

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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Report Cards

Due to school closure on Friday Report Cards will be sent home on Fri. Jan. 28. Students are reminded that their grades are private information intended for parents. They are instructed not to share or ask for the information from other students while on the bus. Kindergarten students will also be receiving their first progress report of the year. See reverse side for ideas to reward students for their good grades.

Catholic Schools Week 2011

The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 30-Feb. 5) is "A+ For America Catholic Schools." A complete calendar of events for Ascension is attached.

A note of instructions will be sent home to Gr. 1-8 students selected from those interested in representing Ascension School at the Miami Valley Catholic Schools Week mass at Precious Blood Church, hosted by Mother Brunner School on Weds. Feb. 2.

We are once again having lunch with parents as part of the week's celebration – flyer was enclosed last week. Sorry there was misinformation about extra slices of pizza being available. Baked chicken is being served and there will be no other alternative options such as pizza that day.

We need some A+ Ascension students to serve as ambassadors and help with one simple act of gratitude at our weekend masses on Jan. 29 & 30. Students will be at the exits/entrances of church to hand out thank you cards to parishioners and simply wish them thanks for their support of the school. Sign up is attached.

Attention PTO Mentor Families

Now that we have reached the half-way point in our school year, please consider giving your assigned new family a call to see how things are going, especially if you haven't talked to them in a while. You could even send a quick email or note just to say hello. If you do not remember who your new family is, or have lost their contact information, please contact Tina Schlegel at 426-6725.

Scoliosis Screenings Gr. 6-8

In February Dayton Children's Spine Center will be at Ascension to perform scoliosis screenings on our Gr. 6-8 students. These screenings are recommended to check for any spinal malformations and to provide referrals for treatment if necessary. Information regarding this screening will be coming home at the end of January. This screening is not mandatory and permission will be needed from the parent for the staff to perform this screening. If you have any questions please call on Tues. or Thurs. or you can leave a message on Mrs. Kozarec's voice mail.

Carroll High School Grade School Night

Admission is free for students to attend the Carroll High School vs. Badin Rams basketball game on Tues, Feb. 1. Freshmen game is at 4:30, Reserve at 6pm and Varsity at 7pm.

Show Your School Spirit

Those with Facebook pages may show your school spirit by voting for Ascension on the newly created Archdiocesan Facebook Page. A flyer is attached. Ascension School is establishing an official facebook page as well with links to the Archdiocesan page.

More Charity News at Ascension...

During advent our Gr. 7 girl scout troop and some of our classes raised \$339.84 for Amman Imman to help drill water wells in Africa.

Go online at the School Spirit facebook page and you will see a video on how the Gr. 8 Boys basketball team helped support St. Mary's Development by contributing \$960 in cash donations and \$130 in contributed goods.

TerraCycle

Ascension PTO is currently collecting the following "waste" items for the TerraCycle program: drink pouches, chip bags, ziploc bags and containers, Elmers brand glue bottles and glue sticks, empty scotch tape dispensers and cores, and used pens, mechanical pencils, markers, & highlighters, and coffee bags. We no longer receive payment for the wine corks, but if you have been saving them at home our TerraCycle coordinator will still send them in. TerraCycle pays our PTO 2 cents per item. A few things to note when sending items to school:

- * Each TerraCycle collection is sorted by students and shipped by the TerraCycle coordinator separately. Mixed-item shipments are not accepted by TerraCycle.
- * Food/beverage waste items sent from home **must** be sorted into separate bags, preferably sealed, especially when sending juice pouches.
- * **The TerraCycle collection bin in the school entrance is ONLY for the TerraCycle items listed above.** We are not collecting candy wrappers, granola bar wrappers, pet treat bags, kleenex, etc. While TerraCycle does have collection brigades for some of these items, we are not currently collecting them. If you are interested in starting and managing a new collection brigade, please contact Tina Schlegel (426-6725) for more information.

National Geography Bee

Winners of our school National Geography Bee were: 2nd Place to **Patrick Hemmert** (Gr. 8) and 1st Place to **Calvin Unroe** (Gr. 5) Calvin received a medal and certificate and has taken the state qualifying test for the chance to qualify for the state competition. Here's a list of all participants and winners in their respective grade levels:

- Gr. 4: **Justin Schmidt, Andrew Sliper**
- Gr. 5: **Calvin Unroe, Connor Blatt**
- Gr. 6: **Sonya Kosir, Kesla Dewall**
- Gr. 7: **Abby Cross, Caelan Smith**
- Gr. 8: **Patrick Hemmert, Allan Ware**



We thank **Mr. Bower** for coordinating the bee. We also thank all teachers for taking the time in class to have the qualifying competitions and thank you to all students for your participation.

Helping Families Better Afford Catholic Education

For families interested in enrolling in Catholic Schools, Ascension is hosting a Seminar, "Helping Families Better Afford Catholic Education" on Tues, Jan. 25 at 7 pm in the Witzman Center. Childcare provided on site. Please call ahead 254-5411. A flyer attached.

Over Please...



State of the School Address

These are the last three slides of the State of the School Address created by Mr. Devitt to share facts about some of the changes in the school in just the last 10 years. To see the full State of the School Address slide show go to the school website home page and click on the link for **2010 State of the School Address**.

Most of the information in the slides this week focus on school finances. It is this time of the year that the school budget and tuition rates are established for the next school year. The budget process and tuition announcement will be delayed a bit this year as we have had to wait for Archdiocesan suggested salary guidelines before developing the budget.

• Budget & Cost Per Pupil

2000 \$1,054,490 School Budget
\$2,972 Cost per pupil

2010 \$1,524,894 School Budget
\$4,110 Cost per pupil

\$5,436 - National Average CPP

United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2009-2010
The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing

• Support Ratios

	2000	2010
Parish	55%	33%
Tuition	37%	58%
Other	8%	9%

* Ascension Parish now supports close to \$40,000 in annual tuition assistance through the Education Ascension Fund amounting to 2.6% of the tuition.

• Tuition Assistance

2000 \$2,810 (6 students)
\$2,480 (from PACE)

2010 \$32,770 (44 students)
Additional Aid to Families:
\$21,848 (from other sources
- PACE, Dayton Foundation)

Grade Card Rewards List

Here are a number of local businesses that have rewarded students for good grade card in the past. Parents & students please let the school office know if these offers still hold true and of any other free giveaway rewards for good grades. We'll make corrections and add new ones to the list. *Please remember to be polite and say **Thank You** – even if some of the reward offers have changed or are no longer in effect.*

Bagel Café- one bagel per A, up to 4 per child

Blockbuster – Bring in a B average (or better) report card and receive one free video rental. (Not good on new releases or video games.)

Cheryl & Co. (in Town & Country and the Greene)- One pre-wrapped cookie per A (or S/S+), up to 6 cookies. Child must be present.

Chuck E Cheese: Have your child bring in their most recent report card and they will receive FREE tokens for good grades. Valid only with a food purchase. Up to 15 tokens maximum per child. All grading systems accepted.

Cold Stone Creamery Ice Cream Shoppe - gives one free Kids Creations ice cream for straight A's on report cards

Family Video – June report card only- free video rental for each A in core subjects

Krispy Kreme: Bring your report card to Krispy Kreme and earn donuts for good grades - up to 6 free donuts. Grades K-6.

BINGO Volunteers

We thank the following recent volunteers for BINGO: **Stephanie Wonderly and Katecee Bowman**. The PTO encourages all families to volunteer at least one time at BINGO in the PAC from 6:00-9:00 pm on a Thursday night.

To sign up please and volunteer please call our coordinator of our BINGO volunteers, Jessica Green at 554-8813 or email her at jgreen14@woh.rr.com.



Father Daughter Dance

The 11th annual PTO Father Daughter Dance is coming up! It is Sat, March 5 in the PAC from 7-9 pm. The theme is *"Tropical Luau with Dad."* All fathers and daughters of Ascension school are invited. The Ascension girls scout troop helps assist with the event as a service to the PTO and School. Donations of or for any "tropical theme" decorations are being accepted and may be sent to Carol Griffith through school via her daughter and girl scout, Courtney Griffith. A flyer on the event will come out some time in February.

Calendar Update

Jan.	21	F	Report Cards Go Home
	25	TU	Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm
	25	TU	Parents Seminar, WC118, 7pm
	26	W	Parish Council Mtg, WC114, 6:30-9pm
	28	F	Mass, 9am
	30	SU	Confirmation Afternoon of Reflection, 1:30-5-30
	30-5	SU-F	Catholic Schools Week
Feb.	1	TU	Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm
	2	W	Catholic Schools Mass, Precious Blood, 10-11am
	2	W	Staff Mtg, Principal, POB4, 10am-12pm
	3	TH	BINGO for students PAC, 1-2pm
	3	TH	CSW Staff Appreciation Luncheon, 1-2pm
	4	F	Mass, 9am
	4	F	Athletic Board Fish Fry, PAC & Café, pm
	5	SA	1 st Reconciliation, Church, 11am-12:30pm

Attachments

Catholic Schools Week Calendar
A+ Ascension Student Ambassadors
Helping Families Seminar flyer
School Spirit Flyer

Return Date

None
ASAP
None
none

Quotation

"Our dignity is not in what we do, but what we understand."

George Santayana