

# Ascension School Family Newsletter

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*"For God gives those who please Him wisdom, knowledge, and joy."*

*Ecclesiastes 2:26*

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## Joyous Easter!

### Prayers for Parents...

This Holy Week we have completed our prayers for all the parents of our school. This week we have kept the following parents in our morning prayer intentions:

Nick & Toni Weitz  
Kevin & Karen Westgerdes  
Tom & Rhonda Whitney  
Dan & Christine Wilson  
Stephanie Midlam, Jeff Wonderly

Patrick & Kathleen West  
Tim & Amy White  
Michael & Jenifer Wilhelm  
Michael & Christine Wittman

### Tuition Assistance

Tuition Assistance applications with PSAS are extended to April 15. If families have not received an application you may request one from the school office or download the forms online from the school website. All families requesting assistance must also apply for PACE and attend the next PACE orientation on Mon, April 5 at 5pm. **Parents must call first to sign up for the orientation.** Please see PACE information enclosed.

### SOS Summer School

The Catholic Education Collaboration Schools of Immaculate Conception, Ascension and St. Helen are offering a Sharpen Our Skills (SOS) Summer school for students in our schools who may benefit from some summer skills sharpening. Details are enclosed for families of students who may have been recommended. Students who are part of the Title 1 program may have received information through Mrs. Weimer regarding an excellent, however limited, summer school option available only to Dayton residents. The SOS program is open to all students in need from any resident district.

### A Note from the Nurse - Let's be Sunwise

As we prepare for spring break, some of you may be traveling to the beach and/or warm and sunny places. Here are some tips to protect yourself and your children from harmful exposure to the sun and its rays even here in Ohio during sunny spring days:

1. Do Not Burn. Did you know 5 or more burns significantly increases your risk of developing skin cancer.
2. Avoid Sun Tanning and Tanning Beds. If you want to look tan, consider a self-tanning product and continue to use sunscreen.
3. Generously Apply Sunscreen. Use a sunscreen with no less than a 15 SPF. Apply to all exposed skin every 2 hours and after swimming and sweating.
4. Wear Protective Clothing. Long sleeve shirts, hats, sunglasses, etc.
5. Seek Shade. Remember UV rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. **Remember the shadow rule in the sun: Watch Your Shadow. No Shadow, Seek Shade!**
6. Check the UV index. Use this to protect against overexposure to the sun.
7. Use caution around water, snow & sand. These can reflect damaging rays and increase your chance of sunburn.
8. Get Vitamin D safely. Use diet and supplements fortified with Vitamin D, don't count on the sun.



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Ascension Church - 937-253-5171 Mass Schedule: Sat. - 5 pm;  
Sun. - 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm; Daily: 9 am

### Ascension & Wright Patterson Air Force Base

The news lately in Dayton is - 1,500 - 2,000 new positions are opening up this summer at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in the Human Performance Wing as a result of the Dept. of Defense BRAC - Base Realignment And Closure process. Civilian and military employees from Mesa, AZ & San Antonio, TX bases that are being realigned or closed will have an opportunity for many of these positions. The base at San Antonio is closing for good so there is little place for those workers to be reabsorbed. Consequently there may be a large number coming this way. Estimates are that 55-75% of the families are looking favorably at moving to Ohio. Remaining jobs will be open to Dayton residents and should be a boost to our local Dayton economy.

Our Enrollment Management Team has been studying this move and has recommended that Ascension School advertise for the first time in the annual WPAFB Guide that will be delivered to all families considering the move to Dayton. The ad you see above will be used to promote our School and Parish. We hope to be welcoming and position our school as an educational choice for families looking for a Catholic education. Believe it or not our Ascension yard signs and bumper stickers may be a valuable means of school exposure. See the enclosed flyer if you are interested in getting an Ascension yard sign or would like another Ascension window sticker.

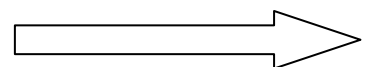
***Grandparent Day information is enclosed.  
We are returning to having lunch with the  
Grandparents before the program!***

***All Grandparents Day Registrations are  
due on Mon. April 12 so arrangements can be  
made for the big event.***

### Kindergarten Screening

A total of 51 children were screened for next year's kindergarten classes. Letters regarding acceptance are being sent today. School families will find the letters in today's family envelope. Some further screenings occur between now and the start of the school year. This is a healthy number and should signal a nearly full kindergarten for next year, which is higher than was cautiously expected. We thank the Kindergarten Screening team who conducted the screenings: **Carie Wheeler**, counselor; **Sr. Maureen**, Admin Assistant; **Mary Kozarec**, Nurse; **Helen Strines**, Speech Pathologist and kindergarten teachers **Corrina Campos** and **Teri Van Meter**.

*Over please...*



## K-12 Gallery Show

The Ascension and St. Helen art show featured at the K12 Gallery for Young People downtown will be running through the first of May. All Ascension students in Grades 1-5 and 8 have art exhibited in the K12 Gallery Show. Spring Break may be a good time to visit the show located at 510 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the show!

**Molly Johnson** - Best in Show  
**Cassidy Bereda** - Juror's Award  
**Yasmin Little** - Juror's Award

## BINGO Volunteers

There is no BINGO on Holy Thurs, April 1. Volunteers for Thurs, April 8 are: **Lisa Eckley, Tracy Takach, Melissa Cormier.** Karen Walker is our school coordinator for BINGO volunteers. Please call her at 293-3976 to make plans for the one night of BINGO service that all parents of school families have been encouraged and challenged to pledge.



## Ascension Festival T-Shirt Design Contest

The Ascension festival is only a few months away and we need to have a theme for this year. All members of Ascension (eighth grade and younger) are encouraged to take an official entry form found in the narthex of the Church. Prepare a fitting theme for this year's festival and you could be the winner. All entries are due back to either the Rectory or the School Office by Tues, April 13, 2010. A winner will be chosen and announced in a future bulletin. Good luck to everyone!

## Asbestos Management Notice

Ascension School has an Asbestos Management Plan which may be viewed at the School Office during normal school hours. The school is inspected for asbestos and management every three (3) years. Periodic surveillance of asbestos containing building materials is conducted regularly every 6 months. The Custodial and Maintenance Staff has undergone asbestos awareness training. Response actions taken are within Federal and State guidelines.

## Easter Egg Hunt at Ascension

Ascension's Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Light Council 14891 will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Sat, April 3 from 12-1pm on Ascension's athletic field. The egg hunt is free and open to any child 9 yrs old and younger and will be divided into 4 age groups. In case of bad weather, we will meet in the PAC. Any questions, contact Tim Magoto at 426-7266.

## Father Daughter Dance

Remember When... Everything was black and white? The 2010 Father Daughter Dance is coming!!

- When: Friday April 16, 2010
- Time: 7pm To 9pm
- Clothes: Dress In Black And White!!
- Admission: Dads \$3 Girls \$2
- Please Bring A Peanut Free Snack.

Dance Pictures Are \$1 Each.

## Fr. Rudy Award

Nominations for the Fr. Rudy Award are now being accepted. The nominee must be an eighth grade student attending Ascension School or enrolled in the Religious Education Program. Recipients of this award should exemplify the aspects of the Ascension athletic philosophy. To nominate an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, please submit the answers to the 4 questions found in the Ascension Athletic Handbook (available online at the parish website under Athletics). Nominations may be turned in to any Athletic Board member or turned in to the school office. Nominations must be received by May 1.

***Yearbook Orders were due back on March 29, however orders may still be submitted by Mon, April 12. The books are \$10 payable to Lifetouch.***

## Soccer and Golf Sign-Ups

Attention all RE and Ascension school kids, Sign-ups for soccer grades 1-8 and golf grades 6-8 will be held the weekend of April 10-11 in the Witzman Center after the Saturday 5 pm Mass and the Sunday 9am, 10:30am, and noon Masses.

If you are not able to make it to sign-ups, you can always print a sign-up form off Ascension's website: <http://www.ascensionkettering.org/school/sports.htm#> and turn the form in anytime before April 23 to the school. The early bird fee to play soccer is \$30 and \$25 to play golf. After the April 23 there is an additional \$20 handling fee per family.

## Calendar Update

April	2	F	Good Friday, No School
	4	SU	Easter
	5	M	PACE Orientation, Pace Office, 6-7pm
	5-9	M-F	Easter Break, No School
	12	M	Return to School

## Enclosures

Grandparent Day Reservation  
Grandparent Day Flyer  
School Spirit Flyer  
PACE Information Sheet  
SOS Summer School Flyer (for recommended students)

## Return Date

Mon. April 12  
Pass on to Grandparents  
Mon. April 12  
FYI

## Quotation

*"The art of teaching consists in helping students feel that although you may stand in front of them, you're really behind them."*

-Anonymous