

# 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

Grandparents Day I went well and we look forward to two more performances. On Tues. May 11 parents have the chance to see the students perform the Grandparents Day Program. All students are expected to attend the PTO performance. Mrs. Klein reminds the students it is a graded performance. Students are to arrive at 6:45 pm **in uniform** (or approved costume) that evening and go to their homerooms. The program begins at 7:00. Individual student participation on Tuesday night is rewarded with an out of uniform day on Wednesday (**Gr. 6** will be allowed out of uniform on the following Monday since they will be going on an educational outing on Weds, Mass is on Thurs. and the last program is on Friday.)

Next Friday's L-Z 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 Grandparent go 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.

### Playground Surfacing - Grant Approval!

We just received word this week that Ascension School is the recipient of a \$9,378 grant from the Montgomery County to replace the wood chips in our playground area with recycled tire chips. The tire chips are more durable and provide a safer, more long term solution to providing surface around the play equipment. This is a very competitive grant that we have applied for twice unsuccessfully in the past. The grant is matched with \$4,000 from the PTO (pending PTO membership approval) in order to complete the project sometime this summer. We thank one of our parents, Karen Westgerdes, for shaping up the winning grant application. Details of the grant will be further announced at the PTO Program on Tuesday night. Samples of the type of surfacing material will be displayed.

### Gr. K-4 Primary Fun Day

We thank our lead volunteer **Christi Collins** and her assistant **Michelle Fitterer** and all the parents who helped make the Fun Day a lot of Fun! The weather was beautiful!

### Lunch Account Balances

May 7 will be the last day students may charge breakfast & lunch and May 28 is the last day for all lunch payments. Negative balances must be paid in full by May 21. Report cards will be held if not paid in full.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wheelerc@ascensionket.org) or a note through the family envelope.

### Food Pantry Collection Next Weekend

Food Pantry stocks are once again very low, so your support of this month's Food Pantry collection -- to be held next weekend, May 15 & 16 -- is greatly needed. While all nonperishable food items are always welcome, special needs this month include macaroni & cheese, spaghetti and sauce, pudding & Jell-O mixes, and canned goods especially tuna, beans, and pork & beans. Bath soap bars, toilet paper, and brown paper grocery bags are needed, too. If you miss this month's collection, there are always marked boxes for the Food Pantry in the Brides' Room, located just off the Narthex. Thank you for helping your neighbors in need.



### 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. Submissions should be word processed and e-mailed to the school at [devittb@ascensionket.org](mailto:devittb@ascensionket.org).



### Media Center Dates

- May 7 - Last day to check out books
- May 11-13 - Students may still have class "visits", but no more books may be checked out.
- Fri. May 21 - **ALL** books need to be returned.

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.

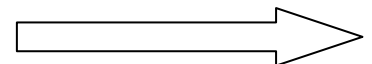
### Confirmation Meeting for Gr. 6 Students & Parents

An informational meeting regarding Confirmation for Gr. 6 parents & students is planned for Tues, May 18 at 7pm. The orientation will cover the basic requirements, activities and planning involved with Confirmation.

### 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.

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## Catholic Sexuality

On May 14 in the morning prior to our Grandparents Day Program our Gr. 8 students have been invited to St. Albert School to hear Pam Stenzel, an outstanding speaker on abstinence. She is an internationally renowned speaker who combines her personal story and extensive pregnancy counseling experience in a hard hitting look at the consequences of sexual activity outside of marriage. Pam is a Catholic and has spoken live at Ascension before and our parish has used her video materials in the past.

For parents on the evening of that day - **Parents: Sex has a price tag. Do you want your kids to pay the price?** Friday, May 14 at *The Vineyard* in Beavercreek at 4051 Indian Ripple Rd. from 7-9pm. See flyer enclosed.



2010 Holiday @ Home

### 2010 Holiday @ Home Poster Contest

Speaking of Music the theme for the 2010 Holiday at Home Parade is "Say it With Music. The parade committee is hosting a poster contest open to 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Rules and application forms for the contest may be requested from the school office. Posters are due to the management office at Town and Country Shopping Center (300 E. Stroop Rd. Kettering, Ohio 45429) by May 27, 2010 (Thursday).

### 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.

## Calendar Update

May 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
16	SU	First Communion Pictures/Reception, WC 118, 1pm

### Enclosures

Latino Fiesta Flyer  
K-12 Art Summer Art Camp Brochure

### Return Date

None  
See Details

### Quotation

*"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."*

*Albert Einstein*

