

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School- Dayton, Ohio

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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New Principal Create New Visions

Believing that “educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all” Mr. Joseph James Thompson certainly lives by his inspirational message. The Harlem, New York native came to Dayton, Ohio in 2014 with a positive attitude. He certainly has displayed leadership and dedication at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School.

Students appear to be enthusiastic with Mr. Thompson’s morning announcements. After reciting the school pledge, morning prayer, and classroom cheers students are dismissed to designated classrooms. In addition he implemented new dismissal procedures that require all students with teachers to assemble inside the multi-purpose room at dismissal. Bus riders, car riders, walkers, and after care students exit out of the school with more security. Cars are assembled in a circular rotation on the school parking lot while car riders exit by the side door. There is also less public traffic inside the school building that helps to ensure safety.

Recently Mr. Thompson persuaded students and staff to participate in the Hispanic Festival parade in downtown Dayton on a Saturday morning; there were approximately 30 participants from St. Benedict the Moor. This “super hero fan” is the blessing that the school has been praying for. Welcome Mr. Thompson..with many blessings!!



Count Week -October 6-10

The state of Ohio has designated the week of October 5, 2025 as Count Week. Attendance is very important for all students and staff to attend school. Please make an effort to attend classes because the Ohio Board of Education will be judging St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School.

Professional Development

- ❖ Staff development day is scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2025. **There is no school**, but all staff must attend the professional development meetings. Time and agenda will be announced by Mr. Thompson. Quarter 1 ends.
- ❖ On Thursday October 23, 2025 the quarterly Parent/Student-Teacher Conferences will be held at the school from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. (Time will vary.) Parents/guardians will receive a student's report card ; they have the opportunity to discuss the grade.
- ❖ On Friday, October 24, 2025 **there is no school**.
- ❖ Quarter 2 will begin on Monday October 20th
- ❖ On Sunday, October 19th families, students, and staff at St. Benedict the Moor School are required to attend Mass or church service for **World Mission Sunday at St. Benedict the Moor Church**. Service will begin at 10:00 AM with singing/praise dance and Mass at 10:30 AM. There will be a reception after service.

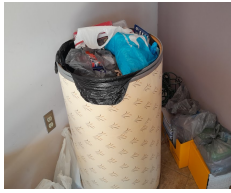
School Website
<https://stbenedictthemoorcatholicsschool.org>

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

<https://cjeagles.org/admissions-overview/explore-cj/> Link to Chaminade-Julienne High School

Set your clocks back 1 hour on November 2, 2025. Time falls back.





This container and floor items were at the church. Items consisted of paper, pens, pencils, notebooks, erasers, folders, rulers, bookbags, glue, scissors, lunch containers, crayons, markers, kleenex, and pencil sharpeners. Thank you to all the parishioners at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, St. Augustine, Queen of Martyrs, Corpus Christi, and Our Lady of Mercy donating school supplies to the students at St. Benedict the Moor School. Your generosity was greatly appreciated!



Students proudly display the banner, which was designed by Mrs. Lumley, the school's art teacher, at the Hispanic Heritage parade on September 20, 2025.

2025-2026 St. Benedict the Moor Staff

Fr.F. Tandoh-Pastoral Leader	R.Adkins-Grade 6	G.Higgins-Catapult
J. Thompson-Principal	L. McCall-Grade 7	D. Wright-Catapult
J. Long-Administrative Assistant	L.Lewis-Grade 8	P.Brown-Cafeteria Manager
J. Kwofie-Business Manager	J. Layne-Computer/Test	L.Allen-Maintenance Administrator
D. Akpore-Religion	V.Sample-Music	A Baten-Maintenance Administrator
L. Rutledge-Pre-K	R.Lumley-Art	K. Roark-Nurse
S. Lee-Kindergarten	B.Fall-World Languages/P.E.	
C. Koth-Grade 1	L.Long-Discipline/Aide	
M.Edgerton-Grade 2	J.Shukuru-Aide/Americorp	
E.Neick-Grade 3	T.Huber-ECHO/Counselor	
Sr.P. Siesegh-Grade 4	C.Plas-ECHO/Family Advocate	
K. Jeffries-Grade 5	J. Lorow-Aide	



Fun Fridays!



Pizza Parties, ice cream, popsicles, candy and basketball games have been activities for the last hour on Friday. Relieving stress, Principal Thompson says that laughter, fun and games cure the body and the soul.



Grade 8 versus Grade 7 in a Fun Friday basketball game.



World Language Added to Curriculum

Mr. Babacar Fall has become a full-time teacher at St. Benedict the Moor School. He is teaching World Languages to students in grades 4 - 8. In addition to physical education/health Mr. Fall handles discipline. Thank you for your dedication and your support!