

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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Progress Report Cards & Conferences Early Dismissal & No School Days Next Week

Conferences are scheduled for Weds, Nov. 4 from 3-9pm. and Thurs. Nov. 5 afternoon 11-2 pm. **Wednesday is an early dismissal Day at 1:00** and there is **no school on Thurs. or Fri. Nov. 5 & 6.** There will be no school newsletter next week as well. Progress reports are being sent home today. The report(s) are placed in the family envelope. **Students have been instructed to leave the progress report in the envelope for their parents to see.** The paper report may be kept at home. (Kindergarten students do not receive a report card this first quarter.) The conference times next week will be a time for dialogue with the teachers about specific comments. Confirmation of your conference appointment time(s) is enclosed.

Attendance

Some may notice an increased number of absences recorded on the report card summary. Students arriving even a few minutes late after the 8:00 bell are this year credited with a quarter day absence. This was outlined clearly as a change in our handbook policies at the beginning of the school year. Tardiness has become a chronic issue. Here is a copy of the policy:

"Students are tardy at Ascension School if they arrive after the 8:00 a.m. bell, which signals the start of the school day. All students who arrive after the 8:00 start, excused or not (except for bus delays), must be escorted by their parents into the building and signed in at the office and receive a tardy slip before they may enter the classroom.

The following absence times will be recorded for tardiness:
Arrival after 8:00am up to 10:00am = 1/4 day Absence
Arrival between 10:00-11:30 = 1/2 day Absence
Arrival between 11:30-1:00 = 3/4 day Absence"

Skill of The Week

Taking some of the good information Mr. Bisenius provided students, teachers and parents when he visited last year the following skill may be helpful in many situations in and out of school. The focus skill next week - **Avoiding Bullying**

1. Keep head slightly tipped up.
2. Keep eyes high and focused.
3. Lips together, tongue pressed against the roof of mouth.
4. Keep shoulders down and relaxed. Let arms & shoulders swing loosely naturally.
5. Hold fingers together, curl slightly.
6. Walk half your normal pace.
7. Make slow & natural movements.
8. Never say a word to the bully.

Photo Retakes are Mon., Nov. 2

H1N1 Influenza Virus

Over 200 students received the H1N1 vaccine on Thursday. The vaccination program went relatively smoothly. The 127 children who are 9 and under who received the vaccine must have a booster and that has been scheduled for Thurs, Dec. 3 morning. Those who got the vaccine were given a little treat from the school along with a holy card featuring the *14 Holy Helpers* - during the middle ages the *14 Holy Helpers* were called upon for protection from all types of illnesses, not unlike our prayers today for God's protection from an influenza pandemic.

Ascension Walk-a-thon Wrap Up

The final tally on the Walkathon pushed us up over 18K to a grand total of \$18,062. There was \$2,565 in expenses (for premiums) so that gives the PTO a net fundraising total of \$15,497. This nearly matches the 2008 net funds raised so it can be considered a definite success. 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.

BINGO volunteers

The volunteers for Nov 5 are: **Jodie Daniel, Diana Timko, Lisa Eckley, Tracy Takach, Karla King**



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. A short one page Q & A about volunteering is enclosed.

Share the Bounty

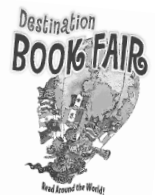
Have some leftover Halloween candy? Ascension's Youth Ministry can help you with that! Each year the Youth Ministry collects extra Halloween candy and creates care packages to send to college students away from home. Collection buckets are at the church doors. Please donate what you are able. If you know a college student who'd like a care package, fill out the slips that may be found at the entrance of church this weekend. Requests for care packages can be dropped in the Sunday collection basket or returned to the Parish Office or school. The deadline for requests is Nov. 9. We do ask for a \$5 donation to help cover postage costs. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Ollier at jollier@ascensionkettering.org. Thanks!

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!

(Over please...)

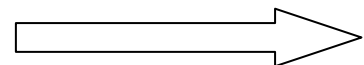


Photo Retakes

Those students who need retakes or were missing on the original school photo day should be prepared for photographs on Monday. Students getting their photo on Monday may wear a different top for the photograph.

Extracurricular News

There will be no newsletter on Nov. 6 due to the short school week. In a future edition of the Family Newsletter on Fri., Nov. 20 will be included an Extracurricular News feature. The editor and publisher for this newsletter (Mr. D.) relies on parent reporters to supply the news and would appreciate any reports about students' accomplishments in extracurricular activities of any sort. We have had great success in the fall parish CYO sports so we'd like to hear about those accomplishments, but also about any other extracurricular activities of students - including piano competitions, art and essay contests, drama, and choir to name a few. We have had students involved in such varied athletic sports as rowing, trampoline, diving, ice hockey, martial arts, even drag racing. Submissions should be word processed and e-mailed to the school at devittb@ascensionket.org.



Thank you Fr. Pat Tonry

Fr. Pat Tonry who served Ascension as a guest presider at Ascension masses over the past couple years on weekends and also on occasion said mass with the students has now moved to Florida. Many have requested Fr. Pat Tonry's address:

Marianist Community
4921 Lincoln Street
Hollywood, FL 33021-5216

Email: ptonry222@aol.com

Gr. 7 & 8 Dance at Holy Angels

Ascension 7th & 8th graders have been invited to a dance at Holy Angels. A parent permission response form is included, which must be signed and brought to the dance in order for the student to be admitted. Our students' participation does not imply an obligation for us to reciprocally host a dance. This has been a collaboration event among Catholic Schools for some years now.

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Calendar Update

- Nov.**
- 1 S-SU Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
 - 2 M School Photo Retakes, WC 118, Morning
PTO Book Fair, Media Center Rm 104, 8:30am-12pm
Child Protection Class, St. Albert, 7-8pm
 - 3 TU PTO Book Fair, Media Center Rm 104, 9am-2pm
Child Protection Class, St. Anthony, , 7-8pm
 - 4 W Staff Mtg., Principal, POB4, 10am-12pm
Early Dismissal, 1pm
PTO Book Fair, Media Center 104, 9am-1pm; 3-9pm
Parent Teacher Conferences, All School, 3:15-9pm
 - 5 TH Parent Teacher Conferences, All School, 11-2pm
PTO Book Fair, Media Center Rm 104, 11am-2pm
 - 6 F In-service, No School
 - 7 SA Women's Guild Bazaar, PAC
 - 7-8 SA-SU Ministry Fair, WC118, After Masses
 - 8 S Welcome Coffee & Donuts after masses
 - 9 M Gr. 4 Concert Preview, 1-1:45pm
 - 10 TU St. Remy Class/Cohort Day
Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm
 - 11 W IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
 - 12 TH School & RE Comm. Mtg, POB1, 7-9pm
 - 13 F Gr. 8 Spirit Day II, WC118, 8am-5pm
Mass, 9am
 - 14-15 S-SU Ascension Food Drive, All Masses
 - 15 SU Rite of Invitation for 8th Gr. Confirmands, Mass, 9am
 - 16 M-F Gr. 7 Writing Samples

Enclosures

Walkathon Evaluation
Student Progress Reports
Conference time confirmation
Nov. Lunch Menu
Nov. School Calendar
Bingo Volunteer Tips
Gr. 7 & 8 Dance Flyer

Return Date

Mon. Nov. 3
None
None
None
None
None
See details

Quotation

"We all walk in the dark and each of us must learn to turn on his or her own light."

-Earl Nightingale

