

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School

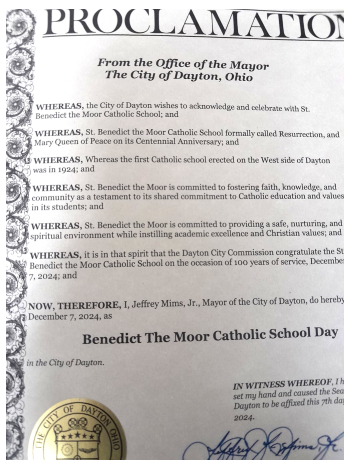
Mission Statement

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.

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Centennial Successful Event



Words from **Interim Principal Carolyn Day**

“I want to thank you for your participation in making our Centennial Open House on Friday, December 6, 2024 a success. I hope you got a chance to talk to some of our visitors. They were very excited about visiting the School. One group of ladies were 1956 graduates of Resurrection. Your decorated doors and classrooms received many compliments. Moreover, thanks to all of you who attended the Centennial Luncheon on December 7, 2024 and those who did not attend but donated. Thank you to those of you who worked in some way to make the program successful. Teamwork is the key to

Centennial Successful Event (continued)



success. I thought it was wonderful and I was pleased with the crowd that showed up considering the little time that we had to prepare and plan for the event. The Committee's goal was to raise \$10,000 for Student Field Trips. Thank you to Janice Allen, member of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church for spearheading the sponsorships. We did not quite reach our goal, but we raised over \$7,000 from generous donors in the community! Just know that your support, commitment, participation, and attention to our Centennial Celebration was greatly appreciated."

Adding to Ms. Day's comments, student council president Akins Redd spoke eloquently about St. Benedict the Moor School. Keynote speaker Fr. Tom Stricker, chaplain of Dayton Correctional Institution and past pastor of Resurrection School, presented an excellent historical reflection. On behalf of the staff, Ms. Day presented Fr. Francis Tandoh an appreciation plaque in order to acknowledge his leadership for keeping the school's existence. Thank you!

Two musical selections were sung by students that were accompanied by our music teacher Mrs. Veronica Sample and Mrs. Dominique Akpore. Dayton Mayor Jeffrey Mims proclaimed December 7th as **St. Benedict the Moor School Day**. Placemats were designed by Grades 1, 2, and 3; in addition, all participants were given souvenir bookmarks that were made by K-12 Art Gallery teacher Mrs. Rachel Lumley. The delicious catered food was provided by Judy Sealey, Caterer Emmies Place. Ms. Jackie Layne created a 100 slideshow presentation that strolled throughout the centennial luncheon. Overall, it was a good day!

Christmas Program



St. Benedict the Moor students will present a Christmas Concert at the school on Wednesday December 18th at 1:00 PM. at the school's multi-purpose center. It was decided by the musical directors Mrs. Sample and Mrs. Akpore to have an afternoon performance instead of an evening because many students are bus riders, and they have transportation problems. Several times in previous years the Christmas program was cancelled because of evening weather conditions.

More information will be given to you concerning the concert. If you are available please come up to the school in order to hear the students' performance. Their angelic voices sound absolutely phenomenal.

- ★ KUDOS to Interim Principal Carolyn Day for accepting the principal role for the completion of this school year.
- ★ Applicants are still being considered for principal and teacher positions.

Holiday Break

- ❖ Holiday begins on Monday-December 23, 2024
- ❖ Students/staff return on Monday- January 6, 2025
- ❖ **Merry Christmas!** Happy Kwanzaa!
Happy New Year 2025!



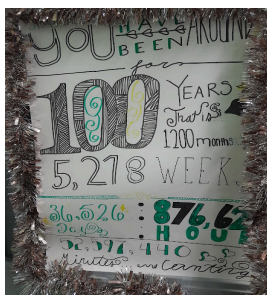
Thanks to all participants who supported the Miami Valley Can Food Drive 2024! Generosity is the key to success!



Grade 6



Kindergarten



Grade 5

Centennial Displays

Contact: Jackie Layne at jlayne@stbenedictdayton.org for articles to be submitted to "The Rising Star Newsletter" or call 937-268-6391 extension 2013

School Website

<https://stbenedictthemoorcatholicschool.org>

Upcoming Events

- ★ December 16 Giving Angels pick-up
- ★ December 18 Christmas program Time 1:00 PM
- ★ Holiday break begins December 23 -Ends January 6
- ★ Quarter 3 begins January 13, 2025
- ★ Parent/Teacher Conference January 16 7:30-6:00 pm
- ★ January 17, 2025 **No School**
- ★ January 20, 2025 Martin L. King Jr. Celebration
No School
- ★ iReady Assessments begin from January 6 - February 6, 2025
for Grades K-8 in Math & Reading

Have a safe and blessed holiday season! Always remember that Jesus is the reason for the season! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Jackie Layne-Editor of "The Rising Star Newsletter" ✨

