

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 – Music Matters!

We thank the **Students** of Ascension School for presenting this year's Grandparents Day activities. Our Music teacher director, **Mrs. Klein** did a superb job of preparing the

students. We thank all **Teachers, Mrs. Wahle, Sr. Maureen, Mrs. Bierley, Myrna Gazzo** for their parts in the organization of the event and the many parent volunteers who helped with decorations and serving the lunch. We thank **Mrs. Meyer** for displaying the student's artwork for Grandparents and parents to see. We thank **Mrs. Christina Pavliga**, President of the PTO, for organizing PTO officers in hosting the parent evening and for a fine job as president of the PTO this year.

We also thank the Carroll High School for the use of risers, Myrna Gazzo for coordinating boy and girl scouts to bring in our flag, the maintenance staff their endless hours of set-up and clean-up in the PAC.

Last Day of School

The last day of School for students is **Weds, June 2**. We will end the day with a closing liturgy at 1:00

Note from the School Nurse

Medications cannot be sent home with students at the end of the year. Any medications not picked up by Fri, June 5 will be discarded.

Gr. 7 Immunization REquirements

There is a new immunization requirement for students entering 7th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. This year these students are required to have received a Tdap or Td booster within the last five years. Tdap protects you against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. If they have not received this immunization within the last five years they must prior to the beginning of the school year or be excluded from school. This is a new mandate from the State of Ohio.

The Public Health Department of Montgomery County (PHDMC) is going to hold a TEEN ONLY immunization clinic at Trent Arena on May 20, 2010 6pm-9pm. PHDMC will offer Tdap, Td, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Measles/Mumps/Rubella, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), and Meningitis immunizations at the clinic.

No appointments are necessary as it is a first come, first serve basis. Parents must accompany their teen. You should bring your teen's shot record and your insurance card. Fees for state supplied vaccines are based on ability to pay and no eligible child will be turned away. No money is collected at the clinic.

If you have any questions regarding this change in immunization requirements or the clinic please contact the PHDMC at 225-4550.

Safety Patrol

Though we have just a few students walking to school or regularly crossing the street on Woodman Drive, our Ascension 8th Graders do serve as a safety patrol to help insure that students board the buses safely and help with parking lot safety for the car riders. We thank the eighth graders for doing a fine responsible job keeping all the students safe and **Mrs. Gaeke & Mrs. Melvin** for coordinating the Safety Patrol this year. All Safety Patrol students will be honored at commencement with a certificate.



PTO News

As a follow up to our Spring General Meeting the PTO has a few items for members to review as time was limited at the meeting to either discuss or vote on items. It has been the practice lately of sending all voting materials home in the family envelope which we believe is more convenient and covers all members that way. Minutes of the two previous PTO meetings along with a PTO Officer Nomination for 10-11 and an Expenditure Ballot is enclosed.

Proposal for New Executive Representative

Also in the envelope today is a proposal for your "first reading" so to speak before a vote on this proposal will be taken with the entire PTO membership in next week's envelope.

End of the Year PTO Skating Party

Skate Free! on Tues, May 18 from 3-5:30 at Skateworld - 1601 David Rd. in Kettering. See you there!

More TerraCycle Items to Recycle...

Ascension PTO has had such great success with the juice pouch and chip bag collections that we have signed on to take advantage of more Terracycle recycling opportunities. As the school year is coming to an end and desks and backpacks are being emptied, we will be assigning collection sites in the classrooms for the following items:

WRITING INSTRUMENTS - Used-up pens, markers, highlighters or mechanical pencils--any brand.

ELMERS GLUE CREW - Empty glue bottles or glue sticks-Elmers brand only at this point.

As with the juice pouches and chip bags, Ascension PTO receives cash back for these items. To date we have earned nearly \$100 from cafeteria waste alone.

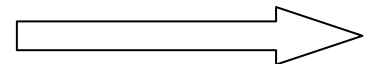
Tuition Agreements

Ascension School will continue to utilize the services of FACTS management to assist families in making tuition payments to the school. For those families continuing to use this service a summary of your agreement is enclosed. It is not necessary to respond to the letter unless you have questions about the figures or elect to take the Peace of Mind service.

If you are new to the FACTS program this year or have changed your method of payment with FACTS then you will find instructions enclosed about setting up your contract online with FACTS.

All families who elected to make full payment for tuition have their tuition due by July 15. Assistance opportunities are still available but families need to act quickly.

Over please...



Altar Servers – New Mass Schedule

Please complete the information on the yellow 3 x 5 card you received with the last server schedule and return it to the School or Parish office no later than Monday, May 24, 2010. We need this information to know when to schedule you when we go to the new Mass Schedule in July. Failure to return the card by May 24, will result in your name being removed from the Altar Server schedule. Contact Deacon Vic if you have questions (253-5171 ext. 110)

Food Pantry Collection This 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.



We Appreciate our Volunteers!

We thank all the following parents, parish members and friends of the school for a combined total of over 2,000 volunteer hours from just these volunteers alone.

Ascension Academic Team

Nancy Blatt	Jenny Meyer
Holly Bushman	Kelly Nadeau
Jenny Evemy	Gwen Nugent
Myrna Gazzerro	Connie Pavliga
Laura Hale	Tina Schlegel
Jean Henderson	Karen Smith
Elaine Janson	Dorothy Speyrer
Marie Jenkins	Brandye Taylorq
Brenda Kosir	Julie Weitz
Laura Leuhrman	Karen Westgerdes
Melissa Manning	Colleen Wildenhaus
Christy Wittman	

Lunchroom Volunteers

Nicole & Andrew Braun	Jenny Meyer
Jamie Copeland	Christine Pavliga
Myrna Gazzerro	Terri Sheidler
Carrie Jansen	Gwen Sobieski
Brenda Kosir	Lisa Thayer
Paula Kreinbrink	

Media Center Volunteers

Nancy Blatt	Rosalie Koesel
Carrie Dirksen	Gisela Melvin
Pauline Drerup	Maryjo Mykytka
Janet Eilerman	Laura Vulgamore
Laura Hale	

Thank You!

Religious Articles Blessing

We will have a blessing of the religious articles that children have received for 1st Communion and Confirmation during the May 28 liturgy. If any other children in school have received religious items for birthdays, Christmas etc. they may bring them that day to be blessed.

Beavercreek Transportation

Enclosed is a form from Beavercreek Schools Transportation Department for all Beavercreek Residents. Families need to fill out this form and return it by mail or return it in the family envelope to Ascension. If this form is not completed, Beavercreek will not assign a bus stop for your student for next school year.

BINGO Volunteers

We thank our volunteers from last night: Susan Gantner, Karen Brown. Our volunteer for next week Thurs, May 20 is Kate Elder. 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.



Calendar Update

May 15-16	S-SU	Ascension Food Drive, All Masses
16	SU	First Euch. Pictures/Reception, WC 118, 1pm
18	TU	Faculty Mtg., Rm202, 2:45-4pm PTO Skating Party, Skateworld 3:30-5:30pm Gr. 6 confirmation Meeting, Witzman Center, 7pm
19	W	IAT Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm Staff Mtg., Principal, POB4, 3:30-5pm Hot Dog Roast for School Lunch
20	TH	Gr. 4 Ed Outing to Carrillon Park Fr. Stretch Relays, Gr. 5-8, 9am-2:15pm Gr. 3 Taco Times, noon
21	F	Mass, 9am
25	TU	Rain Date Fr. Stretch Relays, Gr. 5-8, Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm
26	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm Parish Council, WC114, 7:30-9pm
28	F	Mass, 9am
31	M	Memorial Day, No School
June 1	TU	Gr. 8 Out of Uniform for Good Behavior Gr. 8 Photograph, WC 118, 6:30pm Gr. 8 Commencement, 7pm, Commencement Reception, WC114, 118, 8-9pm
2	W	Last Day of School Staff Mtg, Principal, POB4, 10am-12pm Gr. 4-7 Out of Uniform for Good Behavior Mass, 1pm
3	TH	School & RE Comm. Mtg, POB1, 7-9pm Teacher Work Day

Enclosures

PTO Expenditure Ballot
PTO Officer Nomination Form
PTO Amendment Proposal
PTO Executive Minutes
FACTS Instructions (Families electing to use FACTS)
Beavercreek Transportation Forms
Skating Party Flyer
EdChoice Statistics 2009-10
March & April Minutes of PTO

Return Date

Mon. May 17
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None
None
See Details
Tue. June 1
None
None
None

Quotation

"The object of education is to prepare the young to educating themselves throughout their lives."

Robert Maynard Hutchins