



St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School – 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.

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Parent Leadership

Parents and guardians are invited to attend an informative event on **Thursday, February 1, 2024** at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School. This event will focus on the voices of parents and guardians. Join in discussions of you telling what is needed in your community. **Beginning at 5:30 pm with a meal**, Leaders in Equality and Action in Dayton [LEAD] in collaboration with the school will begin discussions at 6:00 pm. For any additional information please contact Rachel Feltner at 937-815-0701. Hope to see you there.



United in Faith and Community Catholic Schools Week 2024

January 26th - February 2nd

Monday: Celebrating the Community

- *Making thank-you cards
- *Out of Uniform

Wednesday: Celebrating Vocations

- *Cards for parishioners
- *Ice Cream Sale (\$1.00)
- *Prayer/Mass Service
- *Wear Uniforms

Tuesday: Celebrating Favorite Sports Team

- * Dress in team sports gear
- * Donate a can of soup to food bank

Thursday: Celebrating Students

- * Awards Assembly
- * Dress in favorite PJ's

Friday: Celebrating Staff *Out of uniform day

- *Award teacher or staff member

8th Graders Time Is Approaching

Believe it or not, but grade 8 graduation is rapidly approaching. Many grade 8 students have submitted applications into different high schools-public and private. Dayton Public Schools is now accepting applications into their high school vocational programs. You can visit one link to apply to the various programs at Meadowdale, Stivers and Ponitz.

<https://www.dps.k12.oh.us/career-and-tech-education-opportunities/#>

You will be required to write a short essay. Some programs have wait lists; therefore, do not procrastinate.

The Special Month of February

- According to scientists and scholars the earth orbits around the sun 365 days; however, in 2024 the earth will rotate 366 days because of an added day occurring every 4 years in the month of February. Originating in the year 46 B.C. in the time of Julius Caesar, a Roman leader, leap year day is on February 29th. Fourth grade student Oreofeoluwa Iselaiye was almost a leapling baby with a birthday celebration on February 28th-Popular hip hop singer Ja Rule (born in 1976) and singer Dinah Shore (born in 1916) are a few leaplings in the entire world born on February 29th.

<https://www.history.com/news/why-do-we-have-leap-year>

- The entire month of February is Black History Month. On February 7, 1926 Carl G. Woodson started the celebration to honor the contributions of African-Americans. According to the information on <https://asah.org>, Woodson chose February “for reasons of tradition and reform.” In addition Woodson wanted to remember Abraham Lincoln (birthday on February 12) and

Frederick Douglass (birthday on February 14); both men were helpful to the Black community. **Students will have Black History Program TBA**

- Parent Leadership meeting February 1st 5:30-7:00 pm Dinner & Discussion
- Two events occur on February 14th Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. The ashes symbolize our mortality with a placement of a cross shape on one's forehead. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This will be a challenging day for fasting because it is also Valentine's Day. In the Bible 1 John 4:7-12 'let us love one another, for love comes from God'
- President's Day will be observed on February 19th Although it honors President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln's birthday this federal holiday celebrates all of the United States presidents. **All schools are closed.**
- Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary presents MARDI GRAS Dance for Adults on Saturday-February 10, Time 8PM-midnight COST \$20 Tickets at St.Benedict the Moor Catholic Church



\$12 dinner includes:

Two (2) pieces of Tilapia or Whiting
(or one of both)

Choice of 2 Side items

Baked beans, Coleslaw, French
Fries

\$9 - Sandwich only

Bottled water, desserts and soda
will be available for purchase

Call for Pre-Orders at

937-268-6697 and select #6

**LENTEN
FISH FRY**



Serving dinner, Fridays 11:00 a.m until 6:00 p.m
February 16, 23; March 1,8,15,22,29
St.Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
519 Liscum Drive, Dayton, OH 45417
(across from Dayton VA @ US State Route 35)



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Mass Saturday at 4:00 PM & Sunday at 10:30 AM

Website

<https://stbenedictthemoorcatholicsschool.org>

Autumn Dance

by Grade 5 student Danielle Young

Fall bullies summer into letting go of the skies. The trees dance and change colors. Wind sings with coldness. The skies tears become icy and turn into snow. The days become shorter and the nights become longer when the leaves fall they dance,skip,and play. Fall waits for the winter queen to come soon. Everything is cold and frozen to ice. Animals hibernate and sleep birds go to the south to find more food and to stay warm. **Fall is beautiful**

