

The Rising Star Newsletter PreK-3



**St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School
138 Gramont Ave.
Dayton, Ohio 45417**

New Leadership... New Hope

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Enthusiasm and excitement filled the atmosphere on Monday, August 17, 2015. This school year enrollment of students only consist of Pre-K thru Third grade. In the future every year the school anticipates to enroll another higher grade level. For instance, the next school year (2016-17) would be from Pre-K-4, then 2017-2018 Pre-K-5 etc.

One reason for this grade transition is to improve reading and math scores. Another reason is to concentrate on young minds without distractions from older students. Hopefully the students will remain with St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School throughout their remaining years of elementary education in order to ensure a secure enrollment of students.

Mrs. Marianne Pitts was appointed Interim principal by the St. Benedict the Moor Education Committee. Leading with a most positive attitude, Mrs. Pitts gradually adopts to her additional role of responsibilities, and she is still the music and religion teacher. Her exceptional communication skills and

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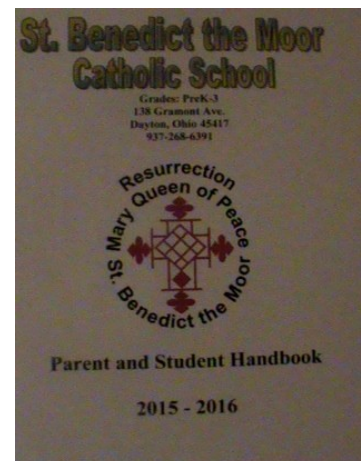
Mrs. Pitts, Interim Principal

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Special points of interest:

- *Picture Day Sept. 24*
- *After-care available*
- *Cookie Dough Kickoff starts Sept. 28*
- *Week of October 5 = 9 is the state of Ohio Count Week*
- *End of Quarter 1 Oct. 16*



Parent and Student Handbook available in the office. Contains important information.

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outstanding dedication to the school will most definitely encourage parents/guardians, students, and staff to become “rising stars” at St. Benedict the Moor. Fulfilling the footsteps from past principals will be a challenge for Mrs. Pitts; however, the supportive staff, parents/guardians, and students will stand by her side to make St. Benedict the Moor a school excelling in education, in values, and in hope.

Fr. Francis Tandoh, C.S.Sp. , will continue to oversee the school. His uplifting spirit and strong determination has kept the survival of St. Benedict the

Moor Catholic School.

Parents/guardians, students, and staff “the best is yet to come’ (quote from jazz artist Grover Washington Jr.) Let’s continue to work together in order to produce the best students in the Dayton community,



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Picture Day



Thursday morning, September 24
school/staff pictures will be taken
by Interstate Studio
at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School

Staff Focus Corner: featuring Karen Shepard



For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to be a teacher. I remember my grandmother telling

stories about her days teaching in a one room school house. I thought I wanted to help kids learn, too. I grew up outside of Philadelphia, Pa. I attended college in Ashland, Ohio and then received my Master's degree from Wright State. I have taught in private and public schools, as well as the Head Start Program. I worked for Catapult Learning teaching remedial math

and reading here at Resurrection School for many years. Working with parents and children helping them to learn and have success in their lives is such a privilege for me. I cherish each moment when I read and talk with children. I value their ideas and want to encourage them to believe, hope and strive to be the very best in school, family and work. To be able to share my faith and teach them about God's love is an awesome experience.

This year is my greatest challenge. I am humbled and honored to be given this chance to help my students read, count and care for each

other. It is frustrating for me but God is directing my paths and restoring my faith so that I can succeed and work to make my classroom excellent. When a child says to me, "Will you help me read?" I melt emotionally and know that I am blessed to be a teacher. The staff is so supportive of each other and God is ever present in our school.

Ice Cream Social & Handbook

Before the ice cream social, which provided vanilla & chocolate servings, Mrs. Pitts discussed the 2015-2016 St. Benedict the Moor Handbook. Questions/concerns of the school were presented in order to have a clear understanding of the rules and policies.

"Please make sure that all technology forms and handbook forms are signed and return to office."

If you have not received your school handbook from your child please call the office. There are important technology forms and handbook



Parents/guardians listening to Mrs. Pitts

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First Quarter Birthdays Between Aug.17-Oct.16

Aaliyah Sanders [1] August 28
NaRhya Thomas [Pre-K] September 3
Shapri McBride [2] September 4
Dominque Eckels-Malcom [3] September 8
Lakitta Campbell [Staff] September 10
Nylah Jones [2] September 14
Dontae Dorsey [1] September 15
Elona Shoecraft [1] September 16
Mimi Martin [Staff] September 18
Torshae Johnson [3] September 19
Tyrone Jones [1] September 26
Ella Leonard [Pre-K] September 30
Rhyan Durant [K] October 4
Kiersten Green [3] October 4

Cookie Dough Kick-Off

Yummy! Yummy! Yummy! On
September 28 the school fund-
raiser will begin the
"Cookie Dough Kick-Off" Check
your child's book bag for more in-
formation in the near future.

