

# 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 2009-10 school year! School information regarding busing routes and classroom rosters will be posted in the Connector between the Church and the school beginning the weekend of Aug. 15-16. 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. 20. 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. 21 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. 24.**

### Attention Incoming Kindergarten Families...

Come meet your classmates Weds., July 29, from 7-8pm at Indian Ripple Park in Kettering, Shelter #2. At 7:00 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 Kelly Nadeau at 479-1111. See you there!

### Uniforms

The Summer Uniform Sale is scheduled for **Mon, Aug. 17 from 12-6:00pm** 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.



### 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 August 20.

## "Meet The Teachers" Open House

The PTO is hosting a **Families Meet the Teachers Night on Tues., Aug. 18.** The evening will begin at 7:00 with a short PTO meeting to open the school year. The evening is designed for families. Teachers will be in their classrooms to introduce themselves and pass out information about their classes from 7:30-8:30pm. **At 8:00 all Gr. 6-8 parents and students will meet in the PAC for a special presentation with the teachers about expectations for all students at those grade levels.**

*~ Meet the Teachers Night ~  
Tues., Aug. 18, 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 Mon. 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 Mon, 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 PAC. The PAC (Parish Activity Center) will be open for uniform sales along with café terminal demonstrations that day. (More info about these items follows...)

### Tuition

Tuition payment for those paying with a single annual payment is 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

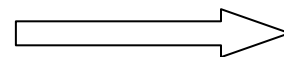
Students and schools will be notified sometime in July of scholarship awards. ODE and Dayton Public schools completed the student application verifications well before the June 30 deadline so everything looks very positive in terms of all student applications for Ascension being approved.

### Lunch & Breakfast

Lunch will be served beginning on the first day of school. Lunch prices for Gr. K-6 are \$2.40, which includes milk. Lunch for Gr. 7-8 is \$2.50. 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 9-3:30pm on Mon, 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...



## 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 Beavercreek 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.

## Patriot Cross Country Club

This club is open to any 7th or 8th grade girl or boy (who does not attend a public school) interested in the sport of cross country running. The team's workouts (three days a week) are designed to cover the entry-level runner up through someone ready to enter high school competition. The practices start July 27, 2009 and the last meet is mid-October. We plan to run a total of 5 to 7 two-mile races. For more information, contact Paul Nash at 299-9393, [p-nash@sbcglobal.net](mailto:p-nash@sbcglobal.net).

## Extra-Curricular News

*The following news flash missed the May extra-curricular news. The school regularly reports on the accomplishments of Ascension students in extra-curricular activities outside of school, including parish CYO sports:*

### Ascension Gr. 4-5 Baseball

The boys had a successful season finishing 9-3 and tied for second place, competing in a mostly Gr. 5 CYO league. The team was led by 5th graders Ben Gross, Luke Scheidler, Joe Roudebush and Daniel Sommers. The team received great contributions from 4th graders Nate Arrowood, Nicholas Gross, Adam Johnson, Justin Koesel, T.J. Mcmanus, Mark Minardi, Stafford Stevens, and Mitchell Weitz. They were joined by Cody and Kyle Bourquin from Immaculate Conception.

Join us for  
*The One Bread One Body*  
*Eucharistic Procession*  
*& Devotion*



Sat, Aug. 15, 2009 at 6 pm  
Ascension Church, 2025 Woodman Dr

Soft taco bar from **Los Reyes** and refreshments served in the Witzman Center from 6:00-6:40 and after Benediction.

## Calendar

A calendar for the 2009-10 school year is enclosed. Please note the first of eight early dismissal dates on Tues, Sept. 15. Dayton, Kettering, Beavercreek and Sugarcreek 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 that will be issued to all families on the first Friday of school will have a calendar with graduation and sacramental dates. Monthly calendars will be distributed in the family envelope as well.

## Calendar Update

<b>July</b>	13-17	M-F	Vacation Bible School, WC, 8:45-11:30am
	29	W	Kdg Get Together, Indian Riffle Prk, Shelter#2, 7-8pm
<b>Aug.</b>	1-2	SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
	3	M	Child Protection Class, St. Albert, 7-8pm
	5	W	Child Protection Class, St. Henry, Marian Rm, 7-8pm
	10	M	Playground Monitor Orientation, Rm202, 9am-12pm Child Protection Class, St. Luke, Kramer Hall, 7-8pm
	11	TU	PTO Exec. Mtg, Rm202, 7-9pm
	13	TH	School & RE Comm. Mtg, POB1, 7-9pm
	15	SA	Feast of the Assumption Eucharistic Procession, following 5pm mass
	15-16	S-SU	Ascension Food Drive, All Masses
	17	M	Uniform Sale, PAC, 12:00-6:00 pm New Family Meet & Greet for Pizza, WC 114, 12-2pm Tours for students of new families, PAC, 2-3pm Lunch Demo, PAC, 12:00-4:00 pm Teacher In-service, Rm202, 8-3:15pm
	18	TU	Teacher In-service, Rm 202, 8-1pm Teacher/PTO Sponsored Luncheon, WC114, 12-1pm PTO - School Open House, PAC, 7-8:30pm Gr. 6, 7, 8 Mtg, 8-8:30pm WC118
	19	W	Teacher In-service, Rm202, 8-3:15pm Staff Mtg., Principal, POB4, 3:30-5pm Child Protection Class, St. Henry, Marian Rm, 7-8pm
	20	TH	Playground Assembly, PAC, 9:45-10:30am First Day of School, Gr. 1-8, 8am Bus Dismissal Practice, 1:30pm
	21	F	Kdg Parents Orientation, WC118, 9-10am Kdg Orientation 9-10am Fire Drill Practice, 1:30
	24	M	First Full Day for Kdg Pupils
	25	TU	Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm
	26	W	IAT Organizational Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm Parish Pastoral Council, Principal, 6:30-9pm
	27	TH	School Strategic Planning, WC 118, 7:00
	27	TH	Mass Practice, Church, 1-2pm
	28	F	Teacher Inservice, Collaborative, J. Glen Murray
	31	M	School Photos, WC 118, Morning

## Enclosures

Handbook Compliance & Signature Form	<b>Return Date</b> Thurs, Aug. 20
<b>(Sign and return only if you have web access)</b>	
Supply List	None
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. 20
Uniform Tips from the PTO	None

## Quotation

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

*-Conventional Wisdom*

