

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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H1N1 Influenza Virus

We have been informed that Ascension School now has confirmed cases of H1N1 flu. We are also seeing an increase in the numbers of students out with flu like symptoms. At this time the numbers do not warrant closing the school, but we want to make you aware of this and ask you to talk to your children about what they can do to protect themselves. We are also asking you to please keep your children home from school if they are exhibiting any symptoms of illness. If they have a fever of 100.0 F or higher they must be out of school for 24 hours and not return until they are fever free without any medicine for 24 hours. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse or your family doctor.

If your child(ren) are absent on vaccination day Oct. 29 there is no ability to accommodate the vaccination on another day with Co. Health Dept. who is administering this vaccination at Ascension. We are recommending you follow up with your personal physician. If you have a child with a severe chronic illness and have questions or concerns please call Mrs. Kozarec.

Report Cards & Conferences

Today, Oct. 23 marks the end of the first quarter of school. Grades will be calculated and report cards will go home on Fri., Oct. 30. The paper report may be kept at home. The conference times the following week will be time for dialogue with the teachers about specific comments. Please complete a conference sign up sheet.

Regarding missed work due to illness teachers will be as reasonably accommodating and understanding about missed work as possible when it comes to quarter end grading. As the school handbook indicates school work will not be sent home until after three days are missed.

Ascension Walk-a-thon Wrap Up

Students should all have received their prizes for their participation. We thank all who contributed to the success of the event named or unnamed on the thank you sheet enclosed. If anyone was unintentionally missed in recognition, please contact us and we will correct our error in a future newsletter.

Top Pledge earners for Teacher & Principal of the Day will get their chance to lead the school on Tues. Nov. 24. The Pizza Party for the top pledge earning classes Gr. 3 & Gr. 4 will be on Nov. 4 so students in those classes can count on a lunch meal of pizza that day. We have an evaluation for each family to complete regarding the Walk-a-thon. Please take time to fill out the survey and return it with your valued feedback.

Action Alert

The Catholic Conference of Ohio is encouraging your action to contact your State Senator and Representative and Gov. Strickland and ask that funding be restored to Catholic School students. See enclosed.



All Saints Activities

Due to a number of factors this year (challenges to set up logistics for the event to occur on a Sunday night and the H1N1 virus) etc the PTO All Saints Festival the Gr. 7 students and PTO have hosted on and off the past several years will not be held this year in the PAC on Nov. 1. Some classrooms may already have saint activities planned for the school day on Fri, Oct. 30 and those will go ahead as planned. If your child's classroom is doing anything special you will get information directly from the teacher.

At the 5pm Nov. 7 mass the parish will be celebrating the lives of parishioners who have died in the past year. We take this time to remember all friends and family members who have gone before us. An "In memory" is enclosed for families to list members and decorate to be added to the parish book.

BINGO volunteers

The volunteers for Oct 29 are: **Greg Meyer, Mary Murray and Amy White.**



The regular time frame for BINGO volunteers is 6:30 to 9:45. 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.

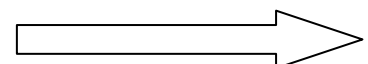
Red Ribbon Week



Ascension school will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week next week, Mon, Oct. 26 – Fri, Oct. 30. This is a nationwide awareness campaign with the main focus on developing and supporting ways to prevent youth from using illegal drugs or using legal drugs illegally. It began in 1985, with the first *national* Red Ribbon Week being proclaimed by congress in 1988. We will be doing activities throughout the week to bring awareness to your children. Following is a breakdown of our week's activities:

- Daily morning announcements by Grade 6 students.
- Placards with facts about the negative effects of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco placed on lunch tables
- Theme, "Count on me to be drug free" contest placed in the library for students to participate in during library time. The student closest to a guessed count of items in a jar will get to take the jar home on Friday.
- On Tues, Oct. 27 we will celebrate the theme, "Staying Drug Free is no Sweat", with the students and staff being able to wear "athletic wear" on that day. This is considered an out of uniform day and students may wear "athletic wear" which may also be appropriate for gym. Gym shoes will need to be worn if it is a gym day.
- Videos/Ideas for activities will be available for the teachers to show to students and have lessons on awareness of negative effects of drugs, alcohol & tobacco.
- Contests for students to participate voluntarily: Students in all grades will have the choice to make "Keys" to illustrate this year's theme, "Drug Free is the Key". Guidelines were given to students this week in art class. Students in grades 5 – 8 will have the opportunity to participate in an essay contest answering the question, "Drug Free is the Key".....The "KEY" to what? Guidelines for this contest were given to students today. All entries for both contests will need to be submitted to Ms. Wheeler by Thursday, Oct. 29 at 2:30 p.m. All winners will be announced the week following Red Ribbon Week
- Students will wear red ribbons all week signifying their choice to remain drug-free. Student's names will be randomly called over the intercom and if they are wearing their ribbon at that time, they will get a prize.
- A banner and red ribbons will hang from the fence along Woodman Dr. showing all who drive by that our school celebrates Red Ribbon Week.

(Over please...)



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

In the Ascension Media Center - Rm 104

Book Fair Times:

Wednesday 11/4 3:00-9:00 pm
Thursday 11/5 11:00-2:00 pm
Tuesday 11/10 9:00-2:00 pm
Wednesday 11/11 9:00-2:00 pm
Thursday 11/12 8:30-2:00 pm



Everyone is welcome to stop in during school or evening hours to shop for books!

Your purchases benefit the Ascension Media Center!

Kettering School District Needs help in Locating Children Who May have a Disability

Each year, Kettering School District conducts a state required count of all children with disabilities living in the district. If you know of a child or adolescent between the ages of birth through 21 whom you suspect may have a disability and who is not currently receiving services from the school district, then the Kettering School District wants to hear from you. Children who are attending or planning to attend a private school also are included in this count.

Please help the Kettering School District locate children and teenagers who may need services. All information is confidential. You may contact the district directly or contact your child's private school or church and ask them to forward the information to the district. Child find is a community wide effort. The district acknowledges the support of Ascension School to ensure that all children are located.

Caution Advisory:

There is a middle aged man (slight build about 5'9") who has been hanging around our church and other churches throughout this side of Dayton (Greenmont/Oak Park, St. Luke, Beavercreek Nazarene, Immaculate Conception, St. Helen.) looking for handouts. He has been around on Sundays and in at least one instance was in the parking lot in the afternoon on a weekday. He goes by the name of "Tony Moore" and he often asks for gas money or money to buy medicine for his son. He has a number of stories and is looking for handouts. Do not give him any money and please ask him to leave the property. There are no reports at all of this stranger being dangerous, threatening or violent. He drives a red 2 door Chevy hatchback. The license plate number has been recorded and turned into the Kettering Police. The Kettering Police tells us to simply ask him to leave the property.

From the Cafeteria:

Please don't forget that your free and reduced lunch application applies to both breakfast and lunch. Reduced breakfast is only \$.30. All information is kept confidential. Thank-you from the Ascension Cafeteria.

Grade School Night at Carroll

This Friday's Carroll Patriots boy's football game vs. the Badin Rams is free for students. Kick-off is 7:30, Oct. 23. Students simply need to identify the school they are from at the ticket gate. Questions call the Carroll Athletic Office at 253-3212.

Calendar Update

Oct 23	F	1 st School Quarter Ends
25	S-M	Red Ribbon Week
26	M	2nd School Quarter Starts Winter uniform begins
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	H1NI 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

Enclosures

Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up
In Memory sheet
2009-10 Student Directory
Action Alert Response (2 pages)
Gr. 8 Retreat Permit
Book Fair Flyer
Walkathon Thank you

Return Date

Mon. Oct. 26
Mon. Nov. 2
None
See details
See details
None
None

Quotation

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you: everything passes away except God; God alone is sufficient."

St. Theresa of Lisieux

