

Atchison student earns spelling bee top spot

**(KAIR)--Two Saint Benedict Catholic School students took first and runner up honors by showing off their spelling skills this week.**

**That happened Tuesday during the annual Atchison County Spelling Bee, with the Atchison Catholic school serving as the host location for this year's event. School Principal Helen Schwinn, talking to MSC News, said that while all students from across the county who took part should be commended, she expressed strong pride for her students' success. "They all did a great job from the Atchison County schools," Schwinn said, adding, "I am proud to say our Atchison County Spelling Bee champion is a sixth grader from Saint Benedict's Catholic School, the lovely Capri Koechner."**

**Koechner correctly spelled "ectoplasm" and "venerable" to take the first place win.**

**She will now compete in the State Bee to be held Saturday, March 27, in Wichita.**

**Named as runner up in Tuesday's spelling bee was another student at Saint Benedict's Catholic School, 6th grade student Trinity Hemp.**

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