

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School- in Dayton, Ohio

The Rising Star Newsletter

Mission Statement

The mission of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School is to provide a safe, nurturing, and spiritual environment while instilling academic excellence and Christian values.

September-October , 2023



Students assemble in Prayer Service/and a bi-weekly Mass every Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Come and join us!



Robin Craft-Bell
parishioner

A big big thank you!

to the parishioners of St. Benedict the Moor Church Family for the barrel of school supplies, to all of the school contributions from the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes [St. Augustine Church, Our Lady of Grace Parish, Corpus Christi Church, Our Lady of Mercy Church, St. Benedict the Moor Church], and to Crayons to Classroom. Special appreciation **to the families** who registered their children to attend St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School in 2023 - 2024.

School Website

<https://stbenedictthemoorcatholicsschool.org>

Staff Will Face New Challenges

STAFF DIRECTORY

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Teaching Staff

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Support Staff

Name	Position	Email Address	Phone Extension
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Paul Gakuru	Maintenance Administrator		(937) 268-6391
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Under the leadership of our Spiritan pastor Fr. Francis Tandoh and Principal Debra Johnson many students with different nationalities have enrolled at St. Benedict the Moor School. Currently, there are 186 students at St. Benedict the Moor School that includes 64 students with Hispanic and African heritage. Preaching the Word of God to the Hispanic community Laura Rutledge, preschool instructor, has recruited many Hispanic children in her Spanish ministry. Thank-you Ministro Rutledge!

Title 1 Parent Meeting & Dinner

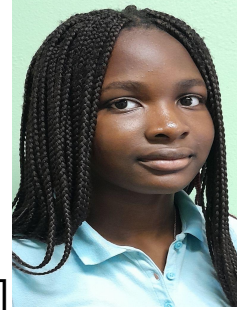


The school's new Title 1 instructor Mrs. Higgins will facilitate the evening parent/guardian meeting on **September 28, 2023**. Beginning at 5:30 PM and ending at 7:00 PM. **Families of Title 1 students are cordially invited to learn about Catapult learning.** This will be an evening to become familiar with Mrs. Higgins enthusiastic teaching style. Dinner will be sponsored by Family Advocate Michelle Sherman and provided by the House of Bread from 5:30- 6:00 PM. Please plan to attend.



Students Share Experiences in Computer Class

In Ms.Layne's computer classes there is more than learning typing skills. Here are some examples of students typing in Google Docs about their country experiences.



Oreoluwa Iselaiye 8/24/2023 [Grade 7 student from Nigeria]

Kogi State, Nigeria

Kogi State, Nigeria is a place in Nigeria that I am from. The capital is Lokoja, which is a city in Nigeria that I happen to have never been to (sadly). I personally think Kogi state is a beautiful place and I absolutely love the people and places there. There are millions of different tribes there like Yoruba (my tribe), Hausa, Igbo, and Fulani.

Mixed tribes (people that have married) like Hausa-Fulani, Yoruba-Igbo, tribes like that. When I went to Kogi State with my mom, we visited my grandpa and auntie first and spent a night. For dinner we had jollof rice and chicken with glasses of ribena (blackcurrant juice), but we had to dilute it a bit since it was so sweet (deathly sweet even).

We went to my uncle's house on the second day and it was fairly fun too. We went to the market to pick up some kilishi (it's like jerky in Hausaland.), other snacks, and a few things for lunch. I played with my cousins Grace and Faithfulness, while my other cousins sat on the couch, watching TV.



Cruz Bernardino 8-24-23 [Grade 5 Student from Mexico]

Mexico

Mexico is a very poor country in some places, but at the same time they are also very rich and productive. They have a lot of cool culture and cool stuff. Also, they do have crime so be careful. They do have a lot of trafficking and they do deal with it because the jails in Mexico are filled with criminals.

Mexico had a couple wars and they won most of them. One of the battles in the war for their freedom was one of the greatest battles which is the battle of Puebla. It was the battle that gained them their freedom from France. The holiday Cinco de Mayo was made to celebrate the freedom of Mexico. They sure did win because 172 French soldiers died, 252 were wounded and 12 missing. That's crazy if you knew that Mexico had only 4,500 men and was poorly occupied. France had 6,000 men and great fire power.

Dinah Mukadizi 8/24/23 [Grade 6 Student from Rwanda]



Rwanda, Africa

Officially the Republic of Rwanda is a landlocked country in the great Rift Valley of Central Africa, with the African Great lakes region and Southeast Africa coverage. Located a few degrees south of the Equator, Rwanda is bordered by Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It is highly elevated, giving it the Sobriquet "land of thousand hills, with its geography dominated by mountains in the west and Savanna to the southeast, with numerous lakes throughout the country.

Chaminade & Julianne High School

NEWS & opportunities

 **Chaminade-Julienne**
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



You're invited!

CJ Open House



Sunday, Sept. 24, 4-6p • SAVE THE DATE!

#AllAreWelcomeCJ



YOURS to **EXPL+RE**

Shadow experiences begin on Sept. 26

MORE DETAILS AT cjeagles.org



CLASS
OF
2028

Admissions Information



Patriot for the Day Shadowing

Archbishop Carroll High School would like to invite current 8th grade students interested in learning more about becoming a Patriot to sign up for a shadow day. These dates are now available on our website at carrollhs.org/admissions/shadowing.cfm

For More Information

- ☎ (937) 253-8188 x305
- 🌐 www.carrollhs.org/admissions
- ✉ HTerbay@carrollhs.org

HSPT Sign-Up

The HSPT will take place at all Archdiocesan high schools on *Saturday, November 18, 2023*. The cost of this test is \$30. Sign up at stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/cincinnati.php.

Football Spirit Night

Join us *Friday, September 15th* as the Patriots take on the Talawanda Braves. All 8th grade students will receive free admission when they bring in the post card they received in the mail. Hope to see you there!

Open House

Open House will take place on *Sunday, October 29th* from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tour the building, talk to our amazing faculty and staff, and learn about all the amazing things Archbishop Carroll High School has to offer.

Carroll High School



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Mass Saturday at 4:30 PM & Sunday at 10:30 AM

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Upcoming Events

- ☐ September 19th Progress Reports
- ☐ September 23rd Women's Retreat @ St. Benedict the Moor Church's Multipurpose Room; presenters Cecilia Moore, Ph.D. and Vanessa Rozier, RN, BSN, CCM, TTT
Time 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM Cost \$30
- ☐ September 28th Title 1 Parent/Guardian Meeting with Dinner from 5:30-6:00 PM
- ☐ October 13th Professional Development Day for Staff-**NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS**
- ☐ October 20th End of Quarter 1 All grades should be in Option-C
- ☐ October 23rd **Quarter 2 begins**
- ☐ October 26th Parent/Teacher Conferences receive student Report Card 7:30 AM-6:00 PM
NO SCHOOL but students can attend meetings
- ☐ October 27th **NO SCHOOL**
- ☐ October 29th at 10:30 AM **School Church Mass Service** at St. Benedict the Moor Church 519 Liscum Drive across from Veterans Administration Hospital on the corner of Route 35 & Liscum Dr.
- ☐ Achievers to Believers after care program provided at school from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM
Contact Sheila Lee at slee@stbenedictdayton.org or at 937-268-6391 for details