

# 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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## Welcome All Ascension School Families

Welcome to the 2010-11 school year! School information regarding bus routes and classroom rosters will be posted in the Connector between the Church and the school beginning the weekend of Aug. 14-15. It may be viewed before or after masses and will be left visible through the outside windows so it may be viewed from outside during the week.

### Opening Day

#### Grades 1-8 Students

Classes for students in Grades 1-8 will begin on Thurs, Aug. 19. Classes begin at 8am. Dismissal will be at the regular 2:30 dismissal time.



#### Kindergarten Students

Kindergarten students are asked to come for an orientation on Fri., Aug. 20 from 9 -10am. The students will meet with the teacher and become familiar with the routine while parents are encouraged to come to the Witzman Center and meet with the Principal, Secretary and PTO Representatives. We will answer questions and hope to make the beginning of school successful. **Regular full day Kindergarten classes begin on Mon, Aug. 23.**

#### Attention Incoming Kindergarten Families...

Come meet your classmates Weds, Aug. 9, from 6:30-8pm at Indian Ripple Park in Kettering, Shelter #2. At 6:30 families will gather at the shelter to meet their classroom teachers. Families with last names A-K are asked to bring a dessert and families with last names L-Z should bring a snack; beverages will be provided. Questions please call Ann McManus at 643-4064. See you there!

#### School Handbook Online

In an effort to save on printing cost and to be more environmentally conscious the handbook is provided online as it has been the past five years. A compliance form with a number of other necessary signatures is enclosed for your family to sign and return only if you have regular internet access at home to reference the handbook as needed. **If you do not have regular internet access please return the form with your request for a paper version. (Check Option B.)**

Normally the handbook is printed and distributed in the first family envelope the first week of school. Families will not get a hard copy paper version of the handbook unless you request one on the signature form to be turned in by Aug. 19.

#### Welcome New Teachers!

Teachers **Mrs. Carolyn Frantz Gr. 4, Mrs. Sue Kissel Gr. 2 & Mrs. Wanda Wist Gr. 6** have retired. Our new teachers are:

- Miss Renee Schroeder, Gr. 2
- Mrs. Jennifer Plieman, Gr. 4
- Miss Jenny Voelkl, Gr. 6 ( Gr.6 & 7 Science, 7 & 8 Math.

**Mrs. Gaeke** will now be teaching Gr. 6, 7 & 8 Religion

## "Meet The Teachers" Open House

The PTO is hosting a **Families Meet the Teachers Night on Tues., Aug. 17.** Teachers will be in their homeroom classrooms to introduce themselves and pass out information about their classes from 7:00-8:30pm. This will be a more casual drop in approach in contrast to the programmed style in the past. Families may enter either by the front door or the PAC (Parish Activity Center). If students wish to bring supplies and drop them off in the classroom that night is a great time to do so.

*~ Meet the Teachers Night ~  
Tues., Aug. 17, 7:00-8:30*

### Welcome New Families!

Ascension welcomes over 30 new families with new students across all grades K-8. The PTO has a new family mentoring program to match up new school families with existing families. A pizza luncheon is scheduled for Tues, Aug. 17 in the Witzman Center, 12-2pm for all new school families. Welcome aboard!

We will also have a guided tour of the school for new and prospective families on Tues, Aug. 17 at 2pm. Students will see where their classrooms are and get a tour of the cafeteria, media center, music, computer & art classrooms. The tour will begin in the Witzman Center. The PAC (Parish Activity Center) will be open for uniform sales along with café terminal demonstrations that day. (More info about these items follows...)

### Before & After School Care

YMCA will be providing before and after school care on site at Ascension beginning the first day of school. Before school care begins at 7am until the 7:50am bell and after school from 2:30 until 6pm. Weekly rates are available for full time 4-5 days or part time 1-3 days participation. Registration fee is \$30 per child. Prices include an afternoon snack.

Cost:	Part time (1-3 days per wk)	Full Time (4-5 days per wk)
Before School	\$20	\$30
After School	\$60	\$82
Before & After School	\$75	\$95

Holiday/Snow days/In Service days – offered at the South YMCA for a \$10 per day, per child additional fee for each day in attendance for the School Age Child Care programs. The YMCA does offer financial assistance for those who qualify.

Please call or email Jeni Wolcott at 434-1964  
[jwolcott@daytonymca.org](mailto:jwolcott@daytonymca.org) for more information or to register.

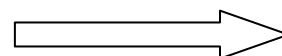
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### Lunch & Breakfast

Lunch will be served beginning on the first day of school. Lunch prices for Gr. K-8 are \$2.50, which includes milk. Separate cartons of milk are priced at \$.50. "Grab 'n Go" breakfasts are available for the students in the morning for all grades at a cost of \$1.35. Parents are encouraged to pay ahead by sending payment through the family envelope. The monthly menu and introduction to the lunch program is enclosed. Reduced prices for families who qualify economically are .40 for lunch and .30 for breakfast. Application for free and reduced meals is enclosed with the lunch program packet.

Our "Ascensible" Café manager Sharon Jakubs will be at school in the **PAC 2:30- 8:30pm on Tues, Aug. 17** to demonstrate how the new café terminal operates and is also available to take lunch payments for the first few weeks of school.

Over please...



## Tuition

Tuition payment for those paying with a single annual payment was due by July 15. Single payments may be mailed to school or dropped off at the Parish Office Building from 9am-7:15pm Mon. - Thurs. and 9am-4pm on Fridays. All other families with other payment plans such as automatic payment plan, credit card or through an invoice plan will be working with FACTS. Those families making paper **invoice payments** should get a notice soon for payment by August 1. Those families opting for **ACH (Automatic Cash Handling)** payments will see a deduction for the service fee very soon and the first payment on the date you selected - either Aug. 5 or 20.

## Ohio EdChoice Scholarship

Students and schools will be notified sometime later in July of scholarship awards. ODE and Dayton Public Schools completed the student application verifications well before the June 30 deadline so everything looks very positive in terms of student applications for Ascension being approved.

## Uniforms

The Summer Uniform Sale is scheduled for **Tues, Aug. 17 from 2:30-8:30pm** in the PAC. **Uniforms are sold at 15% discount during the summer sale.** Parent tips for uniform purchases are found online in the forms section of the website. *Educational Apparel* has a new updated web site at [www.educationalapparel.com](http://www.educationalapparel.com). Customers may select our school and view only the items that pertain to our dress code. All web orders over \$100 are shipped free.



## Medication Forms

Any families who may need permission granted for the school staff to administer medications to your children at school must complete a school's medication form. Forms are available online in the Forms section of the school website.

## Transportation

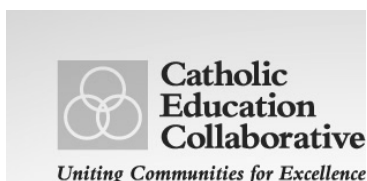
Bus route information should be printed in the newspaper shortly before school starts in the Kettering Oakwood Times and the Beaver Creek Current. It really helps to have all students ride the bus the first few days to assist drivers and everybody concerned to get into the routine as soon as possible.

Buses enter the Lower Parking Lot in front of the school to drop off students between 7:30am and 7:55am when the Kettering buses arrive. **No cars are permitted in the Lower Parking Lot during drop off and pick-up.**

All car riding students are to be dropped off in the upper parking lot on the southeast side of church. Please follow the flow of traffic on the east side of the lot along Woodman - drop off the students near the church and then exit past the Parish Office Building.

At the end of the day car riders and walkers leave the building after the buses have left the area for dismissal. This is usually about 2:35pm. Parents meet their children in the Upper Parking Lot only. (This is the lot in front of the Parish Office Building.) All students are walked to this area. **Cars are not to leave this area until a teacher signals.** This is done to assure the safety of all children.

*A Proud Partner in the ...*



## Calendar

A calendar for the 2010-11 school year is enclosed. Please note the first of eight early dismissal dates on Tues, Sept. 14. Dayton, Kettering, Beavercreek and Sugar Creek students will have busing home at 1:00.

The calendar is subject to change. Parents may want to verify regular dates in the weekly calendar update like the one that appears below. The school handbook found online has a calendar with graduation and sacramental dates. Monthly calendars will be distributed in the family envelope as well.

## Calendar Update

Aug.1	SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
2	M	Education Ascension Grants Due Child Protection Class, St. Albert, 7-8pm PACE Orientation, Pace Office, 6-7pm
4	W	Child Protection Class, St. Henry, Marian Rm, 7-8pm Child Protection Class, St. Peter, REConf Rm, 7-8pm
9	M	Kdg Family Get Together, Indian Riffle Park, Shelter #2, 6:30-8pm
10	TU	Playground Monitor Orientation, Rm202, 9am-12pm
11	W	Child Protection Class, St Peter REConf Rm, 10-11am
12	TH	PTO Exec. Mtg, Rm202, 7-9pm
14-15	S-SU	School & RE Comm. Mtg, St. Helen, 6:30-8:30pm
15	SU	Ascension Food Pantry Drive, All Masses Feast of the Assumption
16,17,18	M-W	Teacher In-service, Rm202, 8-3:15pm. No School
16	M	Teacher/PTO Sponsored Luncheon, WC114, 12-1pm Child Protection Class, St Peter, RE Conf Rm, 7-8pm
17	TU	Mentor Family Meet for Pizza, WC 114, 12-2pm Tours for students of new families, PAC, 2-3pm Uniform Sale, PAC, 2:30-8:30pm Lunch Demo, PAC, 2:30-8:30pm PTO - School Open House, PAC, 7-8:30pm
18	W	Child Protection Class, St. Henry, Marian Rm, 7-8pm
19	TH	First Day of School, Gr. 1-8, 8am Playground Assembly, PAC, 9:45-10:30am Education Ascension, POB, 5:30pm
20	F	Kdg Parents Orientation, WC118, 9-10am Kdg Orientation 9-10am Fire Drill Practice, 1:30
23	M	First Full Day for Kdg Pupils
24	TU	Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm Child Protection Class, StPeter, REConfRm, 10-11am
25	W	RTI/IAT Organizational Mtg., Rm104, 3-4pm Parish Pastoral Council, Principal, 6:30-9pm
27	F	Mass Practice, Church, 1-2pm
30	M	School Photos, WC 118, Morning Walkathon T-shirt Designs Due
31	TU	Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm

## Enclosures

Handbook Compliance & Signature Form	<u>Return Date</u> Thurs, Aug. 19
<b>(Sign and return only if you have web access)</b>	
Supply List	None
2010-11 School Calendar	None
Lunch Program Information	None
(including free & reduced meal application)	ASAP

## Found Online on the "Forms" page

Permission to Administer Medication	Thurs, Aug. 19
Uniform Tips from the PTO	None

## Quotation

*"All of the flowers of all of the tomorrows are in the seeds of today."*

*-Conventional Wisdom*

