

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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Ascension Walk-a thon!

Students and parents - get excited, get pumped up, for the Ascension Walkathon, Thurs., Sept. 24. Show your school pride and participate in this event. Students, we need you to think of friends and family members who would sponsor you to walk 5 kilometers or more (3 kilometers for K-1). Parents, we need you to walk with us, make sure the kids are safe and hydrated on the route, and to cheer on our students as they share their Ascension pride with our neighbors. If you are able to volunteer for the event on September 24th, please contact Kelly Nadeau at jknadeau@sbcglobal.net. Information packets went home today individually with students after the kick-off assembly. **A permission form will need to be signed and returned for each student in order for students to participate.**

H1N1 School Plan

Ascension School will be following the guidelines and recommendations from the Center's for Disease Control (CDC), Montgomery County Public Health Dept., and the Ohio Dept. of Health (ODH) regarding school dismissals and closures should there be an outbreak of H1N1 in our community or school. Because these guidelines are changing so frequently we will try to keep you updated on what the plan will be should we need to take action.

For now, we are functioning normally, but to continue to do this we need your help. We know any flu is spread person to person, so we need to be taking steps to reduce exposure and the spread of the flu. Here are some things you can do to help:

- **Teach your children to wash their hands** and set a good example by doing this yourself.
- **Teach your children not to share personal items**, such as, food, drink, utensils, and teach them to cover up their cough and sneezes with their elbow.
- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu** which include fever of 100 degrees, cough, sore throat, runny and/or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling tired.
- **Keep sick children at home** for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without using fever reducing drugs. By doing this, you will be reducing the number of people who are exposed and could become infected.
- **Do not send children to school if they are sick.** If they come to school sick we will send them home.

Cafeteria Payments

When sending in lunch money by check or cash, be sure to put child's name and pin # on the check and/or envelope.

Secure Online Payment



A flyer went home last week with instructions on how to make online Cafeteria Payments with PayForIt.net. There is no fee to check balances, however, there is a small fee to make credit card/debit card payments. A link has been made to PayForIt on our school website under the lunch page for your convenience.

Recycling

Ascension School currently recycles office paper, plastic and aluminum beverage containers, cardboard, tin cans, glass and Styrofoam plates from lunch with our waste haulers. Our Junior Optimists recycle used ink cartridges for cash to support the groups activities.



PTO is now working with Terracycle to further recycle and reduce the amount of trash that makes it to the landfill. Students who bring juice pouches with a packed lunch can toss their empty pouches (straws removed) into a collection bin in the school lunchroom. We are collecting pouches only (no boxes), and the pouches need to be COMPLETELY empty (every last sip!) and straws must be removed. Terracycle uses the materials to make cool new products, and PTO receives 2 cents per pouch. Win-win! For more information about the program, see www.terracycle.net. Please also consider collecting pouches from soccer game snack!

President's Message

The President is having a live online address at noon on Tues, Sept. 8 with a message expected to challenge students to work hard, set educational goals and take responsibility for their learning as the new school year begins. **Many of our students will be eating lunch and having recess during that particular time so there will be no classroom viewing of the program at school.** Downloadable video of the speech in its entirety will be made available on online from the Whitehouse & U.S. Department of Education websites later that day as it becomes available.

My Child is in a Catholic School! Now What?

On Oct. 14, 7:00 at Immaculate Conception Parish Fr. Satish Joseph Ph.D, along with Tim Garielli & Andrew Black, all from the University of Dayton will present to the parents of the children in our Catholic schools an evening on what it means to have their children in a Catholic school. The presentation will be hosted at Immaculate Conception with families of Ascension, St. Helen, IC, St. Anthony and St. Luke's invited. The main topics to be covered are the Catholic identity, being a non-Catholic in a Catholic environment and finding the common bonds between Catholicism and other faiths.

Co-Curricular Activities

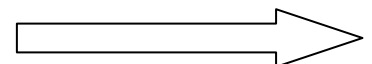
Ascension has in recent years added co-curricular opportunities in writing, leadership and math with the Power of the Pen, Junior Optimists and MATCOUNTS student organizations. Last year Ascension School added a Spanish Club and the First LEGO League to offer students a chance to explore robotics and engineering. Information and sign ups for all but one of these activities are being sent home today. Power of the Pen should have a participation permission form next week.

Co-curricular activities must have among other things two qualified adult moderators with child protection and fingerprinting requirements met, whose sole focus while supervising the students is on the students and an agreement in terms for responsible use of the facilities and a concrete schedule of activities. The activity must have enough interested participants.

Student Accident Insurance

The Cincinnati Archdiocese has chosen to insure all students for medical expenses for injuries occurring on or off school premises including travel/transportation provided by the school during school hours and or during school sponsored and/or supervised activities, excluding interscholastic sports and football. A brochure is enclosed. Brochure and claim forms are also available on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Website. The premiums for the Student Accident Insurance will be included in the Property & Liability billing for each school from the Archdiocese. There is no cost to parents.

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Meijer Community Rewards

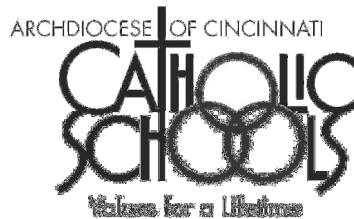
Ascension School continues to benefit financially from your participation in the Meijer Community Rewards Program.



Ascension receives 1% of all eligible purchases made with a Meijer Credit Card at a Meijer store and 0.5% of all purchases made with cash or PIN debit cards. Rewards are earned solely by using a Meijer Credit Card or cash at any Meijer store. MCR no longer includes purchases made with personal checks or non-Meijer credit cards. Apply for a Meijer Credit Card today at any Meijer store or visit www.Meijer.com/creditcard Eligible purchases for MCR are expanded to include: Meijer Gas Station, Convenience Store, Car Wash and Meijer.com Each MCR customer must enroll online. Meijer sends the school a monthly check usually amounting to over \$200. Our school has earned \$ \$9,264.73 since we've started the program! Our organization number is: **131869** Questions? Contact our Meijer at 1-800-962-7011

Year of the Priest

Pope Benedict has declared June 2009 to June 2010 as the Year for Priests. In keeping with this call, Ascension will be using the chalice that founding pastor Fr. Witzman bequeathed to the parish to pray for vocations in a special way. Beginning with the Noon Mass on September 6, the chalice will grace a different parish home each week. Parishioners who sign up for this opportunity will display the chalice in their home for a week and pray for vocations during that time. If you are interested in hosting the chalice for a week in your home, see the poster display in the Narthex and sign up for one of the available weeks.



Girl Scout Recruitment

There will be an open house tonight Fri, Sept, 4, at 5-6:30 in the school cafeteria. If your child is interested in joining girl scouts, please come and ask questions and see what girl scouting is all about. Any questions call Dawn Koesters at 431-0354.

Art Classes for Fall/Winter now forming

Jennifer Jennings, an Ascension parish member, offers small group art lessons for kids ages 7-13. Classes are held in Jennings' home studio, near Ascension on Friday afternoons. Affordable tuition. Open House Sat, Sept 19, noon-4pm. For info call 271-7748

Calendar Update

Sept. 4	F	Walkathon Kick-off, PAC, 1:45-2:15pm Girl Scout Recruitment, Cafeteria, 5-6:30
5-6	SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
7	M	Labor Day, No School
8	TU	Walkathon Permission Returned Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm
9	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
10	TH	School & RE Comm. Mtg, POB1, 7-9pm
11	F	Mass, 9am
13	SU	Welcome Coffee & Donuts after masses
14	M	Child Protect Class, St. Helen, Smith Bldg, 7pm
15	TU	Early School Dismissal, 1pm Faculty In-service, Rm202, 1:30-3:15pm
16	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
17	TH	School Strategic Planning I, WC 118, 7:00
18	F	Mass, 9am

Enclosures

Return Date

Walkathon Permission & Volunteer Form	Tues, Sept. 8
Math Counts Commitment Form (Gr. 6-8)	Tues, Sept. 8
JOOI commitment Form (Gr. 6-8)	Tues, Sept. 8
Spanish Club Form (Gr. 1-8)	Mon. Sept 14
First LEGO League (Gr. 4-8)	Tues, Sept. 8
Dayton Resident Bus Rider Survey	Tues, Sept. 8
September Calendar	None
Student Accident Insurance Brochure	None
Marian's School of Dance Flyer	None

Quotation

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The whole point of education is to teach by example.

Jacques Turgot