

The Rising Star Newsletter



NEW SCHOOL HORIZON FOR A NEW YEAR

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Special points of interest:

- Quarter 1 Ends on October 19
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Thursday, Oct. 25 from 7:30– 6:00pm
NO SCHOOL
- Professional Development for staff Friday, Oct. 26
NO SCHOOL
- Picture Retakes Thursday, October 11
- Giving Angels applications due on Oct. 11
- Holiday Aid barrels out on Oct. 23

Only a handful of students decided not to return this new school year. One hundred and forty-six students have been strolling the hallways of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School since August 16. Grade 6 was added to populate enrollment, as well as new staff members embrace the environment.

A last week decision before school opening to rehire Mrs. Debra Johnson, former principal of Mary Queen of Peace and Resurrection School, to manage school affairs and curriculum was a gigantic blessing for the school. Despite negative criticism from former constituents the staff is even more determined to raise test scores, to increase parent involvement, and to strive to be a positive influence within a community where others seem to



St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School

criticize.

Practically all of my life I've been a residence of West Dayton. As a graduate of Resurrection School I know that this school building is a vital structure in the community. God continues to brace this

school with abundant challenges that builds up strength, character, and motivation.

NEW INTERIM PRINCIPAL SETS POSITIVE GOALS FOR SCHOOL

Welcome Message from the Principal:

Psalms 91:2

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

I am delighted to answer the call to be a part of an amazing school community **St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School**. "My expectation is that we will grow stronger as the year progresses. The ultimate goal is that each child will

be part of a community that helps them to love self and others."

Blessings,
Debra Johnson

* In addition to Mrs. Johnson's message improving test assessment scores is also a concern towards a positive goal.



Schedule
Mass /Prayer
Service at
school. Time
begins at
8:30am

Oct. 3<Mass
Oct 10<Prayer
Oct.17<Mass
Oct. 24<Prayer
Nov. 1 <All
Saints Day
Mass

MY SUMMER VACATION

BY:SI'ANA PARSON GRADE 6

My summer was fun. I went to Indiana, Cincinnati and other places all summer. I also went to Great Wolf Lodge for my cousin's birthday. Everyday in the summer I went to swim practice and every week there was a swim competition on the weekend and sometimes during the week.

My swim team won every time and we competed with

other states. I won first place in some of my events. The events I won first place were breaststroke, 100M, free-style, butterfly, and backstroke. This is how I enjoyed my summer vacation.



MY SUMMER

BY SANIAH RODGERS GRADE 6

This summer I went to two different places. First I went to Alabama to see some family. It was so fun. Then when I left Alabama I went to Tennessee three times. The first time I went with my dad's side of the family to Tennessee. I went because there was a big water park there; it had the biggest slides ever.

We spent the night there and we stayed up all night until the water park closed. It was super fun.



The second time I went to Tennessee we went with our dad's cousin, but my dad couldn't go because he had school on the weekends. We stayed in a cabin which had a huge TV, a pool table, and Pac-Man game system. The third time I went with my mom on her side of the family. We saw a big, brown bear and my cousin got bitten by a scorpion. This is how I enjoyed my summer.

CANDY KICK-OFF

The 2018 school fund-raiser is underway. Ending on October 18, the top student seller will be awarded \$100. If a box which contains 60 candy bars, is sold the student may be out of uniform for one week. Some students have already sold boxes from their church family, relatives, and neighbors. Parents/guardians please monitor and support this event. All funds should be turned into the office before October 18.

Thank-you in advance for your support!



STANDARD BASED REPORT CARDS

Time is steadily flying as the end of the first quarter approaches. Many public and private schools are converting to the Standards Based Report Card (SBRC). What students should know and be able to do at each grade level by the end of the school year. Instead of using the traditional scores of "A, B, C's etc." for mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, and religion (Catholic schools) grades will contain more accurate information of Student Progress Updates quarterly.

The difference of SBRC or Student Progress reports from traditional report cards is that students receive separate marks for each subject taught by his/her teacher instead of one grade. You will see numbers 4,3,2,1 or N/A (not assessed or taught during the particular quarter), Quarter 1 will end October 19.

⇒ If the student receives a 4 then the student "independently uses and demonstrates higher level thinking skills. Few students perform at this level."

⇒ If the student receives a 3 then the student demonstrates understanding. This indicates achievement at grade level.

⇒ Student earning a 2 has not yet met the standards but is progressing toward achieving skills. It indicates ongoing growth.

⇒ Student earning a 1 is currently not meeting the grade level standards. Intervention is needed from teacher, tutors, and parents/guardians.

N/A –Not Assessed or taught at the quarter.

Specific academic skills and knowledge allows the parent/guardian to review specific areas where help or additional instruction is required.

Information obtained from Archdiocese of Cincinnati

"Few students perform at level 4"

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Jennifer Taylor <Art

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School Motto
Wildcats



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