

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!

Many thanks to all the parents who volunteered at our 2nd School Walk-a-thon on Thursday. God must have been smiling upon us by providing a short window of time for the walk without rain! Now it is time to focus on the pledge envelopes which need to be turned in by Mon, Oct. 5. This is the only PTO fund raiser for the school this year, so please participate as you are able. The assembly to present prizes will be held on Weds, Oct. 21.

Handbook Signature Forms

There are a number of families who have not returned their Handbook signature forms. The compliance signature is the agreement between school and the families for a common understanding of school policies. Among other things the handbook form gives your child(ren) permission to use computers in the schools. Students in families who have not returned the signature form will not be permitted after Oct. 1 to use computers in the classroom. The signature form also allows the school to publish school directories. The directories are nearly ready for press except for the permissions. The handbook and permission form are online at the school website and a copy of the last signature page may be downloaded, signed and returned to school after the handbook has been read and discussed. Students must sign the form as well.

Counselor Intern - Amy Cerminaro

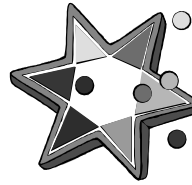
Ascension School introduces a new Counselor Intern from the University of Dayton who will be assisting Ms. Wheeler this school year. Her name is Amy Cerminaro and she is currently in her last year of study at UD in School Counseling. Prior to attending The University of Dayton, she attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where she received a Bachelor's in Psychology and a Masters in Education. She was a classroom teacher for a combination of six years in the states of California, Massachusetts and Ohio. She then took some time off from teaching to be at home with Luke (6 years old), Jack (6 years old) and Zoe (5 years old). She is looking forward to this year at Ascension and has this to say of her experience here so far, "I have already met so many wonderful staff members and have also had the opportunity to meet some of the students as well."

Skill of The Week

In a follow-up to last week's skill on hygiene of washing hands here is a more general skill in the same area. Next week we will be focusing on the skill of **Using the Restroom:**

1. Get permission first.
2. Walk Quietly.
3. Respect Other's Privacy. Do your business without horseplay.
4. Flush once.
5. Wash your hands & throw paper in wastebasket.
6. Walk quietly back & report any problems.

Mother/Son Game Night



Mother/Son Game Night originally scheduled for Sat., Oct. 3, has been moved to a new date to **Sat. Oct. 10** from 6-8 pm in the Ascension Cafeteria. The event is open to boys in grades K-8 and their mothers. Please bring your favorite board game and peanut-free snack to share. A flyer is enclosed.

Standardized Testing

Students in Grades 2, 4, 6, 8 will be taking the **Terra Nova** Achievement Test and **InView** Ability Tests from Oct. 1-Oct. 16. In particular Gr. 6 & 8 graders will be testing in the Witzman Center from 8:15-10:30 in the morning starting Oct. 5 week to create a positive testing atmosphere. **For the first time Grades 3, 5 and 7 will also be taking a shorter version of the Terra Nova without the InView assessment.** Please encourage your child/ren to do their best on the tests. We don't want students to feel anxious or stressed about the test results. Some suggestions to help your child have a positive testing experience are:

- **Get enough sleep at night**
- **Have a good breakfast.**
- **Arrive to school on time.**
- **Be at school every day. (It's difficult to make up when you get behind.)**
- **Most testing is done in the morning so appointments should be made in the afternoon.**

Thank you for your cooperation. Call our school counselor **Carie Wheeler** with questions at 254-2441 or call **Mr. Devitt** at 254-5411.

School Needs:

...Art Supplies

Our School art teacher Mrs. Meyer is looking for scrap stained glass for a mosaic project. If anyone has access to scrap glass please contact **Mrs. Meyer** at meyerm@ascensionket.org. Any size and any amount will be helpful. Mrs. Meyer will be breaking the glass into small pieces for the students to use in a mosaic. The project will be a great learning experience for the students and will expose them to a unique art medium.

...Bingo Volunteers

Thank you for the parents who stepped up to the request/challenge of offering one Thursday evening during the school year to volunteer at BINGO. Help is still needed on some of the open Thursdays in the PAC from 5-9. To sign up please call **Karen Walker** at **293-3976** who has volunteered to be the coordinator of our BINGO volunteers.

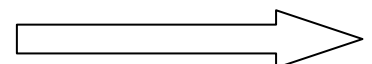
...Shredder

The school office is in need of paper shredder to dispose of old confidential records. If anyone has a used office shredder to donate that would be fine or if anyone has access to a confidential shredding service that would be helpful too. Please call the school office and speak with Connie at extension 302.

...CD dubbing

We are in need of someone with the technology and know how to create some CD's from audio tape recordings of books that are now out of print. These CD's will be taken home by students with learning needs. Please call the school office if you can help.

(Over please...)



Lunch Snacks Clarification

In spite of what is published in the school handbook, for some years now snacks after lunch have only been offered to students in Gr. 5-8 Gr. 5 begins with snacks midway through the school year after the first of the new calendar year. We have discovered that Gr. 3 & 4 do not have the time for snacks and if they did they sometimes end up not finishing the meal they have been served or packed that day.

H1N1

Our school nurse, Mrs. Kozarec has a plan in place with Kettering school nurses and Montgomery County Health Dept. to vaccinate all of our students against H1N1 in late October at no charge. These vaccinations will only be given with parent consent.

P.T.O. and School & Religious Education Committee News

The minutes of two different and separate leadership groups for the school are enclosed. The Ascension PTO is the support group of parents working with teachers to promote community. The School and Religious Education Committee is the consultative group that assists our Principal and Pastor in developing policies and for the school. Meetings of both groups are open to interested parents to attend.

The Anthem Health and Fitness Carnival at 5th 3rd Field.

Take part in this fun event, learn about your health and get a Joey Votto bobble head doll. Nothing's more important than your health. That's why Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the Dragons have teamed up to create an easy, fun and free way to learn about healthy living – The Anthem Health and Fitness Carnival.

This free event for adults and kids takes place **Sat, Sept. 26 from 9am – Noon at Fifth Third Field**. But arrive early, as the first 300 people in the gates will receive a limited edition Joey Votto bobble head doll. The event will include the following:

Free kids' bike helmets with proper fitting provided by The Children's Medical Center of Dayton and The Junior League of Dayton (*child must be present for proper fitting; while supplies last*)

Health screenings, provided in part by the Kettering Health Network: Blood Pressure, Glaucoma, Blood Sugar/Diabetes, Skin Damage, Vision, Chiropractic, Body Fat

Valuable information about: CPR and First Aid, Ear health and cleaning, Fast Food Facts, Tobacco cessation information, Proper hand washing techniques and flu information, Pedestrian safety, -Getting Proper Sleep

Plenty of FUN - Inflatable games (bounce house, maze craze, giant slide and more!), Face painter, balloon artist and air brush tattoo artist, Chair massages, Pet Therapy, Nintendo Wii and Wii Fit game station, Dragons mascots Heater and Gem

Live, action-packed demonstrations throughout the event

9:20 Dayton Gem City Jumpers
10:00 Webb's Martial Arts
10:40 Studio Zumba
11:20 TWIGS Kids Tumbling

Great Raffle prizes: Nintendo Wii and Wii Fit, -Gift cards to Dick's Sporting Goods, -Spa Gift Card, -Various fitness equipment

For more information on the event, please visit www.daytondragons.com. Please join us on Saturday, September 26 at Fifth Third Field from 9 a.m. to Noon for this spectacular event!

Congratulations Mrs. Weimer

Our Title 1 teacher at Ascension, Carol Weimer has been selected as one of five Teachers of the Year of the 4,000 teachers in the Catapult Learning System nationwide. This is Mrs. Weimer's second year here serving the Dayton resident students in Ascension School.

Meijer Community Rewards



Ascension School received a check for \$239.91 from the Meijer Community Rewards Program this past week. This program was outlined in the school newsletter – a percentage from purchases at Meijers help support the school. New families to the school are receiving an application form to sign up for the program.

COMMUNITY REWARDSSM

Altar Server Training Signup

Training for new altar servers will take place on Sat, Oct. 24. New server candidates can select either the 9:45 am to 12pm, or the 1 pm to 3:15 pm training session when they submit their sign-up form. All boys and girls in Gr. 5 and up are eligible to become altar servers. The sign-up forms are being sent home via the family envelope. Forms must be returned to the school office or parish office no later than Mon, Oct. 19. Existing servers need not return the forms or attend this training. Parents are needed to assist with the training. Interested parents can contact Deacon Vic by phone 253-5171 ext. 110, or by email to: vhildebrand@ascensionkettering.org

Calendar Update

Sept. 26-Oct,5	Ascension Walkathon Donations Collected
28 M	Gather, Plan, Share, St. Helens, 3:15-4pm
30 W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
Oct 1-22	Terra Nova Testing Gr. 2-8
2 F	Mass, 9am
3-4 S-SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
5 M	Ascension Walkathon Final Collection Date
5 M	Confirm. Parent Mtg, Gr. 7-8, WC118, 7-8:30
5 M	Early Dismissal, 1:00
5 M	Child Protection Class, St. Albert, 7-8pm
5 M	Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 1:30-3:15pm, GL
7 W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
7 W	Staff Mtg, Principal, POB 1, 10am-12pm
8 TH	OCEA Convention, No School
9 F	OCEA Convention, No School
10 SA	PTO Mother Son Game Night, Cafe 6:30-8pm

Enclosures

Mother Son Game Night (boys)
Gr. 1 & 5 Ed Outing Permit, Huffman Prairie
K-12 Gallery Brochure
Meijer Community Rewards (New Families)
My Child is in Catholic School Flyer...
October Menu
PTO & School & Rel. Ed Committee Minutes
October School Calendar
Altar Server Training Flyer (Gr. 5 & up)
Kettering Youth Basketball (K-3)

Return Date

Mon, Sept. 28
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See Details
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None
None
None
None
None
None
See Details

Reminder: Student Photo Package order forms are due on Monday, Sept. 28

Quotation

"We can not always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

One more page.....

Carroll Baseball Tryouts

Tryouts are being held for Summer 2011 baseball teams for all current 7th and 8th grade boys. Tryouts are scheduled for:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 at 4:00 PM at Carroll's field
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 at 11:00 AM at Carroll's field

Players only need to come to one of the two dates, Saturday OR Sunday.

RAINOUT DATES: October 3, 4:00 PM and October 4 at 11:00 AM

Please email your son's information to CarrollBaseball@aol.com regarding:

Name of player trying out.
Grade of player trying out.
School he currently attends
Player's address, including City and Zip code
Player's phone number
Does he want to Pitch or Catch.

Don't Miss Carroll High School's Alumni Weekend!

Carroll's Alumni Association is still taking reservations for Alumni Weekend to be held Sept. 24-27. Thurs, Sept. 24 is the annual golf outing held at Locust Hills Golf Club, shotgun at 11 am. Fri, Sept. 25 is Alumni Night at Carroll's football stadium. Alumni band and guard/drill members are invited back to perform with the band during the 7:00 p.m. pre-game show (contact Myrna at 427-3743). An alumni social with beverages, snacks, music, and school tours will be held in the cafeteria after the game until midnight. Sat., Sept. 26 is the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame at the Hope Hotel, and Sun, Sept. 27 is an 11 am. alumni mass at Immaculate. All are welcome. Be sure to RSVP as soon as possible. Contact 253-8188 x339, or jweitz@carrollhs.org.

Tuition Raffle for Carroll High School.

This is your chance to have a head start with High School tuition for your elementary student! In conjunction with the Fall Gala Oct. 17, Carroll HS is offering a chance to win a one year tuition credit at Carroll High School. This credit can be redeemed anytime from now until 2018. Tickets are transferable. Buy a ticket and win a year of tuition for your child, grandchild, friend or any future Patriot. Tickets are \$25 each, 3 for \$60, 5 for \$100 and can be purchased at Carroll High School, at your church credit union, or by contacting Pam Bartlett at pam.bartlett@carrollhs.org. These tickets are limited so get yours now! The winner will be drawn at the Fall Gala on Oct. 17. Reserve your ticket for the Gala now. Raffle winner need not be present to win. Call 253-3338 for information on the Raffle and Gala.