

# 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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## Flu Season

**We have not yet had any confirmed or suspected cases of H1N1 flu at Ascension School.** However, we have seen an increase in the numbers of students out with flu like symptoms.

**Enclosed is information regarding H1N1 flu vaccinations that will be offered free on Thurs, Oct. 29 to any Ascension students whose parents have given permission for them to receive the vaccine. Please talk with your child about this and make sure they are aware that they will be receiving the vaccine so they are not surprised or anxious about it.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends 4 main ways you and your family may keep from getting sick with the flu at school and at home:

1. **Practice good hand hygiene** by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
2. **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.
3. **Stay home if you or your child is sick** for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever reducing medicine). Keeping sick students home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.
4. **Get your family vaccinated** for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.



## Ascension Walk-a thon! Assembly

The assembly to present prizes will be held on Weds, Oct. 21 at 10:00. We will announce the teachers for a Day grade Level winners, Principal for a Day and deliver all prizes to the students for their efforts in earning

pledges. As a way to celebrate nearly the end of quarter 1, the end of testing and the great success of the walkathon this year all student may wear their Walkathon shirts from this year or last year as an out of uniform incentive on Weds. Oct. 21 (regular uniform pants and/or gym shorts must still be worn that day) .

## Skill of The Week

A skill that is important for students to master in a school setting where there can be so many voices at one time is **Talking at the Right Time:**

1. Wait for an appropriate time to talk - before/after school, lunch. Ask permission if not sure.
2. Talk in calm inside voice.
3. Stop talking when asked to.
4. Do not talk when the teacher is talking or going to next activity.
5. Ask teacher to switch desks if certain seating arrangements are not good for you.

## Ascension School Strategic Planning Meeting

The second in a series of three strategic meetings is set for Thurs, Oct. 22 at 7:00 in Witzman Center Rm 118. Parents who missed participation the first meeting are welcome to join in the planning at this meeting. Your input is valued greatly. Mr. Devitt delivered a state of the school address at the first session that may be accessed online in the **Forms & Presentations** section of the website. The address points out just a few of the changes that have occurred over the past 10 years at Ascension.

## BINGO volunteers

The volunteers for Oct 22 are: Kelly Nadeau, David Griffith, Nicole Braun, Andrew Braun. We thank other volunteers this past month: Oct 1 - Tim Walker; Oct 8 - Tracey Butt, Amy Eichner, Jessica Green, Mary Murray; Oct 15 - Terri Sheidler, John Scheidler, Lisa Via, Dave Via, Carol Wallace



Karen Walker is our school coordinator for BINGO volunteers. Please call her at **293-3976** to make arrangements for the one night of volunteering for BINGO that all parents of school families have been encouraged and challenged to pledge.

## Uniform Sweater Addition

Educational Apparel was here at Ascension this past week and brought along samples of lightweight micro-fiber blue fleece sweaters with the school logo embroidered on them. The sweaters were received well by those that attended the sale, so much so that it has been decided these sweaters will be made part of the school uniform. Educational Apparel will be asked to have them on sale during the conference times in November.

## Last Call for New Altar Servers

Forms to attend new server training must be returned to the school office or the parish office no later than Mon., Oct. 19. The forms were sent home via the family envelope 2 weeks ago. Additional forms are available in the narthex of church. Training for new altar servers will take place on Sat, Oct. 24. New server candidates can select either the 9:45 am - 12 pm, or the 1 pm - 3:15 pm training session. All boys and girls in Gr. 5 & up are eligible to become servers. 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 [vhildebrand@ascensionkettering.org](mailto:vhildebrand@ascensionkettering.org)

## Food Pantry Collection This Weekend

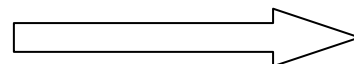
Thank you for responding tremendously well to last month's special appeal for Food Pantry donations! Stocks are now somewhat improved but the need persists, so your help with our next Food Pantry collection on Oct. 17 & 18 will be greatly valued. Especially needed this month are: canned peas, soup, macaroni & cheese, Jell-o and pudding mixes, bar soap, laundry soap, and toilet paper. While our collections are normally held on the third Sunday of each month, there are always marked boxes for the Food Pantry in the brides' room, located just off the narthex. Thank you for continuing to remember your neighbors in need!

The cooler weather is also a reminder that winter is coming and we are already planning for our Christmas baskets. That means we will be looking for winter hats & gloves for all and also for traditional holiday foods such as cranberry sauce.

## 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...)



## Arise! Cry Out! Prayer Event

November 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
At the Church of the Incarnation  
55 Williamsburg Lane  
Centerville, OH 45459

Join women around the world on November 14 for Arise! Cry Out!, a worldwide day of extraordinary prayer for children and schools.

Imagine women in hundreds of locations throughout the United States and in countries around the world praying in one heart for God to bring repentance, restoration and revival to the children in our own communities and those around the world.

Imagine the impact our prayers could have throughout our schools, throughout our communities, throughout our world and throughout the generations.

Celebrating 25 years of praying for children and schools, Moms In Touch International is hosting this historic prayer event inviting women around the world to Arise! Cry Out! for the generations.

Fern Nichols, the founder and president of Moms In Touch International, will inspire women to pray purposefully and passionately for our children. Pastor Miles McPherson (of Miles Ahead Ministries and pastor of the Rock Church in San Diego) along with the worship team Crimson Bridge will encourage us in our time of crying out to the Lord for the transformation of this generation to truly know and love our Lord Jesus Christ.

This generation is in desperate need of our Loving Father. Will you join us in praying for the children of our community and those around the world? Incarnation Church is excited to be a local host site for this powerful, life-changing time of prayer.

To register and for more information, visit the Moms In Touch International website at [www.MomsInTouch.org](http://www.MomsInTouch.org) or contact Jo LeSaint at [plesaint@earthlink.net](mailto:plesaint@earthlink.net) or 937-885-0943. Please note, day of the event registration begins at 8:30 AM.

### Calendar Update

Oct 17-18	S-SU	Ascension Food Drive, All Masses
18	SU	Steve Angrisano Concert, Church, 7pm
19	M	Parent Sacramental Prep. (Gr. 2), WC118, 7-8:30pm
20	TU	Gather, Plan, Share, Ascension, 3:15-4:30pm Parent Sacramental Prep. (Gr. 2), WC118, 7-8:30pm
21	W	Child Protection Class, St. Henry, Marian Rm, 7-8pm Ascension Walkathon Assembly, PAC, 10:00 IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
22	TH	School & RE Comm. Mtg, WC118, 7-9pm School Strategic Planning II, WC 118, 7:00
23	F	Child Protection Class, WC119/120, 5:30-6:30pm Gr. 8 Spirit Day I, WC118, 8-2:30 Mass, 9am 1 <sup>st</sup> School Quarter Ends
25	S-M	Red Ribbon Week
26	M	2nd School Quarter Starts
27	TU	Faculty Report Card Prep, Rm 202, 2:45-4pm
28	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm Parish Council Mtg, Principal, 7:30-9pm
28	W	Report Cards Printed
29	TH	H1N1 Vaccinations
29-30	TH-F	Terra Nova Test Pick Up
29	TH	Gr 4-8 Out of Uniform for Good Behavior
30	F	Mass, 9am Report Cards Go Home



### Sacramental Preparation

Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and other children who will be experiencing the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year have a choice of two evening meetings to attend a Parent Orientation Meeting - at Ascension on Mon., Oct. 19 at 7pm or Tues., Oct. 20 at 7pm. All parents of Gr. 2 students preparing for the sacraments are expected to attend. Please see the letter enclosed.

### Steve Angrisano In Concert

October 18, 2009  
7:00 PM  
Doors open at 6:15

From high energy to deep faith, Steve's gifted musicianship and storytelling will make for a night you and your family won't forget!

**Admission is FREE**  
**An offering will be taken at the end of the performance**

*An incredibly gifted and energetic Catholic singer and song writer, Steve will be the emcee for the 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City this November.*



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Co-sponsored by Ascension's Discipleship Commission and Youth Ministry

### Correction

Annie Stefanek's name was inadvertently omitted from the Wellness Council list in a previous newsletter.

### Enclosures

H1N1 Permission (Yellow)  
H1N1 Information (2 sheets)  
Wrestling Info  
High School Open House Info  
Green Oak Preschool Event Flyer (K-3)  
PTO Minutes

### Return Date

Mon. Oct. 19  
None  
None  
None  
None  
None

### Quotation

*"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."*

Albert Schweitzer:

