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The Rising Star Newsletter

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School- Dayton, Ohio

Special Holiday Edition

Mrs. Campbell Salutes Her Students

I would like to give a shout out to:

**Sydney Rockhold-Layne
Michon Payne
Demetrius Dorsey
Raynell Sama
Ella Leonard**

They have worked very hard to complete work online and in their Google Classroom. They keep up with their schedules and stay focused while I'm teaching online. Keep up the awesome work.



. Mrs. Campbell



Have a blessed and safe holiday!

Christmas Break December 21 to January 1, 2021



Welcome AmeriCorps Volunteers

St. Benedict the Moor is proud to welcome two AmeriCorps members. Mr. Troy Reaves and Ms. Ronnisha Murphy have been vital to the school. They assist teachers and mentor students. Staff and students appreciate both of them. AmeriCorps is a national organization and there is much appreciation for helping the school. Former AmeriCorps who became part of the St. Benedict the Moor staff are Ms. LaToya Long and Ms. Jackie Layne.

Renaissance STAR TESTING & Freckles

There used to be an acronym for **STAR** testing. It was referred to as the "Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading", but with growth and time **STAR** testing developed other educational skills. **STAR Reading** and **STAR Math** are the main two skills that help the students at St. Benedict the Moor.

When the coronavirus pandemic changed the school's teaching environment **STAR** testing was made available for students who participate remotely. For instance, it is now possible for students in grades 3 - 8 to take online **STAR** testing at home. This is a new experience for students. With the guidance from their computer teacher (Ms. Layne) it has become a good learning tool for student development. Students take the test, and Ms. Layne emails the results back to the student. Possibly in the winter additional grades will be added depending on this first trial basis with 3 - 8 students.



Scores are based on color codes that stand for the following: Red indicates "urgent intervention". <Yellow indicates "intervention" <Blue indicates "on watch" < Green indicates "At/Above benchmark." Emails were sent out to parents/guardians and students in order to make them aware of this valuable learning tool. Most students were already familiar with **STAR** testing from previous years. Usually during computer time students who are online with Ms. Layne takes either **STAR Reading** or **STAR Math** ; the results are emailed to the student. Striving to make each student successful in reading and math is the main goal. In case you're wondering, students who take the tests are improving academically. These tests are intended to help students and to prepare them for their demanding future.

Freckles by Renaissance Learning application helps every student work at their own level in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Homeroom teachers should introduce their students to the **Freckle** App. **Freckles** used to be Front Row Education, which provides national instructions for teachers. Students can get **Freckles** from their Renaissance **STAR** testing accounts or by using **student.freckle.com** Sometimes a class code is required ; the teacher will provide the class code to the student. Once students start playing games on **Freckles** he/she will be satisfied with his/her accomplishments.

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Important Testing Dates for 2021

NCEA – ACRE Assessment Grades 5 & 8

January 18th – February 5th, 2021

This is a Religion test facilitated by Sr. LaKesha Church

OELPA – Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment

February 1st – March 26th, 2021 This test is generally administered by Ms. Layne in the computer lab. It's only for some international students.

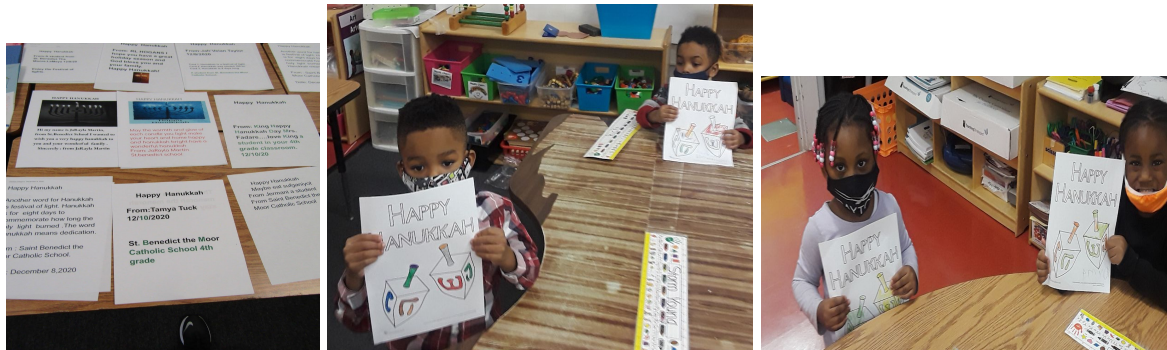
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February 22nd – March 16th, 2021 for students in grade 1 - 8

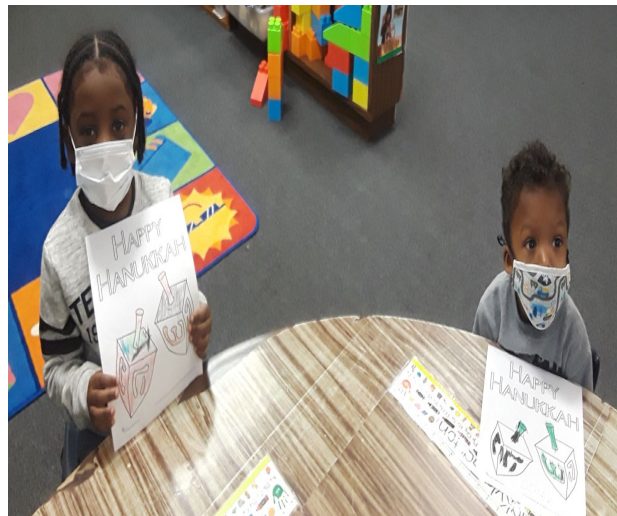
Ohio's State Test Grades 5 & 8 Science Only

March 29th – May 7th, 2021

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Mrs. Fadare's Grade 5 Social Studies Class and Mrs. Rutledge's pre-K students designed Hanukkah cards. Hanukkah is a Hebrew holiday, and it means dedication. This holiday celebrates their freedom from oppression and freedom to express their religion. Mrs. Fadare presented the cards to the Covenant Manor House on Denlinger Ave in Dayton.





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Mass Sunday at 11:00 AM here and on YouTube
Christmas Eve Service will be 4:30 PM here and on YouTube
Christmas Day Service will be 10:30 AM here and on YouTube

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<https://stbenedictthemoorcatholicsschool.org/>

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Ohio's Tiered Quality Rating & Improvement System

Congratulations to Pre-K teacher Mrs. Laura Rutledge and Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Sheila Lee! They received 3 star ratings for state performance by the **Ohio Child**

Licensing and Quality System. The Step Up To

Quality star rating is proof of their commitment to providing a high-quality early learning and development program for the children in their care. This promotional kit makes it easy for the school to spread the word about programs to families and others in the community.

Enrollment Statistics for St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School										
YEAR	Pre-K	KG	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
2015-2016	11	15	10	9	14					
2016-2017	12	11	18	10	15	17				
2017-2018	18	18	15	22	23	20	16			
2018-2019	15	15	23	15	21	22	18	18		
2019-2020	16	26	20	23	20	19	21	12	16	
2020-2021	10	23	23	17	24	19	17	19	14	14

Total students 180



**Please continue to be safe! Wear masks...maintain social distance...wash hands
....Most of all pray,pray,pray**