

# 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 Ascension School Families

As we begin our 54<sup>th</sup> school year at Ascension all of us are very happy to welcome you to Ascension School. We especially welcome all our new families and hope that you will find that Ascension School is a great place and has a wonderful welcoming "Spirit".

*Brent Devitt  
Principal, Ascension School*

## Family Newsletter

Each week Ascension School publishes a school newsletter with the latest news and information regarding the school. Next week this newsletter will be contained in what is known as the Family Envelope. An archive of school newsletters is found on the school website.

## 2008-09 Yearbooks

Yearbooks have arrived and will be sent home with students next Friday. A color insert with current events highlights from the year was added free to the yearbook by the publishers, even though the yearbook committee requested that it not be added. If you have objections to the insert feel free to pull it out. Any questions call Myrna Gazzo 427-3743.

## Volunteers with Children – Child Protection

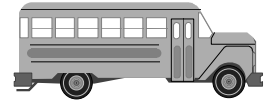
The school depends greatly on volunteers to provide certain programs and services such as lunchroom and media center volunteers. Parents, Grandparents, parishioners and other adult friends of the school are invited to volunteer. **A volunteer sign up sheet will be enclosed in next Friday's family envelope.**

All volunteers who anticipate working with children more than 3 hours a month or who work with children more frequently than once a month are required to attend a one hour child protection decree orientation and fingerprinting. This must occur before the volunteer work begins. The next orientation will be presented Mon., Sept. 14, 7 pm at St. Helen's Parish in the Smith Building. Fingerprinting for volunteers is available at the following churches:

**St Albert the Great - 298-2402**  
3033 Far Hills Ave. Kettering  
Tues. & Thurs. - 10 am - 12 pm; 1 pm - 3 pm  
Mon. & Weds. - 6:30 pm - 9 pm

**St Peter's - 233-1503**  
6161 Chambersburg Rd Huber Heights  
Mon., Tues. & Fri. - 9 am - 3:30 pm  
Weds. evenings by appt - only until 9 pm

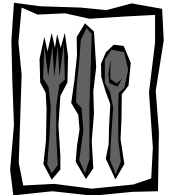
## Transportation



- The school staff will assume that every eligible student will ride the school bus home every day unless we receive a note from the parent stating otherwise. Teachers will not make exceptions. All notes are filed in the office. All calls to the school office to change transportation arrangements must be made before 2 pm
- If your child does not ride the a.m. or p.m. bus for a period of time, the bus stop will be eliminated and not available to you at a later date.
- Students from one school bus district may not ride home with a friend who rides another district's bus. Students are only permitted to ride their assigned bus.

For those students who are car riders it is important that we know who has permission to take your child home especially if it is not the parent.

## School Lunch & Breakfast



School lunch and breakfast program information was sent to parents in the summer mailing. The Grab & Go Breakfast is an optional program. All students are required to eat lunch, either a school lunch or bring a healthy sack lunch from home. No child is excused from eating lunch unless there are health reasons verified with a physician's note.

Students in grades 6-8 will be permitted to buy nutritious snacks starting on Monday. Gr. 5 students may begin snacks in October. Students must eat lunch before they will be permitted to buy snacks. Most items are \$.25-.50 and purchased with cash or change. Regular lunch account funds may not be used for snacks. Students do not need to buy snacks. It is a parent choice. Students should not borrow money from other students for lunches or snacks. Parents need to keep track of participation in the breakfast program as those costs are drawn from the students' accounts. Other lunch program details are in the handbook.

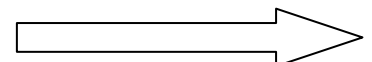
## School Pictures



School pictures will be taken of all children on Mon., August 31. On picture day the students do not need to wear school uniforms. The students that have gym that day will have their pictures taken first and may either bring a change of clothes or just wear a special top for the picture and then change. The students do not buy the pictures at this time. Each child will be sent a set of proofs in about 4-6 weeks and make a choice at that time. Only then do you send the money. A flyer from Lifetouch will be enclosed next Friday.

**Found on playing field at the end of this summer:** A Sportline stop watch. Call the office to claim it.

Over Please...



## Kindergarten Uniforms

Kindergarten students will wear gym uniform on their gym days - Mrs. Campos' class on Thurs. and Mrs. Van Meter's class on Tuesday.

## P.T.O News

Thank you PTO for a great Open House on Tuesday night!

The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is the active parent and teacher support association of the school. Minutes and agendas for regular meetings of the executive committee and general meetings will be enclosed with these newsletters.

The PTO Walk-a-thon is expected to be the biggest fundraiser of the year for the P.T.O. All students will be given information on Fri., Sept. 4. We ask that the children get pledges from friends and family, but strongly discourage the children from going door to door.

We thank the PTO who hosted a wonderful luncheon for the teachers during in-service.

## Parish Athletics

Ascension Parish boys and girls sign-ups for **Basketball** (CYO) grades 4-8 and **Cheerleading** grades 6-8 will be held **Aug. 22 - 23** after all masses (except 7am) down in the Witzman Center. The Early Bird Participation Fee is \$60 for basketball and \$25 for cheerleading if paid by **Sep 1\*** If early bird registration deadline is missed, an additional \$20 handling fee will be applied per family. Signing up by the early bird deadline is helpful to balance team sizes and to maximize participation opportunities for the children.

Refunds will only be given prior to the first game of the season for each sport. *A coordinator is needed for Cheerleading. Please call an Athletic Board Member if you are interested in volunteering.* All forms can be downloaded at:  
[www.ascensionkettering.org/ascension-school/](http://www.ascensionkettering.org/ascension-school/)

**REMINDER: For the safety of the children, please do NOT park along the lane (Sister Maureen Way) during soccer practices and soccer games.**

The parish Athletic Handbook information is online on the parish website. A link from the school will get you there as well. Unless families request a hardcopy (in a written note to the school) then we expect athletic policy most questions can be answered through online access to the handbook.

## Entertainment Books for Sale

Carroll High School Band is currently offering the New 2010 Entertainment Books for only \$30 (retail in stores for \$35) This book will have \$20 in bonus cards on the front. \$5 each to GFS, Cassano's, Steak and Shake and TGI Fridays! If you purchase your 2010 book now you will receive a 2009 Entertainment Book FREE to use till the end of the year! If you would like to buy a 2010 Entertainment Book and help support the Carroll High School Band, please contact Christie Collins at 256-6537

## No School next week Fri, Aug. 28 For Teacher In-service

### Come Join the Celebration

Families of Ascension School are invited to be part of the Queenship of Mary celebration on Tues, Sept. 1 at Ascension Church. All songs will praise Mary during the prayer service starting at 7 pm. Members of Holy Family parish will be joining us. Spanish music and readings will also be part of the service. Children and their parents are welcome to join us for the Twinning Committee sponsored event. A social gathering will follow featuring ice cream and cookies.

### Calendar Update

Aug. 24	M	First Full Day for Kdg Pupils
25	TU	Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm
26	W	IAT Organizational Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm
28	F	No School, Teacher Inservice
31	M	School Photos, WC 118, Morning
Sept. 1	TU	Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm Queenship of Mary, 7pm
2	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
3	TH	St. Remy Year II Kick-off Gathering
4	F	Walkathon Kick-off, PAC, 1:45-2:15pm
5-6	SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
7	M	Labor Day, No School
8	TU	Ascension Walkathon Permission Returned

### Enclosures

None this week...

### Return Date

### Quotation

*"Who dares to teach must never cease to learn."*

*John Cotton Dana*

