

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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Tuition Agreements

Parents are reminded to go online to complete the FACT's agreement to make any changes to method of tuition payments for next school year. For example: If you used FACTS last year and have changed from Auto Pay to Invoice or vice-versa you must go online to FACTS and submit your new plan. This is also the case if you paid in full last year and are now intending to make payments through FACTS or if you are changing the number of payments. The submission online by the responsible party (in most cases you the parents) is a contract you make with FACTS therefore needs to be reentered in order to be updated with any change(s).

We ask that this be done as soon as possible. The school office staff makes all the changes regarding the payment amounts including any assistance awards which come later.

PTO Officer & Amendment Ballot

All nominated executive officers have been approved for next year. The amendment proposal that creates a new representative to the PTO to advocate for Title I families was also approved. A Title 1 representative will be chosen to begin as a liaison for the 2010-11 school year. And just for clarification purposes the Title 1 representative will have a wholly supportive role in building a link between the PTO and Title 1 services and activities. The representative will not be evaluating curriculum or consulting on program policies which are largely regulated by federal law.

Parish & School Budget

The 2010-11 Parish Budget was approved at Wednesday's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. With that approval we may release the school budget for the same time frame. Like the rest of our communities and businesses, in light of the present economy, these are challenging times. Most of the budget line items were held to last year's levels, except for line items such as employee benefits costs. Enclosed is the budget with 5 years of history along with some commentary on the reverse side.

Catholic Education Collaboration

Representatives from St. Helen, Immaculate Conception and St. Helen have been meeting over the past year to explore how our schools can benefit from further collaboration. A Phase I recommendation from that process will be presented to Pastoral Councils and our School and Religious Education on June 15. As more information and feedback and decision points in the process occur all parish families will be notified.

Report Cards

Final report cards will be mailed to families after June 4.

Non-payment of fees associated with registration, hot lunch/milk program, book or equipment damages and other fees, will result in the withholding of report cards and the denial of enrollment for subsequent school years, until payment is made. Fees to replace the cost of lost books will be refunded when and if books are found and returned to school.

Before & After School Care 2010-11

Ascension School will be offering before and after school care next year on site in a partnership with South Kettering YMCA. Forms are enclosed for participating in the program.



AMC 8 Math Competition

The top scoring student among 8th graders taking the test of schools who traditionally have fed into Carroll High School was **Alexander Trimbach** of Ascension, with a score of 15. He is awarded the School Winner pin and also will have his name engraved on a brass plate of school winners at CHS. **Jacob Ollier** also of Ascension was one of six students with 13 points. Third place school awards go to **Sarah Barbaro, Jake Cridge and Mattie Carter**.

Over 150,000 students from almost 2,400 schools nationwide participated. One hundred and six students tested at Carroll; our average score was 9.3; the overall state average score across Ohio was 9.18. Nationally, the average AMC 8 score was 10.28, and the average school top score was 17.83. For students in Ohio, the average score was 9.18, and the average top score was 15.77.

Students who placed in the top three students of school were awarded an additional First, Second, or Third Place certificate. Congratulations to these top scoring students and to all of the students who participated in the 2009-2010 AMC 8.

Tuition Assistance

Those parents who have applied for tuition assistance by way of submitting a PSAS application will be notified later next week by mail of their tuition assistance award for 2010-11.

If any families foresee any difficulty at all in completing their tuition commitment for 2010-11 and have not submitted a PSAS form then please consider applying for tuition assistance now. Though the initial round of applications have been processed and will be announced soon it is possible to still submit a request and it will be reviewed. The process is confidential and designed to assist families in need.

Wellness Advisory Council

The following students participated in the School Wellness Advisory Council this school year: **Jake Snizek, David Saurine, Robert Noss, Meg Hemmert, Abby Baldwin, Brooke Butler, Amber Butler, Anne Stefanek, Jonah Brun, Ben Smith, Alan Vest, Craig Ramby**. We thank these students for their input in helping Ascension be a healthy school.

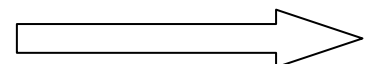
Buckeye Best

Ascension School has earned a gold award through the Buckeye Best Healthy School Award Program. The process involves reviewing the school's policies and practices in the areas of physical education & activity, tobacco and nutrition education. We thank the following staff members who serve on our school Wellness Committee who reviewed our application - **Carie Wheeler, Gretchen Parker, Brent Devitt, Martha Shipman, Mary Kozarec & Sharon Jakubs**.

Dayton Dragon's Day!

Ascension, St. Helen's and Immaculate Conception School Families are joining together again this spring for a fun evening at the Dayton Dragons 5th Third Field. The game is next week Fri, June 4 at 7:00. The cost of lawn seats is only \$7 per person. So make plans for a fun evening at the ball park! **See ticket order form enclosed**. Please return your money and order form no later than Tues, June 1. The tickets will be left at the school office ready for pick up the morning of Thurs, June 3. Questions?...call Christina Pavliga at (937) 269-5901

Over please....



Keep Your Math Skills Sharp!

Here are some math websites recommended by our staff to help keep math skills sharp over the summer.

www.mathpower.com This site provides information about basic math, algebra, study skills, math anxiety and learning styles and specifically addresses the needs of the community college adult learner*. A student who is frustrated by college math can be helped by identifying his individual learning style and recognizing the instructor's teaching style. This site provides links for students and teachers to information about learning styles, study skills tips, and ways to reduce math anxiety and gives the students access to tutorials, algebra assignments, math videos, and a forum for discussing with the professor a variety of math topics. *Plenty of resources for any age and ability

www.aaamath.com Features a comprehensive set of interactive arithmetic lessons. Unlimited practice is available on each topic which allows thorough mastery of the concepts. A wide range of lessons (Kindergarten through Eighth grade level) enables learning or review to occur at each individual's current level. Immediate feedback prevents practicing and learning incorrect methods, which is a common result of traditional homework and worksheets. Practice can continue as long as desired in a non-threatening format which helps build self-esteem and confidence.

www.mathforum.com Offers a wealth of problems and puzzles; online mentoring; research; team problem solving; collaborations; and professional development. Students have fun and learn a lot. Educators share ideas and acquire new skills.

www.coolmath.com This fully interactive site and allows the user to sharpen basic math skills, play games and explore new math concepts.

www.figurethis.org Created by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, this site helps families enjoy mathematics outside school through a series of fun and engaging challenges.

www.mathcats.com Math Cats provides playful explorations of important math concepts through games, crafts and interactive projects. Includes a magic chalkboard and an art gallery.

www.funbrain.com/numbers.html This site includes 17 original games based on soccer, car racing and much more. Other games include Math Baseball, where a child can score runs with correct answers and Operation Order, where students can build pyramids with their knowledge of algebra.

www.nlvm.com National Library of Virtual Manipulatives

Partnerships 4 Success

Partnerships 4 Success is an organization of Dayton area business persons, Catholic educators, and religious promoting the value of Catholic grade schools and high schools in the Dayton area. Their primary focus is to address the affordability issue, which is the greatest impediment for some Catholic families wanting to send their children to Catholic schools, by identifying the part-time job needs in the business community and the Catholic families willing to work part-time to earn additional income for payment of the tuition.

You may call **George Molinsky 937-231-0468** to get information regarding part-time work or how to share your business needs for part-time workers.

Kettering Residents

If your child/ren plan to ride a Kettering School Bus next school year please take the time to fill out the form enclosed and return to school by Tuesday, June 1.



Summer Bowling Program

Poelking Bowling Centers and Kettering Police Department have a summer program called "COPS AND KIDS" at Woodman Lanes and Poelking Lanes on Wilmington Pike where kids can stay safe and bowl 2 games per day all

summer absolutely FREE starting May 10 thru Aug. 28. Enclosed are the "Kids Bowl Free Cards".

Attention Young Writers!

Are you interested in creative writing and poetry? Students currently in Gr. 3-7 may attend the Chaminade-Julienne Summer Writing Institute, mornings from 8:30-11:30, June 8-11. C-J teachers and students, along with our own Mrs. Elizabeth Petteys, will be facilitating this experience. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Petteys for a registration form.

Swim Lessons

The Carroll Swim Team is again offering private swim lessons. Children learn much faster with individual attention and progress quickly with our instruction. Contact Mrs. Devitt, head swim coach at 260-2642. Private lessons for adults are also available from the coaches.

Educational Apparel

A catalog flyer for school uniforms from Educational Apparel is enclosed. One item that has been added to the approved uniform list (which does not appear in the catalog) is a grey microfleece sweater. A navy blue design was introduced this year and next year the grey will also be an available as an approved color.



Calendar Update

May 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, 1:15 pm
3	TH	School & RE Comm. Mtg, POB1, 7-9pm Teacher Work Day
4	F	Family Night at the Dragons

Enclosures

YMCA Extended Day Program Flyer
Dayton Dragons Ticket Flyer
Educational Apparel Flyer/Catalog
School Budget & Commentary (on Reverse)
Soccer Flyer (Parents of K-1 Girls)
Kids Bowl Free Card
Kettering Summer Sports Camps
Basketball Training Camps

Return Date

See details
Tues, June 1
None
None
See details
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Details
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Quotation

*The hero is the one who kindles a great light in the world,
who sets up blazing torches
in the dark streets of life for men to see by.
The saint is the man who walks
through the dark paths of the world, himself a light.*

-Felix Adler