

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School
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Dancers Participate in Community Events

Under the guidance of Principal Debra Johnson, student praise dancers exhibited their talent on February 23, 2020 St. Benedict's Diversity Mass. This annual church event commemorates African-American history month, and it includes different nationalities that participate in song, dance, and worship. . Mrs. Johnson has been practicing diligently with the following students: Diamond Miliner, Te'Naysia Wagner, S'Nya Nash, De Asia Liggins, Ambreonna Slaughter, Rayelle McDaniel, Shamaree' Chappel, Kennedi Shepherd, Daila Kemps, JaShawnda Richardson, Nybria Gray, Maryionna Jones, Simone Harris, Paris Winn, Jariyah Walker, and Donna Tate. They also participated in the school Christmas program, Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads Programs, Still in Motion Facility, Black American Contributions to the Family of God (Shiloh Church, United Church of Christ). Thank you to all participants!

EdChoice and School Registration is available for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact office 937-268-6391 ext 10 . Mrs. Long also set-up specific times when she is available.

CORONAVIRUS CLOSES SCHOOL Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a new virus. Scientists are still investigating the cause and effect of this invisible epidemic. In mid March Governor Mike DeWine ordered Ohio schools to temporarily close until April 6 then to May 1; however, this date could change because this infectiousness disease is heavily spreading in Ohio and the world. In the meantime, students are to do online learning and to communicate with teachers. Realizing that some students don't have Internet access, teachers have developed work packages for students. Students with Smartphones can also engage with online learning. In fact there was a one call message to call the office if online learning was a serious problem for your child; you probably need to provide some detailed information. No one was prepared for this emergency crisis; however, the challenge exists with adjustments in family life. There are predictions of the ending of the COVID-19 but no guarantees. Keep praying for world healness, and pray that this invisible virus be controlled with a scientific cure. Currently, maintaining distance, face mask, and gloves have been recommended for control to this hideous disease. May God continue to protect you.

Online Websites to Help Students

<u>ABCya</u>	<u>Time for Kids</u>	<u>National Geographic</u>
<u>Starfall</u>	<u>Scholastics</u>	<u>Ask Dr. Universe</u>
<u>Scholastic Learn At Home</u>	<u>IXL</u>	<u>Climate Kids</u>
<u>Storyline Online</u>	<u>Prodigy</u>	<u>BBC History for Kids</u>
<u>Washington Post, Kids Post</u>	<u>Brain Pop</u>	<u>Loyal Books</u>
<u>Smithsonian Tween Tribune</u>	<u>Zearn</u>	<u>Free Audiobooks for children</u>



Johnnie L. Freeman

Dayton 1913 Flood Untold

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas Johnnie L. Freeman published his first book “The Forgotten:Hidden Heroes (Dayton 1913 Flood)” on November 14, 2015. Special thanks to Mrs. Kimberlyn Fadare for arranging for Mr. Freeman’s visit to Saint Benedict the Moor Catholic School. He discussed historical, factual information with grades 3-7 students. Mr. Freeman spoke eloquently to educate the students by recapturing the lifestyles of African Americans who lived in Dayton, Ohio during the time of the flood. Displaying photography and documents Mr. Freeman enthused the young audience by providing information about the “The Forgotten” African Americans who actually had a vital role in the recovery of Dayton, Ohio. Rarely have the true story of the 1919 Great Flood been told.



Photography from Carillon Historical Park



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It was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara:

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.

Reprinted during Spanish flu
Pandemic, 1919
Photo taken during Spanish flu

The post's caption reads: "Timeless! History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic. It was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara:".

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