



St. Benedict School
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Annual Report

2019-2020



St. Benedict School: Where we grow in faith, knowledge and character.

2019-2020 School Statistics

Enrollment:	112
Preschool (20)	
K-8 (92)	
Religious Diversity	
Catholic	46
Non-Catholic	66
Racial Diversity	
Caucasian	98
African American	2
Multi-Racial	12
Economic Diversity	
Full Tuition	70
Financial Aid	18
Scholarship	24

Be it known that all who enters St. Benedict's, that CHRIST is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

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Diocese of Steubenville

Bishop:
Most Rev. Jeffrey Monforton

Pastor:
Rev. Paul Hrezo

Principal:
Susan Sanders

School Advisory Council:
Casey McVicker, President
Nicole Forbes, Secretary
Jason Farley
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Adam Sikora

Highlights of 2019-2020....

School Closure

Remote Learning... Social distancing... Covid-19... Zoom... these terms have become all too familiar as a result of the 2020 Pandemic. Governor DeWine officially closed school buildings at the end of the school day on Monday, March 16 for three weeks to help stop the spread of Covid-19 and later mandated the closure through the end of the school year. During this time, faculty prepared "home-learning" packets for students to continue learning at home. The school staff is currently working on a formal Remote Learning plan to be implemented if a school closure would be enforced again, and preparing the school for the beginning of next year with social distancing procedures. Our goal is to be able to provide more online virtual learning if it should become necessary.

We are extremely grateful to our parents who guided their children through the home-learning packets while working through all the hardships that resulted in the economic shutdown.

Accreditation

Over the past two years the school staff has been working on our School Improvement Plan, which was submitted to the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association for re-accreditation this past March. We are pleased to report that our plan was granted Full Accreditation. Implementation of our goals will begin in fall 2021. Our School Improvement Plan consists of the following two goals:

Catholic Identity Goal: *Students will increase their knowledge of the Corporal Works of Mercy and take action through service learning.*

Student Performance Goal: *Students will increase problem-solving skills by applying goal setting and self-monitoring strategies to become self-directed leaders of their educational experience.*

Fundraisers

Thank you to all the fundraising Event Chairs, volunteers and supporters of St. Benedict School. All of the fundraising events help meet the financial needs of the school. The amount raised this past year will be more important than ever as we plan for next year with some decreased income as a result of the pandemic:

2019-20 Scrip:	\$16,222
2019 Turkey Trot:	\$9,025
2019-20 Annual Appeal	\$31,366
2020 Annual Auction	\$54,789



In addition, we were also blessed to receive assistance through the Spaghetti Dinner, Reverse Raffle, Craft Show, Salad Luncheon, Rummage Sale, and Generous Donators.

THANK YOU!

Standardized Test Results

Fall 2019

Schools who have students attending on a State EdChoice Scholarship are required to administer the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee Test. It is with great pleasure to announce that all 3rd grade students passed!

Spring 2020

Due to the school closure, State and Diocesan tests (IOWA) were not administered this school year.

National Catholic Education Association ACRE Religion Test results

Spring 2020

(Shown as percentiles)

Faith Knowledge	St. Benedict Average	National Average
Grade 5	70.2%	69.4%
Grade 8	83.8%	72.8%
Four Pillars of The Catechism		
<i>Profession of Faith</i>		
Grade 5	75%	70%
Grade 8	80.6%	69%
<i>The Celebration of the Christian Mystery</i>		
Grade 5	42.2%	68%
Grade 8	82.4%	69%
<i>Life in Christ</i>		
Grade 5	75.4%	72%
Grade 8	89.6%	79%
<i>Christian Prayer</i>		
Grade 5	80%	65%
Grade 8	78.6%	73%

St. Benedict Students Serve.....

Penny Chase for Iraqi Schools
Animal Shelter donations
Food Drives for Grace Pantry
Adult Hat/Mitten collection
Homemade blankets for Nursing Homes
Monetary Collection for Vishal Rice Bowls

Thank you LEPS for your generosity!

Great things happened at St. Benedict School!

5th grade monitored a weather station; Leps Pride hosted a successful 2nd annual Trunk or Treat; Turkey Trot participants were at all time high; Safe Environment classes went online; Three students qualified for District Science Fair; 8th grade students were instructed in Latin by Mrs. Jones-Hayes; Mrs. Holly Smith coordinated the 1st Craft Bazaar; Miss Popp was recognized for 25 years of service; Enrichment classes were started; There were NO snow days during Catholic School Week; and, Sr. Carol's Christmas Program said it all: "It's All About the Child!"

A Message from the Principal...

Dear St. Benedict Families,

St. Benedict School continues to be blessed with high achieving students, outstanding faculty and staff, supportive parents, loyal benefactors and a caring parish family. It is through the collaboration of so many that St. Benedict students continue to excel in and out of the classroom.

The abrupt school closure in March did pose a few challenges for the remainder of the school year. However, the faculty did their best to ensure that student learning opportunities and contact with students and parents were made available throughout the closure.

Prior to the closure, students and staff lived our faith daily through prayer and religious education. We celebrated throughout the year with weekly Mass, liturgical services, mission projects, Tuesday classroom visits by Fr. Paul, sacramental preparation and many other faith centered activities.

The first ever St. Benedict School "drive-thru" graduation ceremony was held on the last day of school for an outstanding 8th grade class. They will truly be missed! It was disappointing that we could not honor our graduates with a traditional graduation Mass, but I imagine they will always remember graduating at a social distance!

Have a blessed and safe summer.

In His Name,

Sue Sanders



State Scholarship Updates

The State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship program had several changes to policy this year that will affect the coming school year. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, some of those changes will not help the students in our community. However, we are grateful that the EdChoice Expansion program will include all students K-12 and those already enrolled at our school that meet income guidelines.

New Faculty Members

St. Benedict School was blessed this past year with two new faculty members. Last August we welcomed Kindergarten Teacher Mrs. Kelli Bruns and Ms. Emily Klinger, Jr. High ELA. With the many challenges of the school year, they seemed like veteran teachers! They both are amazing and dedicated St. Benedict School educators!

Math Classes

This past year Jr. High Math classes were offered through the online program, Acellus. Because we could not secure a Math teacher, we were grateful to have the online option. Some of the students enjoyed working at his or her own pace, though I think all would agree that a Math teacher in the classroom is best! It is our goal to have classroom Math teachers for the fall.

Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

The school continues to be blessed with dedicated Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. Thank you Sr. Helen Marie, Sr. Carol, Sr. June and Sr. Sharon for all you do for our students and school! We are excited to welcome Sr. Mariadele Jacobs to the faculty for the 2020-2021 academic year. Sr. Mariadele will be teaching primary religion classes.

Farewell to Class of 2020

Best wishes to our 8th grade graduates:



Amato...Jacob Banister...Owen Buxton...Xander I Samantha Delik...Taylor Forbes...Mary Hall...Jack Jones Ryan McQuain...Kalena Pacanas...Aidan Petta...Caleb Stanberry
High Honors Award: Caleb Stanberry
St. Francis Award: Ryan McQuain



