

CLELIAN CONNECTION

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CLELIAN HEIGHTS SCHOOL?



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A Letter to the Clelian Heights School Community

Dear Clelian Heights Families,

Let me begin by thanking all those who donated food items or monetary gifts as part of our Thanksgiving food drive. We were able to send 15 large boxes of food and home goods weighing in at 388 pounds along with a sizeable check to the Westmoreland County Food Bank this year. Your donations made all the difference and help to further the mission of the Food Bank, who work so hard for the people closest to home.

The Annual Christmas Performance was an awesome display of Holiday cheer and joy. Leading up to the performance, our students and staff members worked diligently to prepare songs, poems, and productions. Their hard work and determination was well worth it, what a great show!

Thank you to all those who attended; your joy, enthusiasm, and support for our performers made the day magical. We appreciate all those who were able to send in Christmas cookies for the refreshment table following the performance.

Santa Claus made his annual helicopter trip to Clelian Heights to deliver gifts to all our students and hear their wishes. The joy and wonder on everyone's faces as Santa approached and landed was truly something to behold! Thank you to those who helped to make his visit possible.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, restful break. We will have a half day on December 20, 2019 and classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
May God's blessings be with you!
Be assured of my prayers for you –always!

Sr. Charlene Celli, ASCG Principal



Mark Your Calendar:

- December 20 Half Day:
Begin Christmas Break
-
- December 21 - Jan. 5 Christmas Break
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- MERRY CHRISTMAS!** **HAPPY 2020!**
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- January 6 Classes Resume
-
- January 20 No School:
Staff In-Service Day
-
- January 21 Classes Resume
-
- January 26 - Feb. 1 Catholic Schools week
-
- January 28 Celebrate Staff & Students:
Free Dress Down Day and Pizza
Lunch for Staff & Students
-
- January 30 "Souper" Bowl Canned Soup
Food Drive
-
- January 31 Catholic Schools Week Mass:
Wear Red Today!



Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

MARY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES PROVINCE

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Looking Back on November Happenings

Students and Staff Give Back

In the spirit of giving during the Thanksgiving season, students and staff of Clelian Heights School participated in a food drive to benefit the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Members of the school community generously gave a variety of goods to help those who utilize the food bank. According to the Food Bank, the donated items weighed in at 388 pounds!

We collected canned goods, pasta, cereal, prepared meals, diapers, soap, and many other products during the week of November 18th. The collected items and a monetary donation were taken to the Food Bank during a regular volunteer outing by Clelian Heights students.



Thank you to all who graciously gave and helped make the drive a success!

11th Annual Staff V Students Basketball Game

The game was played on Wednesday, November 20, at 1:30 P.M. in the Clelian Heights gym. Both Junior Varsity and Varsity teams played against the staff in the Eleventh Annual game. The fans were treated to quite a display of sportsmanship, determination, and basketball talent.

This match-up was the beginning of the season for both of the Crusader squads. Great Job to all our players, coaches, referees, mascot, announcer, score keepers, and all involved. Thank you, parents, guardians, and families for coming out to support our athletes.



Go Crusaders!

Wishing You a Very Merry Christmas!

Annual School Christmas Performance

The Annual Christmas Performance was presented by our students and staff on December 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Clelian Heights gym. Each homeroom practiced and performed a Christmas song, poem, or performance for their portion of the show. Three students had solo numbers, and our graduate students presented a Living Nativity. At the end of the production, everyone joined in singing Silent Night. It was a marvelous performance filled with the true spirit of the Christmas season. After the show, our attendees were treated to homemade cookies lovingly prepared by members of our school community.

Thank you to all who helped to make our program possible. We appreciate your dedication to our students and to making the show a success.

Thank you families and staff members for your support!



Annual Visit From Santa Claus

The annual visit of Santa Claus is a Clelian tradition that fills students, staff members, and adults with immense joy. Mr. Claus and his elves arrived by helicopter on December 18th, 2019. Our community members' excitedly waited for Santa to land as snow flurries blanketed the ground. Their joy continued as each student was able to visit with Santa, let him know what they wanted for Christmas, and receive special Christmas gifts. All gifts were graciously provided by our Christmas Angel sponsors at Weatherwood Manor, the Ladies Guild of Holy Cross Parish, and Gina, owner of Simply Pink and her family and employees.

Thank you to all of the elves that made Santa's visit possible. Your efforts help us make Christmas a wondrous time for all of our students, and ensure that everyone has a gift at this special time. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to Santa Claus and his flight team for getting him to Clelian at this very busy time of year!



Thank you to Santa, his flight crew, and elves!

Earning with Box Tops!



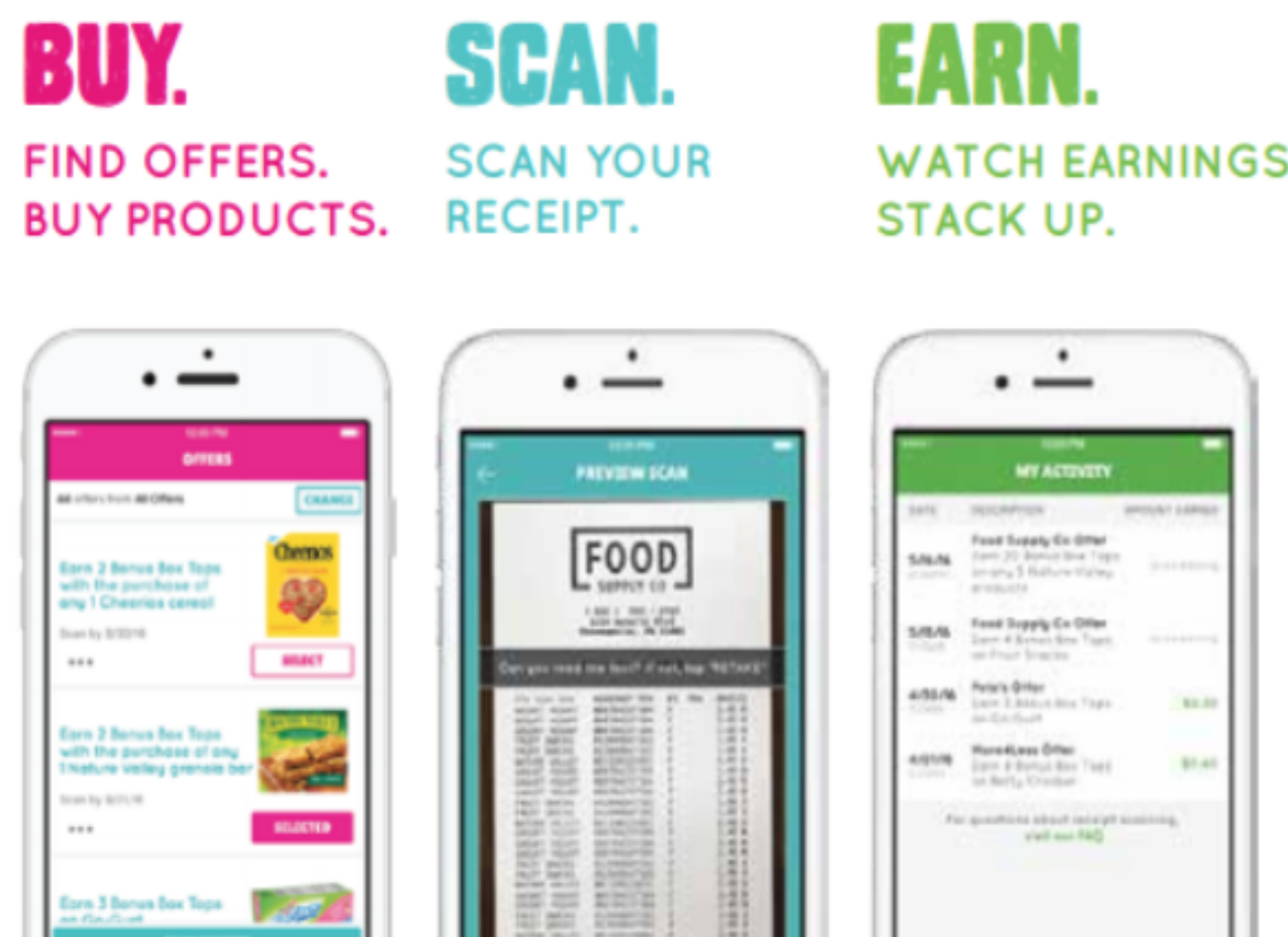
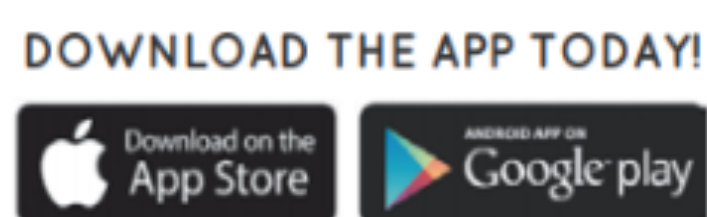
According to Box Tops, the program has been helping school communities raise money for their schools for over 20 years. The traditional physical Box Tops that we have seen on so many products are being phased out for a completely digital alternative.

The physical Box Tops are still being accepted and turned into the program, but soon they will be gone from packaging and replaced with the new label that reminds you to scan your receipt in the app to earn for the school. Box Tops are a great way to help earn money for Clelian Heights!

The app can be found in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. The program is easy to use and requires you to have your receipt to be scan to get all of the possible Box Tops from all the products you buy, without all the clipping.

BOX TOPS BONUS APP

Earn even more cash to help your school get what it needs through the Box Tops for Education Bonus App. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. It's free and as easy as 1-2-3. Here's how it works:



You can earn Bonus Box Tops in the Box Tops Bonus App in combination with the on-pack Box Tops clip and any other coupon, discount, store program or promotion.



Catholic Schools Week

January 26th to February 1st 2020

Schedule of Events

1/28/20 - Free Dress Down Day and Pizza Lunch for Staff and Students

1/30/20 - "Souper" Bowl - Bring a can of soup in to school to benefit the Food Bank

1/31/20 - Catholic Schools Week Mass - **Wear Red Today!**



Mission

The mission of Clelian Heights is to provide spiritual, educational, and vocational programs for children and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities that enhance their quality of life and maximize their potential for independent living.

Vision

The vision of Clelian Heights is an atmosphere of choice, mutual acceptance, respect, and love that will make a lasting difference in the lives of the person with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Non-Discrimination

Clelian Heights offers services to all without discrimination of the basis of race, color, age, religious creed, disability, sex, ancestry, or national origin.



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