  
PART 2 ONLINE POWERSCHOOL REGISTRATION

CHECK POWERSCHOOL FOR  
HOMEROOM PLACEMENT!



# ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

## 6TH GRADE PARENT AND STUDENT BOOT CAMP

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MON., AUGUST 4TH**

**4:30-5:30 PM**

**WOODWARD CENTER**

Parents and students, please join us for 6th-grade boot camp! This session is designed to help incoming 6th graders and their families transition into middle school and meet the middle school teacher team. The goal of this one-hour session is to help students and parents understand what to expect from middle school, including Google Classroom and PowerSchool, as well as how to support your child at home.





# ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

**Monday, August 4, 2025**  
**5:30 – 7:00 PM**

Drop off your school supplies in the classrooms

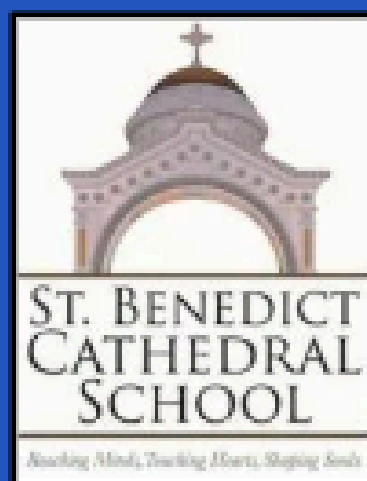
Meet the teachers

Sign up for PTO

Get schedule and locker information

Visit the uniform closet

Enjoy a free cookout from the St. Benedict Knights of  
Columbus



**St. Benedict Cathedral School Back Parking Lot**  
**530 S. Harlan Ave., Evansville, IN 47714**

The chrysanthemums are locally grown and are a hardy perennial plant. If they are planted in the ground when they are first delivered, they will have a better chance of returning the following year. Mums are \$10.00 each. Please return the order forms and money to the school or parish office by **Wednesday, August 20, 2025**.

Please make checks payable to St. Benedict Cathedral School. When possible, write one check per family for multiple orders. Call the school office at 812-425-4596 with questions. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit student activities at St. Ben's. *\*Our supplier reserves the right to substitute colours if absolutely necessary.*

**Please return the order forms and money to the school by Wednesday, August 20, 2025.**

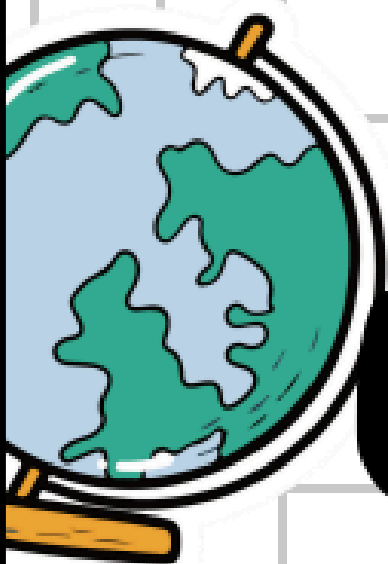
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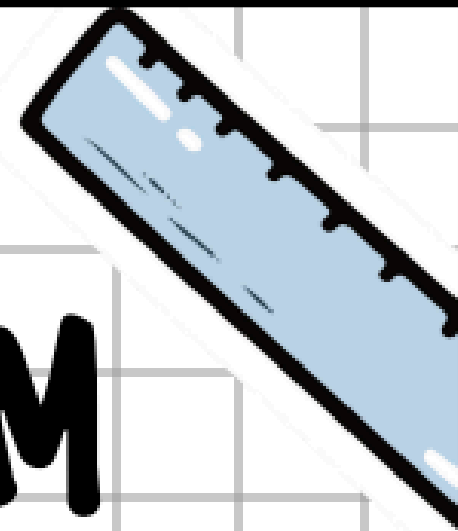
STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

OR PARISHIONER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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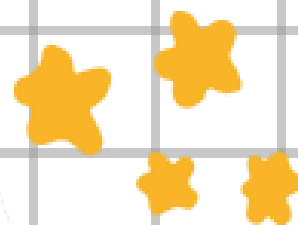
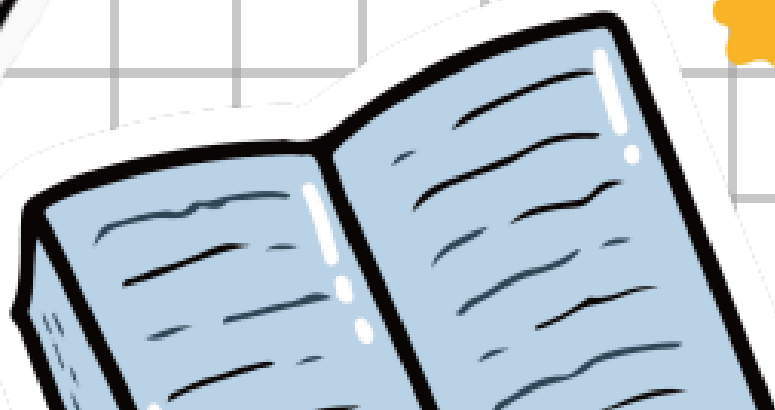
# PTO UNIFORM CLOSET



**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)**





# St. Benedict Cathedral School / 2025-2026

## AUGUST '25

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August 7- First Day of School  
August 29- No School-  
Staff Professional Development  
Day

## JANUARY '26

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January 1- New Year's Day  
January 1-2- No School  
January 5- School is in Session  
January 19- M.L. King Day (PMD)

## SEPTEMBER '25

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September 1- Labor Day  
September 9 - Progress  
Report/Eligibility Check  
September 18 & 19 - Parent  
Teacher Conferences - Early  
Dismissal

## FEBRUARY '26

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February 4 - Progress  
Report/Eligibility Check  
February 16- Presidents' Day  
(PMD)

## OCTOBER '25

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October 8 - End of Qtr. 1  
October 9-13- Fall Break

## MARCH '26

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March 6 - End of Quarter 3  
March 23-27- Spring Break

## NOVEMBER '25

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November 11- Veteran's Day  
November 13 - Progress  
Report/Eligibility Check  
November 26-28- No School  
November 27-  
Thanksgiving Break

## APRIL '26

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April 3- Good Friday  
April 5- Easter Sunday  
April 6- Easter Monday  
April 17 - Progress  
Report/Eligibility Check

## DECEMBER '25

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December 19- End of Quarter 2  
December 22- Christmas Break  
Starts

## MAY '26

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May 21- End of Quarter 4  
May 21- Last Day of School  
May 25- Memorial Day



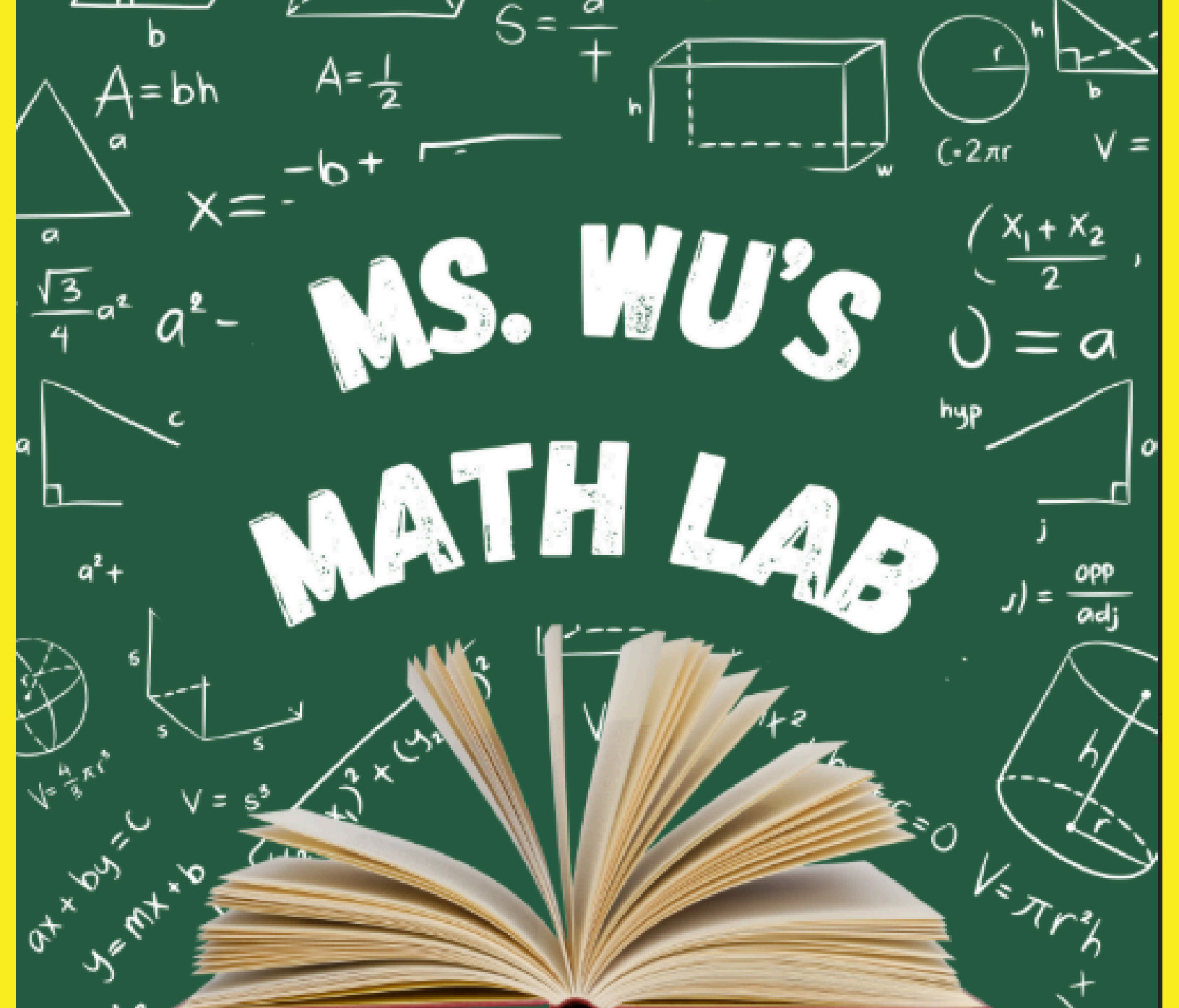
## Grades 3-5 Study Hall

|Where: Library

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and  
Thursdays  
2:35-3:30

This is a good time to complete your homework. Please make sure that you bring something to work on when you come to the Grades 3-5 Study Hall Academy.

**Starting in September**



# MS. WU'S MATH LAB

**WHERE: MS. WU'S CLASSROOM**

**WHEN: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY**

**TIME: 2:35 PM– 3:30 PM**

**NEW this Year**

**Middle School Math Lab**

**Starting Monday, August 11**





## Middle School Raven Academy

Where: Mr. Girten's Room (M301)

When: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays  
2:35-3:30

This is a time to get your homework done, please make sure that you bring something to work on when you come to Raven Academy.

**Starting Monday, August 11**




# SPONSOR US

@ Bourbon and Blue Jeans

Do you own a business,  
or know someone who  
does, that would  
sponsor our Bourbon  
and Blue Jeans event?

\$75.00 - Teacher's Night Out  
\$500.00- 80 Proof  
\$1,000.00- 90 Proof  
\$1,750.00- 100 Proof  
\$2,500.00- Barrel Proof

PLEASE CONTACT ANGIE WELLMEIER  
[AWELLMEIER@EVDIO.ORG](mailto:AWELLMEIER@EVDIO.ORG)





**SAVE THE DATE**

PLEASE JOIN US

ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL'S

# Bourbon & Blue Jeans

**Saturday, Sept. 13 • Warehouse 410**  
410 Carpenter St., EVV 47708

Dinner • Cash Bar • Bourbon Raffle  
Silent & Live Auctions • Fund-a-Need

6:00 pm Happy Hour & Hors d'oeuvres  
7:00 pm Dinner • \$75 / Ticket

Music by  
DJ Erick Trice



Sponsorships & Tables Available:  
Contact Angie Wellmeier  
812.425.3369x2 / [awellmeier@evdio.org](mailto:awellmeier@evdio.org)

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 • 6:00 PM • WAREHOUSE 410 @ 410 CARPENTER ST. EVV 47708

**RESERVE YOUR SEATING TODAY!**

INDIVIDUAL TICKET:	\$75.00	QTY: _____
TABLE FOR 10:	\$750.00	QTY: _____
TEACHER'S NIGHT OUT SPONSOR:	\$75.00	QTY: _____
<small>SEND A ST. BEN'S TEACHER TO BOURBON AND BLUE JEANS FOR FREE! INCLUDES NAME DISPLAYED ON SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT</small>		
I CANNOT ATTEND, BUT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE	\$	_____

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF THOSE SEATED AT YOUR TABLE:**

(PLEASE INDICATE A "GF" NEXT TO ANY GUEST WHO REQUIRES A GLUTEN-FREE MEAL)

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND PAYMENT BY AUGUST 30TH TO:  
ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL, 1328 LINCOLN AVE. EVANSVILLE, IN 47714  
OR EMAIL TO [AWELLMEIER@EVDIO.ORG](mailto:awellmeier@evdio.org)**

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## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### ~~CATERING SPONSOR~~ (CLAIMED)

**\$10,000.00**

INCLUDES NAME/LOGO ON DINNER NAPKINS PLACED AT ALL SEATS, TWO (2) VIP TABLES FOR 10 PEOPLE EACH (20 PEOPLE TOTAL), 1 PREMIUM DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON MAIN PROMOTIONAL FLYER AS A TOP SUPPORTER, NAME DISPLAYED ON INDIVIDUAL SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

### ~~BOURBON RAFFLE SPONSOR~~ (CLAIMED)

**\$5,000.00**

INCLUDES NAME/LOGO ON ALL RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD IN THE MONTH LEADING UP TO THE EVENT, NAME/LOGO ON RAFFLE FLYER AND ALL RAFFLE PROMOTIONS, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON MAIN PROMOTIONAL FLYER AS A TOP SUPPORTER, A VIP TABLE FOR 10, 1 PREMIUM DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON INDIVIDUAL SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

### ~~CASH BAR/PHOTO BOOTH SPONSOR~~ (CLAIMED)

**\$5,000.00**

INCLUDES NAME/LOGO ON SIGNAGE NEXT TO EACH BAR, LOGO ON EACH PHOTO DOWNLOADED AT THE PHOTO BOOTH THAT IS SHARED ON SBC'S SOCIAL MEDIA ALONG WITH GUEST FACEBOOK SHARES, A VIP TABLE FOR 10, 1 PREMIUM DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON MAIN PROMOTIONAL FLYER AS A TOP SUPPORTER, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

### ~~BID PADDLE SPONSOR~~ (CLAIMED)

**\$5,000.00**

INCLUDES A VIP TABLE FOR 10, 1 PREMIUM DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON MAIN PROMOTIONAL FLYER AS A TOP SUPPORTER, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON THE BACK OF THE BID PADDLES USED FOR THE LIVE AUCTION AND THE FUND-A-NEED, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

### BARREL PROOF SPONSOR

**\$2,500.00**

INCLUDES A VIP TABLE FOR 10, 1 PREMIUM DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON INDIVIDUAL SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

### 100 PROOF SPONSOR

**\$1,750.00**

INCLUDES A VIP TABLE FOR 10, 1 BEER/WINE DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME DISPLAYED ON SPONSOR GROUP SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

### 90 PROOF SPONSOR

**\$1,000.00**

INCLUDES 6 TICKETS, NAME DISPLAYED ON SPONSOR GROUP SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

### 80 PROOF SPONSOR

**\$500.00**

INCLUDES 2 TICKETS, NAME DISPLAYED ON SPONSOR GROUP SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT

### TEACHER'S NIGHT OUT SPONSOR

**\$75.00**

SEND A ST. BEN'S TEACHER TO BOURBON AND BLUE JEANS FOR FREE! INCLUDES NAME DISPLAYED ON SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# St. Benedict Cathedral School PTO

## Welcome Back, Ravens!

As we kick off a new school year, we're thrilled to welcome back our students and their families. The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is excited to begin another year of supporting our incredible school community. The PTO plays a vital role in enriching our children's educational experiences—and we couldn't do it without the generous support of families like yours.

Your contribution directly supports activities and programs that benefit our students, staff, and school. Your support is essential to help us continue to work and make a positive impact on our school community. **Annual PTO dues are \$10.00 per student or \$15.00 per family.**

### How to Pay:

1. Send a check to the school office, made payable to *St. Benedict Cathedral School*. Please include your child's name and "PTO Dues" on the memo line.
2. Bring cash or a check to the PTO table at the **Back-to-School Bash- Monday, August 4th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

In addition to your dues, we invite you to get involved! Volunteering your time and talents is another powerful way to support our school. Whether it's serving on a committee, helping at events, assisting with fundraising, or offering your unique skills, your participation is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Benedict Cathedral School PTO. Together, we can make this school year a successful and memorable one for our Ravens!

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Gtate*

St. Benedict Cathedral School PTO

*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**

Encounter † Deepen † Engage



Becoming One WITH CHRIST

# Encounter HOPE

A Jubilee Year Event  
**Building Christ-Centered Families**

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> | 8 am - 4 pm (CST)**

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