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# Annual Report

**2021-2022**

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

## Great Things Happened in 2021-2022 With "Do Small Things With Great Love"

### 2021-2022 School Statistics

Enrollment	110
Preschool (18)	
K-8 (92)	
Religious Diversity	
Catholic	85
Non-Catholic	25
Racial Diversity	
Caucasian	100
African American	6
Multi-Racial	4
Economic Diversity	
Full Tuition	72
Financial Aid	31
Scholarship	7

### Monthly Community Service

Thank you cards and St. Michael pins for law enforcement... Food Drive... Socks/Hat Tree...Pet Donations...Blankets for Nursing Homes...Rice Bowls...Donations for our sponsored student, Vishal...40 cans for Lent. St. Benedict Students and families live their faith through their enormous generosity!

### Library Automation

The library automation is coming to an end. The fiction paperback is the only category to be finished. This will wait until next year. This has been a large project, but it will be helpful to students and Sister Helen Marie. With our book fair being such a success, we were able to purchase more current books. The students have already been taking them out and have enjoyed reading NEW BOOKS.

### Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who supported the school in any way this year. Successful fundraisers are essential to the school's operating budget each year. We are very blessed for the dedicated chairpersons and volunteers that made our major fundraisers a success. Listed below are the incomes we received from these events:

- 2021-2022 Scrip \$13,459
- 2021-2022 Turkey Trot \$ 8,210
- 2021-2022 Annual Appeal \$56,865
- 2021-2022 Online Auction/Raffle \$42,545

We are hopeful to reinstate some of our more "social" fundraisers in the coming year. In addition, we were also blessed to received donations throughout the year from many generous benefactors.

### **THANK YOU!**

We appreciate Leps Pride! This faithful school parent group supports St. Benedict School in so many ways--spirit wear sales... Auction...teacher and staff appreciation...school field trip. We are blessed!

### Diocese of Steubenville

Bishop:  
Most Rev. Jeffrey Monforton

Pastor:  
Father Paul Hrezo

Principal:  
Traci Mitchell

School Advisory Council:  
Father Paul  
Traci Mitchell  
Casey McVicker  
Missy Nau  
Jason Farley  
Peggy Hayden  
Ben Sebek

## Standardized Tests

### Fall 2021

Schools with students who receive the State EdChoice Scholarship are required to administer the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Guarantee Test. Tests were administered in the fall and spring. Scores will be released by the end of June for students who took the test in the spring and will be mailed.

### Academic Achievement Test

The IOWA standardized test was administered to all students in grades K-8 in March. Scores have been received and parent copy was mailed.

### Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK)

In the spring of 2021 students in grades 2-8 were administered the ARK assessment for religious knowledge. Scores will be reported in the fall.

## Latin Class Triumphs

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Latin class, taught by Mrs. Jones-Hayes, excelled to new heights! They were selected as one of five winners worldwide of the 2022 Cambridge University Latin blog competition.

In addition, our students earned a medal on the exploratory Latin exam:

**Gold Medal: (perfect score):**

**Anna Saling**

**Grace Feldner**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## School Lunch

If your family has a lunch account balance, Miss Lyndi will be mailing those invoices to your home. Please stop by the office to see Miss Rosa to make your payment. The office will be opened until June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you!

## Message from our Principal

Much progress was made this school year for future planning to help raise student achievement. Much of what I have been able to initiate is due to the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) grant. The following list highlights student support for the 2022-2023 school year with and without the grant funding:

- Purchase of DIAL-4 Screening Assessment for preschool to ensure developmental milestones are being met for a successful start to school.
- Curriculum and teacher training for Heggerty Phonemic Awareness instruction for kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to reinforce literacy development.
- In-school tutor for K-8 grades to support in-classroom and small group instruction.
- Google Classroom training and laptops for teachers in the event of future remote learning days.
- Summer Learning Session – reading and math for three weeks in June.
- Update to middle school math curriculum and re-opening a position for a part-time middle school math teacher.
- Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports (PBIS) team trained and prepared for schoolwide implementation that will kick off in August.
- Development of a part-time Dean of Students position to coordinate PBIS, classroom management, safety, and health and welfare of students and staff.

## Farewell to Class of 2022



*Best wishes to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates:*

*Grace Feldner & Anna Saling*

## Updates

The middle school students' handmade jewelry was a huge success thanks to all our families and parishioners! \$860 was raised to support Ukraine. Thank you all!!

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade recorder concert was a blast and showed our students' emerging musical talents.

St. Benedict Middle School and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands performed their Spring Concert on May 12.

Lastly our middle school students are working hard to raise funds for their Washington D.C. trip next year!

## School Improvement Plan

### Catholic Identity

Students participated in monthly service projects. They helped with planning and implementation, and then reflected on how their activities fit with Catholic values.

### Academic Performance

Students discussed and learned what it means to be a leader in their learning. They learned about and practice setting goals and monitoring their progress.