



St. Clare School Bottle Drop Action Plan

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Goals and responsibilities for the St. Clare BottleDrop program

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Bottle Drop Overview

St. Clare School is excited to officially join the **Oregon BottleDrop Give** program in the **2025–2026 school year**. The initiative was soft-launched at the end of the 2024–2025 school year with a summer recycling pilot and has raised nearly \$200 over the summer!

What Is BottleDrop Give?

BottleDrop Give allows Oregon nonprofits to raise funds by recycling eligible beverage containers. Each bag used in the program is tagged with a **unique QR code** linked to St. Clare School, ensuring that all returns are automatically credited to our account. Funds collected will help support educational programs.

How it works

- **Blue Bags** with QR codes are available at the **school front office** throughout the school year.
- Filled bags can be dropped off at **any BottleDrop location** or participating grocery stores. (See options below)
- Only **OR-10 refundable containers** (glass, metal, or plastic) are accepted.
- St. Clare School earns **\$0.10 per container**.
- Improper use—such as including non-refundable items, or containers purchased out of state—may result in fines up to **\$250** under ORS 459.992.
- Full program rules are available on the [BottleDrop Blue Bag website](#).
- Terms and Conditions can be reviewed [HERE](#).



Collection Sources

Once your blue bags are full, you can drop them off at any BottleDrop collection site. Here are a few convenient locations in our area:

- **Fred Meyer Burlingame** – 7555 SW Barbur Blvd (near St. Clare)
- **Beaverton Redemption Center** – 9307 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy (near Jesuit)
- **Tigard Redemption Center** – 14411 SW Pacific Hwy
- **Fred Meyer Tualatin** – 19200 SW Martinazzi Ave

Many other stores also accept blue bags. Use the [BottleDrop Location Finder](#) to discover drop-off points near you!

Drive-Through Pickup campaign

To make donating more convenient for families, we are introducing **Drive-Through Drop-Off Days**. Note that collection days are scheduled **at the same time as the free dress canned food days**. Here's how it works:

- During morning drop-off, volunteers will be stationed to collect filled bags directly from families.
- Donations will then be delivered to a BottleDrop location, supporting our school's fundraising efforts.
- There will be A-Frame signs marking drop-off locations. See Appendix III for a map of designated drop-off locations on campus.

Mark your calendars for these collection dates:

September 19
October 17
November 21
December 5
January 16
February 20
March 20
April 17
May 15

On Campus Collection Points

Upper School Staff Lounge

- A collection bag will be available for staff and teachers. Gwen Vorman and Mary Schuld have agreed to remove the bag from the Staff Room as it is full and replace it with a fresh bag.

Pre School

- Staff collection bag provided to the preschool break room. Tony Schick, whose family is also in the preschool, will coordinate this pickup with Nancy Melzer and Jeanne Raffety.
- Empty bags distributed to preschool families for participation
- A 20% share of all proceeds will be distributed to the St. Clare Preschool in exchange for their participation. Distribution is designed to enhance the proceeds the Preschool gets from Jeanne's current bottle collection efforts that fund refreshments for teachers.

Gymnasium

Containers collected at sporting events, can be gathered into blue bags. A bin will be placed by the concession area and by the main exit. Concession volunteers and/or coaches can put the blue bag in the auction storage area (the door closest to the gym). The BottleDrop coordinator can pick up the blue bags from the auction storage area whenever on the scheduled drive-through collection days drop off bags.

A 20% share of all proceeds will be distributed to the St. Clare athletics program in exchange for their collection efforts.

Parish Events

Additional collection opportunities may include:

- School Supply Dropoff
- Parish Picnic
- Wreath Pickup
- Other Parish events

Responsibilities

Participants

To ensure compliance and avoid penalties, please follow these guidelines:

1. Each bag delivered must not be repped, cut, untied or not fully closed.
2. Bags MUST NOT CONTAIN:
 - Trash
 - Non-redeemable containers
 - Crushed or broken containers
 - Containers with excessive residual liquid
 - Unrinsed or sticky containers that do not freely fall out of an open bag
 - More than 30 glass bottles and/or weigh over 20 lbs.
3. Bags containing any dangerous material and/or biohazards such as dirty diapers, syringes, spit/chew, or other biological substances are cause for immediate account termination.
4. See full [terms and conditions](#) for more information

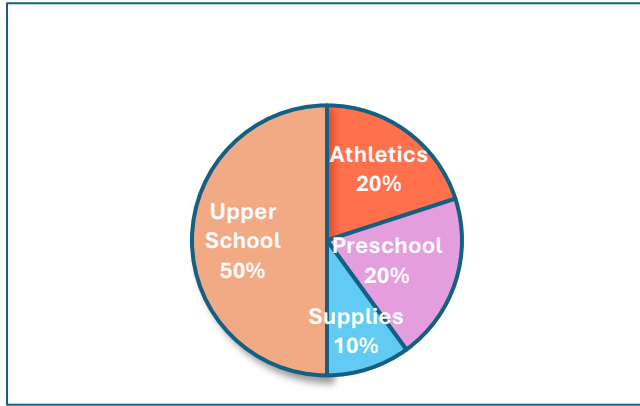
Bottle Drop Coordinator

The BottleDrop Coordinator plays a key role in supporting our school's recycling and fundraising efforts. Their responsibilities include:

1. Tracking and monitoring the BottleDrop account balance
2. Providing regular updates to the Parent-Teacher Club (PTC)
3. Ordering replacement blue bags as needed to maintain supply
4. Coordinating volunteers to staff drive-through pickup days
5. Delivering—or arranging delivery of—filled blue bags to designated BottleDrop locations

How will funds be used?

All proceeds from this initiative will be directed to Holy Family School and distributed according to the following predetermined schedule:



- ✓ **50%** - Upper School
- ✓ **20%** - St. Clare Preschool
- ✓ **20%** - St. Clare Athletics
- ✓ **10%** - BottleDrop Supplies (i.e. collection bags, promotional materials)

A hypothetical breakdown of funds, assuming \$5,000 is raised, would look like this:

Program	Funds distributed
Upper School	\$2,500
Athletics	\$1,000
Preschool	\$1,000
BottleDrop Supplies	\$500
Total	\$5,000

These projections are based on Holy Family School’s earnings, which have exceeded \$4,000 during three of the past seven years. According to state figures, St. Clare’s enrollment is also 20% higher than Holy Family School. As a school that consistently excels across academics, community engagement, and spirit, we are well-positioned to surpass \$5,000 in our very first year of this initiative.

Holy Family Challenge

The BottleDrop coordinator at [Holy Family school](#) has challenged St. Clare School to a friendly competition.

The following chart shows income over the last seven years from BottleDrop receipts at Holy Family. Their highest grossing year (2022) saw income of \$4,903. The most recent year (2024) saw \$3,748.

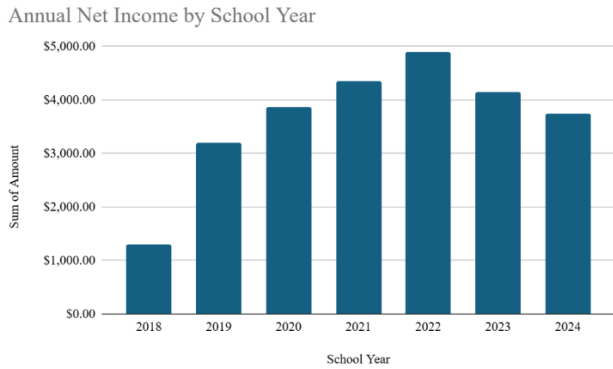


Figure 1: Holy Family School Annual Net Income by School Year

The challenge: Collect more BottleDrop funds during the 2025-2026 school year.

The Prize: The principal of the losing school must wear a T-shirt with the winning school logo at a school assembly!

FAQ

Q: Can I earn Volunteer credit for helping out?

Yes, all time spent helping out with the BottleDrop activities count toward school volunteer hours.

Q: Where can I get replacement bags if I fill mine?

Bags are available in the school office. They can be requested any time during regular office hours.

Q: What container types are accepted?

See Appendix I on Page 10 for a summary of accepted containers. Also visit the BottleDrop website at: bottledrop.com

Q: What will the funds be used for?

Funds will be distributed to the school, preschool, and Athletics program. See section ‘How will funds be used?’ for details.

Q: When and where will the vehicle drop-offs be?

We'll have volunteers at the end of the Freeman Street car line and the Spring Garden parking lot. They'll be there on canned-food free dress Fridays.

Q: What if I forget and bring my bags at the wrong time?

The BottleDrop team won't ever turn your bags away! But please bring them at the designated time to limit the amount of blue bags in the trunks of our cars!

Appendix I: Accepted Beverage Containers

Navigating Oregon's Bottle Bill can be tricky. The following list is a simplified version of what glass, metal, and plastic beverage containers are and are not accepted under Oregon's Bottle Bill. For a complete list, and more information on Oregon's Bottle Bill, visit the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission's [website](#).

Included, in sizes 3 liters or less:

- Soda
- Beer and malt beverages
- Water
- Kombucha
- Hard Seltzer

Included, in sizes from 4 ounces up to 1.5 liters:

- Coffee and tea
- Energy and sports drinks
- Fruit and vegetable juice
- Hard Cider
- Wine in a Can

Not Included:

- Distilled spirits / liquor
- Infant formula
- Liquid meal replacements
- Non-beverage foods
- Beverages that list dairy milk or plant based milk as the first ingredient
- Beverages in a carton, foil pouch, or metal container that require a tool to be opened

Appendix II: Promotional Flyer

St. Clare BottleDrop

Help our school and help the environment!

Bring a blue BottleDrop bag home and collect your cans and bottles. Every cent goes directly to St. Clare School.



Drive Through Collection Dates:

- Sep 19
- Oct 17
- Nov 21
- Dec 5
- Jan 16
- Feb 20
- Mar 20
- Apr 17
- May 15

How it works:

- Collect your eligible empty cans and bottles in a blue bag at home. A list of eligible items is on the back
- Drop bags off at your nearest BottleDrop location or bring them to one of our drive-through pick up days. Dates are listed above.

It's that easy! Together, we can make a big difference.



Brought to you by the St. Clare School Parent Teacher Council.

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Learn more at: stclarepdx.org/BottleDrop

Appendix III: Drive-Through Pickup Location Map

