



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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Congratulations Students!

Catholic Schools Week 2025 was celebrated during the week of January 26. On Tuesday of that week the students were awarded for their accomplishments in Quarter 2. Principal Carolyn Day presented certificates for their academic achievements.

Students receiving all A's on the report card were given <u>Principal Honor Awards</u>:		
Francine Prayer(4)	Prisca Ushindi(6)	
Promese Elivaida(5)	Evelyne Iragoha(7),	
Pauline Akuzwe(6)	Sydney Rockhold-Layne(7).	
Students receiving A's and B's on the report card received Honor Roll Awards:		
Grade 1	Grade 2	
Zaire Cole	Kira Akpore	Jonathan Kanyamanza
Ketia Garubanda	My'Air Fountaine	Gabriel Mukiza
Michael Manishimwe	Mikeal Harris	Camryn Johnson
Maurell Yates	Ednel Jerome	Uwimana Yezu
Grade 3	Grade 5	Grade 6
Jayla Booker	Sifa Aber	Abraham Gomez Perez
Moses Chance	Attegeka Iratuzi	Dy'Eirre Parks
Lyric Dorsey	Benoit Karenzi	Cruz Bernardino
Anaweza Florence	Jamar Warren	Grade 7
	Exavier Wood	Clementine Shukuru

Each homeroom teacher had the opportunity to recognize students. Parents were invited to attend this event.



There was also a special presentation from the Knights of Columbus that awarded 7 and 8 graders in an essay contest, which involved Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The topic for the contest was describing “Faith in Action.” Winners of the Knights

of Columbus contest were of the following: Scovia Umutoni(8), My’Ann Fountaine(8), Sydney Rockhold-Layne (7), Clementine Shukuru(7), and Evelyne Iraguha(7). These students were coached by their ELA teacher Mrs. Laura Lewis. According to Fr. Francis Tandoh,C.S.Sp., the contest is an important accomplishment.

Charles Opio Brings Joy to School

Performing on February 3, 2025 Charles Opio, a songwriter and speaker from Uganda, Africa, entertained the St. Benedict the Moor School community. Everyone enjoyed the presentation. Affectionately known as “Uncle Charley”, Mr. Opio and his assistant entertained the staff, students, and visitors with inspiring dances, lectures, interaction, and music.



Pictures from Charles Opio event

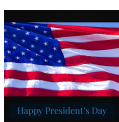
Grades 7 & 8 Visit Freedom Center



Generous donations from the Centennial Celebration, which was held on December 7, 2024, allowed seventh and eighth grade students to attend a field trip to the Cincinnati Freedom Museum. Mrs. Lewis, the seventh and eighth-grade ELA and Social Studies teacher arranged the field trip. It was a fantastic learning experience, and the students have had one assignment from the trip.



The first and eighth-grade students share time once a month to get to experience activities and get to know each other.



President's Day on Monday February 17th there is no school.

Upcoming Events

- ☐ Diversity Mass held at St.Benedict the Moor Church on Sunday February 23 at 10:00 AM
- ☐ Science Fair on Tuesday, February 25, 2025
- ☐ Black History Program on Wednesday, February 26, 2025
- ☐ OELPA testing February 3-March 28, 2025

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"The Rising Star Newsletter" or call 937-268-6391 extension 2013

Students Improved on Their i-Ready Test Assessments

During the school year it is mandatory for students to take state assessments. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati requires students to take iReady-Math and Reading Assessments -three times per school year. Students begin testing when they return from summer vacation; this is usually in August/September. The Winter tests begin after holiday break in January Here is a comparison of student diagnostics for Fall and Winter. Hopefully by iReady 3 the lower scores will become higher for improvement.

iReady Diagnostic School Statistics for Fall and Winter

	Above Grade Level & On Grade Level	One Below Level	2 Grades Below	3 or more Below Grade Level	
Fall	19	53	37	40	Reading
Winter	41	63	25	25	Reading
Spring					

iReady Diagnostic School Statistics for Fall and Winter

	Above Grade Level & On Grade Level	One Below Level	2 Grades Below	3 or more Below Grade Level	
Fall	4	51	38	55	Math
Winter	11	79	27	36	Math
Spring					