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HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
DAYTON, OHIO

Upcoming Holiday Events

Please place a reminder on your calendar that on Tuesday evening **December 19, 2017** St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School will present their Christmas program. Under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle Miliner, our music instructor, the program will consist of festive events that will enlighten the hearts of the audience. This year the theme will be based on the book "O Christmas Tree." Hope to see you!

Christmas on U.D. Campus will be held on **December 8** for grades 1 and 2. This event is sponsored by University of Dayton. More details will be provided to parents.

The Giving Angels gift packages will be distributed on **December 12**. Kudos to the Family Advocate program (Mrs. Sherman, Ms. Heidi) for displaying continuous generosity to the community.

There is a collection of canned goods in order to help those in need in our community. Please support the school by filling the barrels. Deadline is **December 14**.

Special points of interest:

- ◆ Grade 3 IOWA Reading Assessment December 13 & 14
- ◆ Holiday Break will begin on December 21 and end January 3, **NO SCHOOL**. Students return on January 4, 2018
- ◆ December 25, 2017 "Jesus is the reason for the season." Have a blessed Christmas and a positive New Year.



Preschoolers display royalty



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Questions to Santa

In Ms. Layne's computer class the second and third graders were asked to type a letter to Santa from the ABCya.com website. On the letter format one response was to ask Santa a question. Here are some of the students' responses. Enjoy and Merry Christmas!

Do you have magic? Gloria [2]

When you come to house can you wake me up? Rhyan [2]

Can I get a doll? Damaria [2]

What is the **raindeers** name? Shykeima [2]

Will you take me to the North Pole? Rachel [2]

Why do you always eat cookies? Simone [3]

Are you real? Mariah ,Daila , JaShawnda [3]

How does Santa live so long? Andrew [3]

Can you take my mom and my sister and my baby

ADVENT begins: Advent ushers in the new Church year with this annual season of renewal to prepare our lives for the coming of the Savior of the world by the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD! ✦ John the Baptist reminds us that we all need to repent, or turn around toward Jesus and respond to the message of the Gospel. Jesus reminds us of the two great commandments: To love God with all our heart, mind, and strength and also to love our neighbors as our selves. May we all respond to this message of John and Jesus as we spend the next four weeks preparing for the way of the Lord in our lives. Submitted by Mr. Fortener

#CaptureKindness: St. Benedict the Moor School is participating in the national Kindness initiative that spans 14 weeks. Our first week was Kindness in our school community. Our 5th grade led the way in two surprise outreaches to other students in the school. They surprised their 4th grade counterparts at lunch when they generously offered to serve them at lunch, carrying their tray and walking them to their seats. They later surprised the 2nd graders by carrying their heavy book bags from the morning assembly back to their classroom. Fourth grade chose to split into four groups and offered their services to help other teachers for a 40 minute class time. Finally, our 3rd grade made a decorated poster for each classroom with a cross that stated MODEL KINDNESS and signed by each 3rd grade student. Next week is practice Kindness in our environment. If your family does any activities for this, please send us your photos and stories to share. Submitted by Mr. Fortener