



St. Benedict School
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Annual Report

2020-2021



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

2020-2021 School Statistics

Enrollment:	104
Preschool (23)	
K-8 (81)	
Religious Diversity	
Catholic	39
Non-Catholic	65
Racial Diversity	
Caucasian	96
African American	4
Multi-Racial	4
Economic Diversity	
Full Tuition	66
Financial Aid	17
Scholarship	21

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
Kelly Jackson
Missy Nau

Great Things Happened in 2020-2021 with "Jesus As Our Guide"

Monthly Community Service

Thank you cards and St. Michael pins for law enforcement...Book Drive...Food Drive...Socks/Underwear Tree...Blankets for Nursing Homes...Cards for the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity... Rice Bowls...Donations for our sponsored student Vishal...40 cans for Lent...Spring clean up of school, parish, and Convent grounds.

St. Benedict students and families live their faith through their enormous generosity!

Grant Assistance

The school was fortunate to receive several grants due to the pandemic that assisted us financially. We were a recipient of the PPP loan program; grants to purchase several items to help with social distancing mandates including desk shields, automatic paper towel dispensers, and water bottle filling stations; Federal ESSR funds to purchase chrome books and accessories for any future remote learning situations.

Library Automation

Thanks to generous donations and money from our State Auxiliary funds, our school library is being automated! Sr. Helen Marie has been working all year inputting data into the software program, attaching bar codes, purging old books and purchasing current books. She plans to continue to work on this project over the summer. So long card catalog!

Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who supported the school in any way this year. We are hopeful to reinstate some of the more "social" fundraisers in the coming year. We were still very blessed for the dedicated chairpersons and volunteers that made our major fundraisers a success. Listed below are the incomes we received from those events:

2020-21 Scrip:	\$14,121
2020-21 Turkey Trot:	\$8,069
2020-21 Annual Appeal	\$57,353
2021 Online Auction/Raffle	\$35,316

In addition, we were also blessed to receive donations throughout the year from many generous benefactors.

THANK YOU!

We appreciate Leps Pride! This faithful school parent group supports St. B's in so many ways – spirit wear sales...Auction...financial assistance. We are blessed!

Standardized Test Results

Fall 2020

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 scholarship students passed!

Academic Achievement Tests

The IOWA standardized test was administered to all students in grades K-8 in late April. As of this printing, test results have not been received.

Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK)

In the spring of 2021 students in grades 2-8 were administered a new assessment for religious knowledge in place of the previous ACRE test. As of this printing, test results have not been received.

Latin Class Triumphs

8th Grade Latin class, taught by Mrs. Jones-Hayes, excelled to new heights! They were selected as one of five winners, worldwide, of the 2021 Cambridge University Latin blog competition.

In addition, all of the students earned a medal on the Exploratory Latin Exam:

Gold Medal (perfect score):

Adam Feldner, James Goggin, Ethan Gray, Audrey McQuain, and Kinslie McVicker

Silver Medal

Amina Harris, Sincere Simpson, Quincy Smith

Bronze Medal

Ben Jackson

GRATULATIONS!

Congratulations Sr. Carol
On your 50th Jubilee as a
Franciscan Sister
of Christian Charity!



School Lunch

The 2021-2022 school year will see the return of the Federal School Lunch Program to our school. Mrs. Lyndi Tidball will serve as our Cafeteria Director.

A Message from the Principal...

Dear St. Benedict Families,

2020-2021 was a different year to say the least! Students, staff and parents were wonderful following all the social distancing protocols that were mandated in order to open our doors to in-person learning this year. We were very fortunate to have only a few "positive" cases in our school and only a few remote learning days.

Through it all we were able to move forward with the curriculum and continued to strive for high academic standards. We were blessed with being able to continue our daily faith life. Students still attended Mass (though we missed celebrating with parishioners), penance services, Stations of the Cross, sacramental preparations and many other faith activities. Throughout the year students participated in a community service project each month and there were only two snow days during Catholic Schools Week!

It has been a blessing for me to be the principal of St. Benedict School for these past three years. I was welcomed from day one and have felt supported everyday since then. I am being called back "home" to help with family matters, but I look forward to hearing about the wonderful happenings coming from the halls of St. Benedict School in the years to come.

As another academic year comes to a close, we ask St. Benedict to pray for us to grow in faith, knowledge and character.

Have a blessed and safe summer.

In His Name,

Sue Sanders

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
Old Irish Blessing

Farewell to Class of 2021



Best wishes to our 8th grade graduates:

Adam Feldner...James Goggin...Ethan Gray...Amina Harris...
Ben Jackson...Audrey McQuain...Kinslie McVicker...
Sincere Simpson...Quincy Smith
High Honors Award: James Goggin
St. Francis Award: Kinslie McVicker



We wish a fond farewell to our school Secretary, Mrs. Lynn Padden. We thank her for her many dedicated years of service; she will be greatly missed!

As of this printing, all of our teachers will be back next year! There will be one change in assignments: Mrs. Bruns is moving to 2nd grade and Ms. Hitchcock will use her five years of Kindergarten experience to teach Kindergarten.

School Improvement Plan

Due to the pandemic, the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association suspended School Improvement Plans for the duration of 2020-2021. Implementation of our approved plan will begin this coming fall.

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.*

