

*St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School  
Dayton, Ohio*



## **The Rising Star Newsletter**



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### **School Spirit Starting Strong**

Welcome to the **first edition of “The Rising Star Newsletter.”** St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School’s monthly newsletter. Although the publication is a month late highlighting August events will enhance the school’s spirit.

In the first week of school for staff /teachers there was a special open house held in the morning of August 11. Last minute details for beautification of the school was still in progress. Students from Duquesne University in Pittsburg, PA., area students from the Dayton Job Center, and parishioner Ed McDonald from St. Benedict the Moor Church painted the interior of the school and the multi-purpose room.

When the real “Open House” date occurred on August 25 the school had been in session several weeks. Presently there are 86 students registered in grades K-4; there are 11 students in Pre-K .

Currently, the school is still improving the appearance. Entrance steps, curbsides, and parking lot are being repaired. Funds for the playground are still underway with the assistance from the University of Dayton. Hopefully the playground will be ready by spring 2017.

On Thursday September 22 there will be a “Family Night” at the school. Parents/Guardians will learn about the grading system and other pertinent information. Time will begin at 6:00PM. Soon Interim report cards will be distributed to students in order that you may review students progress. There will be no school on Friday September 23 because of professional development for teachers.



### **Special points of interest:**

- ♦ *Family Night on Sept.22 at 6:00PM*
- ♦ *Interims go home on Friday Sept 16*
- ♦ *No school on Sept.23 Professional Development for teachers*



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# Virtus Training

Attention; Parents and 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. If you are interested please contact the school office at 937-268-6391.

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## Come Participate at Mass

Although the majority of students are non-Catholic they participate well in the biweekly Mass service. Usually Fr. Francis Tandoh, pastor of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, presides the service. The Mass represents an important part of worship service in the Catholic religion. Consisting of Bible readings, prayer, offerings to God, hymns, gestures (sign of the cross), the Eucharist /Communion and blessings the Mass focuses on how to live a positive life with the presence of God our Father, God the Son Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit [our spiritual guidance] in our life. The next Mass will be held on Wednesday September 21 at 8:30 AM.



Yummy! Yummy! Yummy!  
From **Sept. 8-Sept. 22** the  
school fundraiser will begin  
the

"Cookie Dough Fundraiser"  
Everyone is required to sell  
11 items in order to come to  
the Pizza Party and the top  
seller of the school will re-  
ceive \$100.00.

