

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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Grandparents Program

Preparations for Grandparents Day are nearly complete. The focus of this year's program is on *"Music Matters"*. The event begins at 11:30 when Grandparents will be treated to lunch in the PAC with the grandchildren. Students will escort grandparents through school on a tour of classrooms from 12:15-12:45 and then on to the PAC for the program. Grandparents will be seated to enjoy the program at 1:00. Some further reminders for all guests and participants:

- Grandparents should arrive between 11:00 - 11:15 and should go directly to the PAC. Students will meet their grandparents there.
- Please remember NO students are dismissed early and if Grandparents are planning to take the students home they would have a 40 - 45 minute wait for the students.
- On Tues., May 11 students are expected to attend the PTO performance. Students are to arrive at 6:45 pm that evening and go to their homerooms. The program begins at 7:00.

Flag Raising

Students and visitors may have noticed the flag at half staff recently and wonder the reason why. Earlier in April our Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Moyer passed away and was honored by a Governor's proclamation that flags be flown at half staff. On Thursday of this week, Dorothy Height, was honored similarly by an executive order of the President. Dorothy Height was a civil rights leader for much of the 20th century and died last week at age 98.

We thank the 7th graders in Mr. Bower's class who take care of our daily flag raising and lowering. We also thank the Piqua Catholic PTA who recently donated a new nylon weather proof flag to our school. The flag has flown over our State capital.

Gr. K-4 Primary Fun Day

Students in Gr. K-4 may wear gym clothes (Fun Day shirts from last year are encouraged if the students still have them and they fit) on Mon., May 3 for the Primary Fun Day. Students should dress for weather if needed - meaning sweats with shorts underneath in case of cool weather. Sunscreen should be applied before school. Hats are a good idea too. The event will be conducted indoors in the PAC in case of bad weather. Volunteers please check your instructions sent home in the family envelope. Provisions are in place for indoor celebration of Fun Day in case of bad weather so there is no "rain date" for the event.

BINGO Volunteers

We thank our volunteer from last week: **Laura Bistrek & Lori Thompson**. Our volunteer for Thurs, May 6 is **Jon Bistrek**. Our school coordinator for BINGO volunteers is Karen Walker. 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.



Tuition Assistance

All families requesting assistance through the PSAS process must also apply for PACE and attend the next PACE orientation on Mon, May 3 at 6pm. The orientations are held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. **This is the last chance for attending a PACE meeting before the PSAS calculations are run to determine Education Ascension assistance for next year.**

The PACE scholarship is guaranteed for 4 years and is renewable. Additional years are possible providing funding is available. Students already enrolled in private schools or who are home schooled are also eligible. Ascension is a participating school and has had a number of families receive scholarships in the past. Contact the PACE office at (937) 228-PACE (7223) for any assistance and/or concerns or visit the website - www.pacedayton.org/index.html

Seminar for Parents

Samaritan Behavioral Health is offering a free seminar on Anger Management tips for Parents in dealing with an angry child. Dealing with an unhappy child can be difficult enough but when you add anger a child can become unmanageable. Samaritan Behavioral Health did complete an 8 week bully free program with our 5th & 6th graders and now extend this free event for parents of children of any age.

The event is Weds, May 12 from 7- 8:30 pm at Elizabeth Place auditorium East Building 601 Edwin C. Moses Blvd. Parents must pre-register, space is limited. so please phone 937-276-8333 to RSVP. No children please. If you wish to get information about this or receive a flyer/reminder then please contact our School counselor by phone 254-2241 x 306, email wheelerc@ascensionket.org or a note through the family envelope.

Extracurricular News

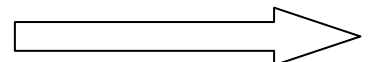
In a future edition of the Family Newsletter will be included an Extracurricular News feature. The editor and publisher for this newsletter (Mr. D.) relies on parent reporters to supply the news and would appreciate any reports about students' accomplishments in extracurricular activities of any sort. We have had great success in the fall parish CYO sports so we'd like to hear about those accomplishments, but also about any other extracurricular activities of students - including piano competitions, art and essay contests, drama, and choir to name a few. We have had students involved in such varied athletic sports as rowing, trampoline, diving, ice hockey, martial arts, even drag racing. Submissions should be word processed and e-mailed to the school at devittb@ascensionket.org.



Mother's Day Rose Sale

What better way to commemorate this truly pro-life holiday than by honoring moms with beautiful flowers and furthering the work of Dayton Right to Life? The proceeds from this sale enable DRTL to continue providing the much needed assistance to mothers via education, material assistance, and legislative action. We will be selling roses before and after the Mother's Day masses on May 8 & 9. For \$2 each you can get a rose for your mother and grandmother to thank them for giving you life. Vases will be at the Blessed Mother's altar if you would like to buy one for our heavenly Mother, or to place one there as a remembrance of your earthly mother who is no longer here, or does not reside in this area.

Over please....



PTO Support!

In next week's newsletter will be a ballot for parents who are members of the PTO to vote their voice of approval for special projects expenditures of the PTO for the next school year.

We wish to thank the PTO for the many special events that occur during the school year including Catholic Schools Week activities, the Learning Fair Open House, Fr. Stretch Relays, Fun Day, Mother Son Night, Father Daughter Dance and Educational Outings, including fine arts performances at the Schuster.

THANK YOU PTO!!

Overdue Book Notices & Low Lunch Account Balances

A number of families are receiving notices regarding missing books and lunch bills. We thank you for attending to these matters. May 7 will be the last day students may charge breakfast & lunch and May 28 is the last day for all lunch payments.

Next week, May 3-7, will be the last week for the students to check out books. Payment for missing books is necessary and is returned when or if the books are found. Official report cards are not distributed at the end of the school year unless all payment obligations such as these and tuition are completed.

Join Cub Scouts

Would you like to build a model race car, learn about wild animals, or take a hike through the woods? Then Cub Scouts might be right for you! Ascension's Cub Scout Pack would like to invite all boys entering Gr. 1-5 in the fall and their parents to attend our next Pack meeting at 6:30pm on Weds, May 12 in the Ascension School Cafeteria. You'll get to see a Scout meeting and learn a little more about Cub Scouts. For questions, please call Tim Connell at 830-6105.

Checked your student's progress lately on Option C?

<http://www.optionc.com/>

The Ascension School code is 8349

Calendar Update

May 1	SA	Education Ascension Grants Due
1-2	S-SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
2	SU	First Communion options, 9am & 12pm
3	M	Gr. 6 Concert Preview, WC 118, 1-1:45pm PACE Orientation, Pace Office, 6-7pm Prim, Fun Day, Gr. K-4, Lower Pkg Lot (start in PAC) 12-2:15pm
4	TU	GP Day Dress Rehearsal, PAC, 1pm Teacher Recognition Banquet, Presidential, 6pm
5	W	Gr. 6 - Schuster Concert, 9:30am Staff Mtg., Principal, POB4, 10am-12pm IAT Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm Mother Daughter Banquet, PAC, 5:30-9pm
6	TH	Mass, 9am Title 1 Ice Cream Social, Rm 106
7	F	Grandparents Day #1 A-K, PAC, Arrival 11am Lunch 11:30, Program at 1:00
8	SA	First Communion option, 5pm
9	SU	First Communion options, 9am, 12pm
10	M	Child Protection, St. Luke, Kramer Hall, 7-8pm
11	TU	PTO Spring Program, PAC, 6:30-8pm
12	W	Archdiocesan Principals' Appreciation Luncheon IAT Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm
13	TH	Mass, 9am Early Dismissal, 1pm Faculty In-service, Rm202, 1:30-3:15pm St. Remy Closing Mass & Celebration School & RE Comm. Mtg., POB1, 7-9pm
14	F	Grandparents Day #2, L-Z, PAC

Enclosures

Parish Photo Directory Flyer
Ascension Bible School
Gr. 1 Ed Outing
Kdg. Ed Outing
Gr. 4 Ed Outing Permission
Gr. 6 Ed Outing Permission
May Calendar
Lunch Menu May & June
Carroll Tennis Camp Flyers (Gr. 5-8)
Carroll Science Camp flyers (Gr. 6-7)
Carroll Visual Art Camp flyers (Gr. 5-7)
Fairmont Lady Basketball (Gr. 2-7)

Return Date

None
See details
Mon. May 3
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Quotation

"The best portion of an individual's life is the little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love."

-William Wordsworth