

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!

A preliminary count of pledges earned so far indicate a total topping \$10,000 so far. Thank you students and parents! Some families have yet to turn in pledges. Monday is the last day to have pledges counted for

incentive prizes. Remember 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.

No Family Envelope Next Week

There are **no classes** next week on Thurs. & Fri. Oct. 8 & 9 while teachers are away at the Ohio Catholic Education Assoc. Convention in Cincinnati. There will be no family envelope next week either due to the short school week. Please return this week's envelope as usual by next **Mon., Oct. 5.**

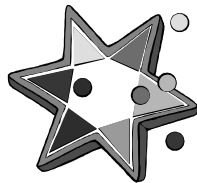
Skill of The Week

In many situations around the school it is necessary to get students attention quickly and quietly. From the playground to PE class to the lunchroom and safety drill situations it is important for students to respond appropriately to a whistle. Next week we will be focusing on the skill of **Responding to a whistle or bell:**

1. When you hear a whistle or bell stop what you are doing.
2. Become silent and listen for directions.
3. Follow the directions.

Mother/Son Game Night

This is a reminder that the 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.



Standardized Testing

Students in Grades 2 through 8 will be taking the **Terra Nova** Achievement Tests over the next two weeks. The tests can be challenging so please encourage your child/ren to have a positive attitude about the assessments and 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.**
- **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.

Mon., Oct. 5 - Early Dismissal

Early dismissal on Mon. Oct. 5 will be at 1:00 for an afternoon teacher in-service. Kettering, Dayton, Beavercreek and Sugarcreek Buses will arrive early at 1pm. The Sugarcreek bus will take the students directly home on this day.



Uniforms

Educational Apparel is coming for the "Winter Sale" on Weds, Oct. 14 from 2:30pm-6pm in the Cafeteria. In particular skirts need to be checked for fit, especially among the older girls. As they outgrow the waist and hips, some of the girls begin to roll their skirts up at the waistband, which then causes them to be too short.



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.

Cafeteria News



National School Lunch Week is celebrated next Oct. 12-16. Our Ascensibile Café is managed by St. Albert the Great Cafeteria and we show our appreciation during the upcoming week to the lunch staff that serves students at our site -

Sharon Jakubs, Kim Butler, Jackie Brewer, Donna Hay. Next week on Monday the cafeteria has invited our Kettering firemen to serve meals during Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5-9.

Our Cafeteria Staff also help organize the student Wellness Advisory Council. These students discuss wellness and nutrition topics and offer suggestions to our cafeteria program. The following students are participating this year: **Amber Butler, Craig Ramby, Brooke Butler, Abbey Baldwin, Meg Hemmert, David Saurine, Jake Sniezek, Robert Noss, Ben Smith, Jonah Brun, Alan Vest**

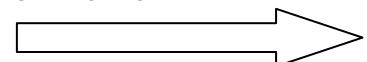
Pick Up of Students at Dismissal

Parents who are picking up their children after school are asked to please wait either in their cars or on the other side of church where the students are released to your care. When parents congregate near the front door of the school and right in front of church the whole group of students' progress is impeded and the process of getting home for all takes longer and consequently is not as safe. The area of sidewalk in and around and beside the prayer garden on the south side of church is the palace for parents to wait and is also the waiting spot for students whose parents have not arrived yet. Parents please move your children quickly and safely to cars as soon as they connect with you so that other families are not held up in the parking lot until all are safely loaded.

Ascension Adult Basketball

Basketball for men and women adults of the parish will begin on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 8:15 in the PAC.

(Over please...)



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.

Voyage on the Parkway

The second annual "Voyage on the Parkway" will take place Sat., Oct. 10. This free family event is a collaboration between Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, the Boonshoft Museum, ReadySetSoar, and other local organizations.

Voyage on the Parkway is being held in conjunction with Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Gourds & Ghoul. Together, these events are an opportunity for parents and grandparents to have fun and share learning experiences with children of all ages. All events on this day are designed around 10 important things to know to help a child be successful in school.

RTA will provide trolley transportation between the Boonshoft Museum and Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark so families don't miss a thing!

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

March for Life extended trip to Washington DC -2010

Plan ahead! Join members of Ascension Parish and hundreds of thousands of fellow Americans in Washington D.C. - it is a peaceful and enriching way to add our voice for life, to show opposition to the ongoing killing of over 4000 pre-born babies daily in our nation. Take a stand and make a difference in the greatest human rights issue of our time! The extended trip will leave Thurs. Jan. 21 at 6pm and return Sun. Jan. 24 around 10:30pm. This makes a great family trip, ideal for 6th graders and older (and a parent or chaperone of course). Cost of trip is \$185 (based on 4 to a room, 4 single beds available limited for additional fee), includes bus transportation, snacks and drinks, 2 nights at the Hotel Harrington (4 blocks from White House), Holocaust Museum tour, DC monuments tour by bus, youth pro-life rally and mass, a pizza party, tour of Baltimore MD, Ft. McHenry and much more. Registration forms available in the narthex at Ascension, on youth ministry website, Ascension's Respect Life website, or contact for more information Jeannette Niezgodski at 320-1819 or jniezgodski@yahoo.com. \$75 deposit will hold each spot, full balance due by Dec. 10. Payment plan options. Do not hesitate to get your forms and deposit in ASAP. Come and be a part of history.

More on Mrs. Weimer's recent Teaching Award Honors...

Our Title 1 Teacher Carol Weimer is one of a handful of teachers selected from the nationwide Catapult Learning programs to be selected as Teacher of the Year for the 2008-2009 school year. Carol is a Title 1 teacher serving the Dayton resident students at Ascension and St. Helen Schools. During the 2008-2009 school year she traveled between Ascension, St. Helen and St. Rita Schools. The Title 1 Program is a small group, pull out program tutoring students in reading and/or math. Carol was nominated for the award because of her ability to successfully teach and manage the programs at all three schools. In spite of this, one of Carol's schools, the St. Rita School children made the largest gains from pretest to post test in the Dayton Program. Those children made a 19+ point gain in reading and a 13+ point gain in math. During the year, Carol offered a total of 12 parent activities at her schools. On Nov, 11, Carol will fly to Atlantic City, New Jersey to an awards banquet held to honor the award winners of the Company.

Rosary Rally 2009

Save the date in 2009! This year's **Rosary Rally** will be held Sun, Oct. 11th 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!



Calendar Update

Oct 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

Gr. 1 Ed Outing Permit to Victoria Theater
Boys Spirit Basketball (Gr. 3-6)
St. Helen Credit Union flyer
Educational Apparel flyer
Gr. 2 Parent Sacramental Prep Mtg.

Return Date

Mon. Oct. 5
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None
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Quotation

"Education is the movement from darkness to light."

Allan Bloom