

# 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!

One last weekend to get pledges! Our Ascension Walkathon is Thurs., Sept. 24. Students, Parents who have volunteered for various roles in the walk will be contacted by other lead volunteers. Thank you for your support!

## Strategic Planning

Over 40 people participated in the first of three Ascension School Strategic Planning Meetings. A list of Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats were generated in this first brainstorming meeting. Mr. Devitt delivered a *State of the School* address that recapped the progress Ascension School has made in the last 10 years. A copy of the power point address may be obtained upon request to the school office.

Two meetings remain in the series on the following dates:  
**Thursdays, Oct. 22 and Nov. 19** from 7:00-9:00 pm in Room 118 of the Ascension Witzman Center. New participants are welcome and invited even if you were unable to attend the first meeting.

## Skill of The Week

(Ascension School teaches and reinforces important step by step social skills that are important at school and home. This is the first in a series of skills that will be highlighted weekly)

Next week we will be focusing on the skill of **Washing Hands:**

1. Turn on warm water and wet your hands.
2. Use one squirt of soap.
3. Rub your hands together (rubbing your palms, back of your hands, between your fingers, wrists and under your nails) for 20 seconds.
4. Rinse your hands.
5. Dry your hands and throw paper towel in trash.

## PTO Roller Skating Parties

The first PTO sponsored skating Party is next Tuesday night at Skateworld of Kettering. Students may bring their own skates or blades. Ascension PTO receives a 50 cent rebate for each participant. The schedule of PTO Skating Parties for 2009-10:



Tues.	9/22	3:30-5:30
Tues.	11/17	6:00-8:00
Tues.	1/19	6:00-8:00
Tues.	2/16	6:00-8:00
Tues.	3/16	3:30-5:30
Tues.	4/13	6:00-8:00
Tues.	5/18	3:30-5:30

## Catechetical Sunday

Teachers and Catechists will be recognized at this weekend's 9:00 liturgy Sun., Sept. 20. We thank all of our teachers who have prepared themselves as catechetical teachers and for assisting parents in their primary role as their children's first and foremost teachers of the faith.

## Rosary Rally 2009

Save the date in 2009! This year's **Rosary Rally** will be held Sun, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at UD Arena, with prelude music at 2:30 pm. The Rally is a powerful family prayer event of Eucharistic Adoration and Marian prayer for peace, gainful employment for the unemployed, vocations and respect for life. It typically draws 4000 or more attendees! Archbishop Schnurr will preside over this year's rally! **Third grade students are invited to participate in a special way in the rally procession. A participation form is enclosed.**



## Bundle Sunday

Parishioners/School Families are invited to bundle all used clothing and linens into boxes or bags and drop them off at Ascension on Sat. or Sun. Sept. 19 & 20 where volunteers and a St. Vincent de Paul truck will be available to receive the donations. All items donated must be bagged or boxed.

Families who have volunteered to help with the Bundle Sunday are getting a schedule enclosed. **Thank you for assisting the St. Vincent de Paul Society and helping those in need in our community.**

## Archdiocesan Catholic High School Information

One of four Catholic High School Information Fairs throughout the Archdiocese is scheduled in our area so that parents and students may obtain information regarding the many different Catholic High Schools. The Dayton area fair will be at University of Dayton (Ballroom) Oct. 4 from 1pm – 3pm. Area Catholic High Schools will all be on hand.

Gr. 6-8 students and their parents are encouraged to attend this event in order to have a brief introduction to each prospective Catholic high school. No high school will visit individual grade schools – this is your best opportunity to get the information you need to meet the requirements, deadlines, and policies for admission. You may arrive anytime throughout the designated hours.

Each school will have a table with informational materials and representative students and staff to answer any questions. No individual break out sessions will be held. Instead, families will be encouraged to attend the Open Houses that each school will sponsor later in the fall.

In addition to the high schools, representatives from PSAS – the financial aid service utilized by many high schools and FACTS – the tuition management service also used by many, will be available to answer questions and discuss important procedures and timelines.

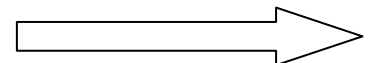
Miami Valley Catholic High School Open House dates:

Alter	Sun, Nov. 15, 1-3pm
Carroll	Wed, Dec. 2, 7-9pm
Chaminade-Julienne	Sun, Nov. 1, 1-4pm

The High School Placement Test required by most high schools in the Archdiocese will be offered in the Dayton area at Chaminade Julienne from 8am-1pm on Sat, Nov. 21

Ascension School has developed its own protocol in line with Archdiocesan policies to aid parents and students in the process of selecting a Catholic High School. That document is enclosed for Gr. 7 & 8 families and available to other school families upon request.

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### High School Shadowing/Visitation

Shadowing/Visitation Days for Ascension 8<sup>th</sup> graders may be ideally arranged for days when Ascension school is not in session. Carroll High School offers a group visitation day in November that all our Gr. 8 students will participate in. Chaminade-Julienne High School and Archbishop Alter offer individual visitation days. If any families are interested in detailed information regarding CJ & Alter visitation then please call the school or send a note in the family envelope to request the materials and they will be sent to you via the envelope as they become available. Details about the Carroll visitation day will be available in early November.

A sample 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Permission for Shadowing/Visitation Day form is found on the reverse of the Ascension Protocol High School. For days when the shadowing or visitation day does occur on a regularly scheduled school day that form must be submitted before the visitation or shadowing or the day will be considered unexcused.

### 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.

### Calendar Update

Sept. 19-20 S-SU Ascension Food Drive, All Masses  
20 SU Catechetical Sunday Mass, 9-10am  
22 TU PTO Skating Party, Skateworld, 3:30-5:30pm  
22 TU Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm  
23 W IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm  
23 W Gr. 6 OL Presentation, 12:30-1:30  
24 TH Ascension School Walkathon, Delco Park  
24 TH PTO Exec. Mtg, Rm202, 7pm  
25 F Mass, 9am  
25 F Ascension Walkathon rain date  
26-Oct.5 Ascension Walkathon Donations Collected  
28 M Gather, Plan, Share, St. Helens, 3:15-4pm  
30 W IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm

### Enclosures

Gr. 3 Rosary Rally Participation Form  
Smile Safe Cards  
High School Recruitment Protocol (7-8)  
Skating Party Flyer

### Return Date

Mon, Sept. 28  
None  
None  
None

### Quotation

*"From the very beginning of his education, the child should experience the joy of discovery."*

Alfred North Whitehead

