



The Rising Star Newsletter



FAMILY ENGAGEMENTS

If you haven't experienced a "Family Night" evening at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School hopefully you'll be able to in the near future. In the past years bands, choirs, bike giveaways, book fair displays, cultural exhibits, speakers, food, beverages, students, raffles, etc. have been entertaining families.

Recently on the evening of September 22 "Family Night" featured the Carroll High School Jazz Ensemble, who entertained families with some "smooth jazz" music. There were displays that featured ECHO [Empowering Children with Hope & Opportunity], City Wide and Caresource. Professional artist Delora Buchanan, who is also the school's artist teacher, face-painted children.

Educational advice about study habits and ways to improve reading was discussed by Grade 3 instructor Mrs. Campbell. In addition Mrs. Campbell spoke about the implications of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee scores.

After presentations parents/guardians had the chance to visit breakout sessions. These sections provided the following information: Orton Gillingham (vowel tent) flashcards and sight words, Math facts, and how you may review your child's assignments and grades on Option-C. [Flip over ***"The Rising Star Newsletter"*** to review the grading system.] Possibly in the near future you'll be able to participate at the next Family Engagement, which will be held on October 27, 2016 beginning at 6:00 pm. Stay tuned for future event notifications, and thank-you for your past participation.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Giving Angels deadline is Wednesday, October 12
- Last day of Quarter 1 will be October 12
- Parent/Teacher Conference on October 13 from 8:00 AM—6:00 PM. Receive student report card. No SCHOOL
- Fri. October 14 Teacher Professional Development Day—NO SCHOOL
- Thursday, October 27 Family Gathering Evening Time 6:00PM-7:30PM
- Grade 3 Third Grade Reading test will be held during the week of November 7, 2016
- Daylight savings time will end on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00AM fall back 1 hour

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October is the month to honor Mary the mother of Jesus. In Christianity Mary gave birth to Jesus miraculously through the Holy Spirit. without her husband's (Joseph) involvement.

The Hail Mary Prayer

Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among
women, and blessed is
the fruit of your womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of
God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of
our death.

Amen.

REPORT CARD GRADES



Reviewing the Archdiocese of Cincinnati report card, you may feel a slight confusion. The report card emphasizes student growth, especially with skills. It is a standards-based report card that contains numeric numbers-1, 2,3, 4-instead of showing alphabetical letters-A,B,C,D,F-.There also is a N/A or “Not assessed this Grading Period” score in order that you may have a general ideal of what subjects or lessons your child received during the quarter. The Archdiocesan graded course of Study (GCS) shows “skill standards of what all students are expected to know and be able to do by the time they leave their current grade. According to the Archdiocese “All Catholic elementary schools are expected to use the grading system.” Last year St. Benedict the Moor began to use the standard-based report card.

ACADEMIC ASSESSEMENT SCALE

- 4—Consistently demonstrates/exceeds proficiency
- 3— Frequently demonstrates proficiency
- 2— Progressing toward proficiency
- 1— Demonstrates limited progress toward proficiency
- N/A— Not Assessed This grading period

*Instructional Accommodations

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