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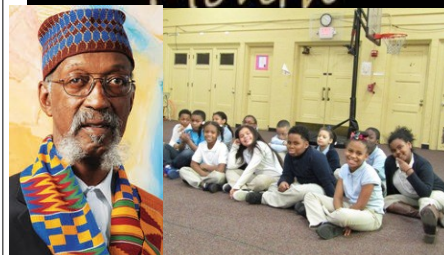
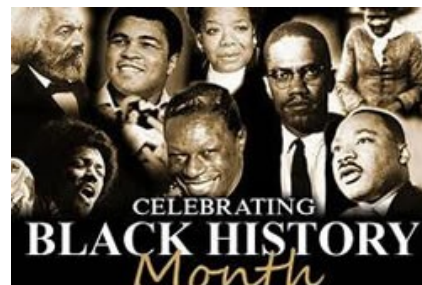
## Black History Concert Celebration on February 29

**Why do we have Black History month?** In school text books the history of African-Americans have been hidden. It is so important for a child to understand his/her inheritance. Celebrating the past of Black Americans and African ancestry, students will have more pride and respect in themselves. This is why St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School and other community schools are having programs to captivate the attention of people.

On **Monday February 29 beginning at 6:00 pm in the multi-purpose room at the school** there will be an evening of celebration to Black Americans. Students in Grade 3 have been researching inventors during computer class. Learning the Internet, students may find it challenging but they are

filled with excitement to discover the development of products were made by their race. Pre-school students are even involved with the event by contributing to chefs. Grades 1 & 2 are exploring women and entertainers who have influenced the world. Kindergartners will excel in sports influencers. There will be contributions to Dayton's artist Bing Davis and New York's quilt designer Faith Ringgold by Mrs. Martin's art students. **Students will entertain you along with The Dianne Coble Ensemble.**

**Please make plans to attend this unforgettable school time of culture, knowledge, and entertainment. You will receive more details as the event approaches.**



## Students & Staff Surprise Mrs. Pitts

Although Mrs. Pitts birthday was on Monday February 15 students and staff helped her to celebrate earlier on Friday February 12. Cupcakes, cake, and juices were distributed to all participants. Happy birthday to a well-deserving dedicated woman - Marianne Pitts!



### Special points of interest:

- Feb.28 Diversity Mass at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church . Time 10:00 AM with a dinner to follow
- Feb. 29 Black History Program at school . Time 6:00 PM
- March 4 Professional Development Day. NO SCHOOL
- March 13 Open House at school. Time 1:30– 3:30 PM

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# Important Reminders

Send your request for future articles to Jackie Layne  
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School Website

stbenedictthemoorcatholicsschool.org

Iowa Tests meet Ohio's standardized test requirements and offer educators a diagnostic look at how their students are progressing in key academic areas. This test will be available for Kindergarten to Grade 3 from March 1-March 23.

The Ohio State Test for Grade 3 will include English Language Arts tests and Mathematics. They will take the test from April 4 to April 22.

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Next year St. Benedict the Moor will add Grade 4 to the student enrollment. Registration is happening now. If you register before March 11, 2016 the fee would be \$50.00 for 1 child and \$75.00 for 2 or more. If you register after March 11 the fee will increase by \$25.00. So SAVE and register today!

## Virtus Training

Attention; Parents, Grandparents, Guardians...

Want to volunteer at St. Benedict the Moor School but need Virtus training? VIRTUS is a program created by the National Catholic Risk Retention Group in the United States with a "Protecting God's Children" component that combats sexual abuse of children in the Church. This mandatory Virtus training program is currently in use in over 80 dioceses in the U.S.

Saint Remy Initiative is a collaborative effort between the University of Dayton, Center for Catholic Education, and the Catholic School Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Our St. Remy project has given us the opportunity to offer free Virtus training for volunteers.

Please stay tuned for the dates to be announced. If you are interested please contact the school office at 937-268-6391, or email Mrs. Martin, the school's art and gym teacher - mmartin@stbenedictdayton.org.

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