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St. Clare School Bottle Drop Action Plan

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Goals and responsibilities of the BottleDrop program
at St. Clare School

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BottleDrop Overview

St. Clare School is excited to participate in the [Oregon BottleDrop Give](#) program in the **2026–2027 school year**. The initiative was soft-launched at the end of the 2024–2025 school year with a summer recycling pilot and has been a part of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) fundraising since the 25-26 school year, raising over \$5000 in our first year of participating!

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.



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 throughout the state!

Drive-Through Pickup Campaign

To make donating more convenient for families, we host **Drive-Through Drop-Off Days** throughout the year. Collection days are scheduled **at the same time as the free dress canned food days**. This is the most popular method of dropping off the blue bags, bringing roughly 90% off all bags credited to our account! Here's how it works:

- During morning drop-off, volunteers will be stationed to collect filled bags directly from families.
- Blue bags will be delivered to a BottleDrop location by school volunteers.
- There will be A-Frame signs marking drop-off locations. See Appendix III for a map of drop-off locations on campus.

Mark your calendars for these collection dates*

Sep 11
Nov 23*
Dec 11
Jan 18
Apr 23*
May 7
Jun 5

*Dates are subject to change to coincide with "BottleDrop Give" campaigns. All dates will be announced in the Dragon Post.



On Campus Collection Points

Upper School Staff Lounge

- A collection bag will be available for staff and teachers. Volunteers will remove the bag from the Staff Room as it is full and replace it with a fresh bag.

Pre School

- Bags will be provided to the preschool break room. Volunteers will coordinate pickup with Nancy Melzer and Jeanne Raffety.
- Empty bags will be distributed to preschool families for participation, with a supply available at the preschool office.
- A 20% share of all proceeds will be distributed to the St. Clare Preschool in exchange for their participation.

Gymnasium

- Containers collected at sporting events will 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).
- A 10% share of all proceeds will be distributed to the St. Clare athletics program in exchange for their collection efforts.



- St. Clare parish campout

Parish Events

Additional collection opportunities may include:

- School Supply Dropoff
- Back to School night
- Parish Picnic
- Wreath Pickup
- Other Parish events
- Grandparent/special friend day

Blue Bags

Blue bags are available at the following locations:

1. School Office – to the right of the main door in a hanging file basket.
2. Preschool Office – on the counter across from the preschool office (next to the fish tank)
3. Parish Office – on the table inside the main entrance
4. Church back table- three times per year, a supply of bags will be placed by the main church table. Availability varies based on Fr. Don's discretion.
 - a. Late November to prepare for an increase in containers from the holiday season
 - b. Early May to prepare for memorial day bbq's and the summer season
 - c. Late Aug, to wrap up the summer season.

Promotions

Matching bonus promotions

The BottleDrop program offers two ‘match’ promotions during the year where an extra 20% will be added to funds raised through BottleDrop bag deposits. There are two major promotions throughout the year.

1. Holiday Give – first week of December
 2. Earth Week Give – second week of April
- Exact dates TBD, BottleDrop coordinator will adjust drive-through dates to make sure we participate.

To maximize returns, we will not host a Drive-through event during the month preceding a promotion month. Families can store bags, and bring them to the event thereby increasing the amount earned. For example, we will not host a drive-through collection event in October to prepare for the November promotion.

Gamify Bag Collection: Introduce competitive and interactive elements to make bag collection fun and rewarding for families.

Below is a table of promotion events for the 25-26 school year:

Promotions for 25-26 school year

Month	25-26 promotion	Result	Notes
Sep	Inaugural drive-through	26 bags	
Oct	Mini challenge vs Holy Family	HF won	Losing school bought popsicles for winning school
Nov	Holiday Give Promotion		Raised an additional \$188
Dec	No Promotion		
Jan	Winning class gets free dress and extra P.E.	2 nd grade won	11 bags
Feb	Floral shop gift card	Random Drawing	Two parents received \$25 gift cards to SAGE Flowers
Mar	Winning class designs the victory tee-shirt	1 st grade won	8 bags
Apr	Earth Week Give	20% match earned	Raised an additional \$113
May	No Promotion		
Jun	No Promotion		



Brian Brady and a handful of students from St. Clare School presented a ceremonial shirt—designed by our first-grade class—to Ethan Ott, HF BottleDrop Coordinator, Mrs. Steele, HF Principal, and Fr. Rodel of Holy Family to celebrate our victory in the friendly intra-school competition. (May 29, 2026)

Planned Promotions for 26-27

These are suggestions and are subject to change at any time. All promotions will be cleared through principal Harris, and communicated in the Dragon Post.

Month	26-27 promotion	Notes
Sep	Scratch-off tickets for prizes	Scratch-off tickets at Back To School night with special prizes.
Oct	No Drive-Through	Prepare for "Holiday Give" bonus
Nov	Holiday Give Promotion	St. Clare will earn an extra 20% on all bags collected during the "Holiday Give Promotion"
Dec	Gift card give-away (local vendor?)	Free Dress for class bringing in the most bags.
Jan	Winning class designs the victory t-shirt	Mrs. Lifschutz will work with the winning class to design a shirt to be worn by the Holy Family principal.
Feb	Valentines themed	Box of chocolate to the individual who brings in the most bags?
Mar	No Drive-Through	Prepare for "Earth Week" bonus
Apr	Earth Week Give Promotion Flower shop gift card give-away	St. Clare will earn an extra 20% on all bags collected during the "Earth Week Give Promotion"
May	Winning Class takes a field trip to the clackamas recycling center	
Jun	No promotion	

25- 26 - The Year in Review

St. Clare's first year of full participation in the BottleDrop program was a huge success! From September 1, 2025 through the last day of school (June 12, 2026) we raised

Month	# Bags (Drive-through)	\$ Raised
Sep - 25	26	\$275.57
Oct - 25	45	\$464.34
Nov - 25 *	48	\$448.37
Dec - 25	32	\$553.47
Jan -26	83	\$758.85
Feb - 26	64	\$540.15
Mar - 26	46	\$498.52
Apr - 26*	67	\$568.80
May - 26	66	\$668.54
Jun - 26	48	\$505.70
TOTAL	505	\$5,282.31

\$5,282.31 for school programs - all through discarded beverage containers! The following table shows the amount earned by month.

* A 20% Matching bonus was earned during the Nov and Apr promotions

Bags brought in during drive-through events were the primary contributor, accounting for over 90% of all collections, which volunteers then transported from the school to the collection center. Families dropped off the remaining 10% directly at redemption centers. Overall, the school collected 505 bags through the drive-through events, led by the 7th-grade class with 71 bags, closely followed by 2nd grade with 67.

The chart below shows the total bag count by class for the 2025–2026 school year. Note that "Other" represents containers collected from the gym or parish.

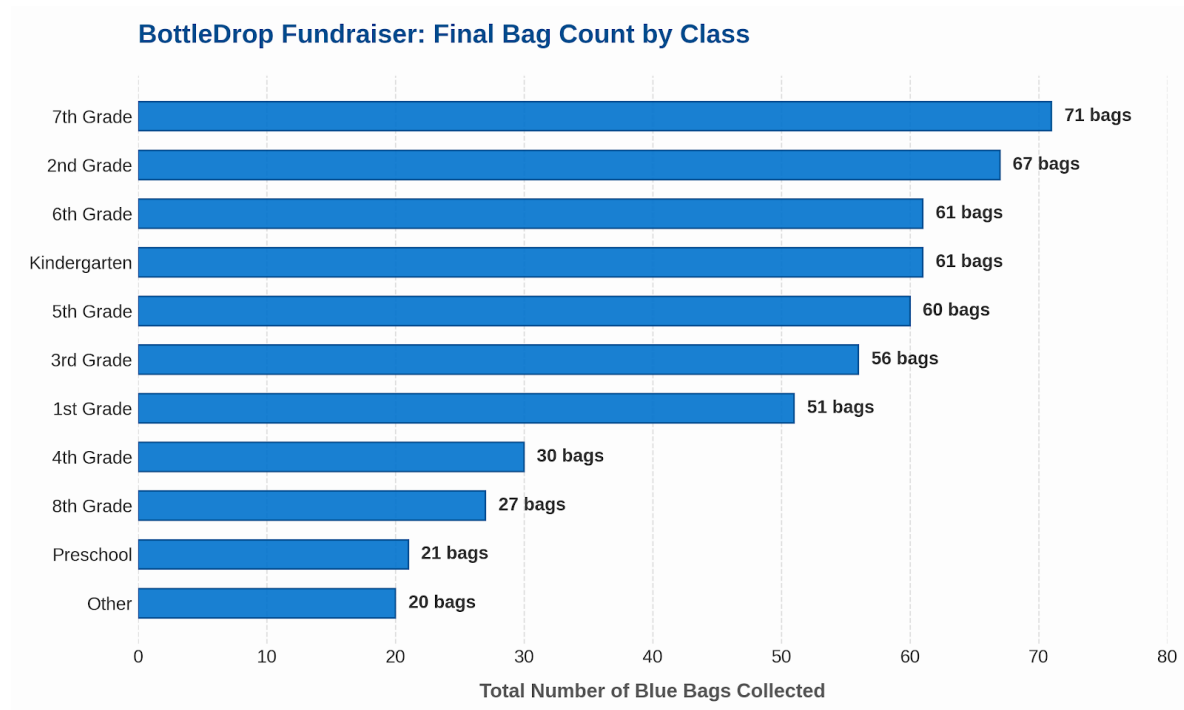


Chart shows count of bags brought in per class for the 25-26 drive-through.

Of the \$5,285 raised, the school made a \$5,000 withdrawal. Finds were distributed as follows: \$3,000 to St. Clare Parent Teacher Council, \$1,000 was given to the St. Clare preschool, \$500 to support CYO athletics, and the remaining \$500 went to a fund for BottleDrop supplies including promotional materials and blue bag purchases.



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

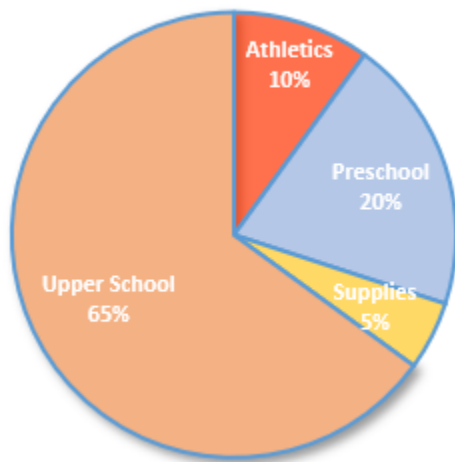
The BottleDrop Coordinator plays a key role in supporting our school's recycling and fundraising efforts. Their responsibilities include:

- Tracking and monitoring the BottleDrop account balance
- Providing regular updates to the Parent-Teacher Club (PTC)
- Ordering replacement blue bags as needed to maintain supply
- Placing 'St. Clare' stickers on the blue bags
- Re stocking campus pick-up locations with folded blue bags
- Coordinating volunteers to staff drive-through pickup days
- Delivering—or arranging delivery of—filled blue bags to BottleDrop locations
- Writing periodic updates for the Dragon Post to inform the school community of progress and upcoming events.
- Organizing promotions to increase participation.

How will funds be used?

After a year of outstanding success, St. Clare school has set an ambitious target of **\$7,000 for the 26-27 school year.**

All proceeds from this initiative will be distributed according to the following schedule:



- ✓ **65%** - Upper School
- ✓ **20%** - St. Clare Preschool
- ✓ **10%** - St. Clare Athletics
- ✓ **5%** - BottleDrop Supplies*

* Supplies = blue bags, prizes and promotional materials.

A breakdown of \$7,000 raised, would look like this:

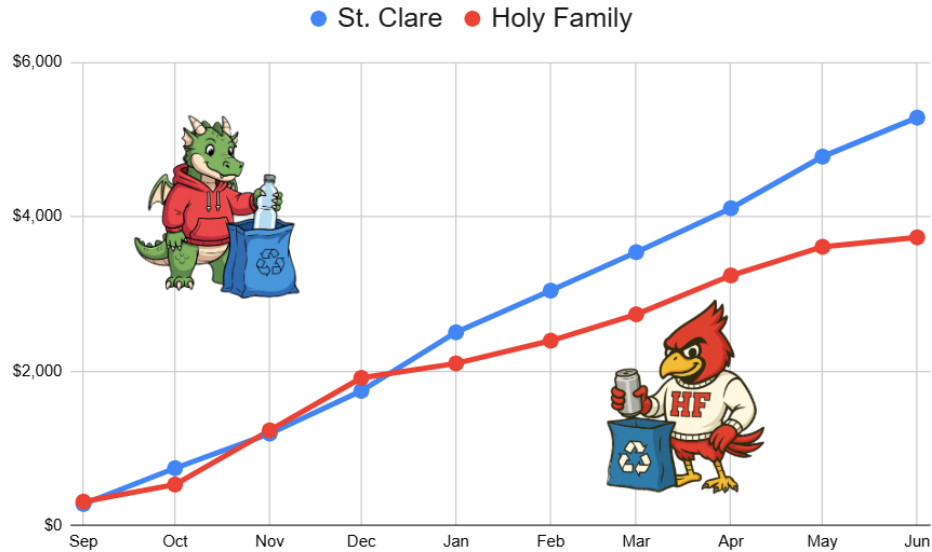
Program	Funds distributed
Upper School	\$4,550
Athletics	\$700
Preschool	\$1,400
BottleDrop Supplies	\$350
Total	\$7,000

Holy Family Challenge

The BottleDrop coordinator at [Holy Family school](#) has once again challenged St. Clare School to a friendly fundraising competition. Last year—our first year participating—St. Clare won the challenge by **\$1,552**, and we are aiming to repeat that victory! For the full school year (Sep to June), Holy Family raised \$3,730.31, while St. Clare raised \$5,282.00.

The chart below breaks down the monthly earnings for both schools.

St. Clare vs. Holy Family Cumulative Fundraising



Monthly BottleDrop earnings for Holy Family and St Clare schools.



The challenge: Collect more BottleDrop funds during the 2026-2027 school year.

The Prize: The principal of the losing school must wear a T-shirt with the winning school logo at a school assembly! And, the class bringing in the most bags will get to attend a Holy Family assembly to present the shirt to the Holy Family Principal.

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?

1. Drive-through events- ask a volunteer for a bag to replenish your supply
2. School office (a box has been installed just inside the main office door).
3. Preschool office – on the shelf with family files next to the fish tank,
4. Parish Office – on the table inside the main entrance
5. Church main entrance – seasonally available by the main church entrance
6. Bags are periodically sent home with students to remind parents of the program.
7. They can be requested any time from the BottleDrop Coordinator, he keeps a stash with him at all times for such an occasion.

Q: What container types are accepted?

See [Appendix I](#) - Accepted Beverage Containers 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?

There will be volunteers at the end of the Freeman Street car line and the Spring Garden parking lot. See section '[Drive-Through pickup campaign](#)' for details.

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

The BottleDrop team won't ever turn your bags away! Bring filled bags to school and the BottleDrop coordinator will arrange for them to be taken to a collection center. Also, know that you can take them to a [BottleDrop center](#) at any time by opening the door with the barcode and stuffing them through the door.

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

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NOT Accepted

- Distilled spirits / liquor
- Infant formula
- Liquid meal replacements
- Non-beverage foods
- Beverages with milk as the first ingredient
- Beverages in a carton or foil pouch
- Containers that require a tool to be opened



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- Sep 11
- Nov 23*
- Dec 11
- Jan 18



- Feb 20
- Apr 23*
- May 7
- Jun 4

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Check the Dragon Post for exact dates.

Every blue bag brings us closer to
our ambitions goal.

Thank you for your support!



Appendix III: Drive-Through Pickup Location Map

