

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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Catholic Schools Week 2010

Today each family receives an Ascension Catholic School removeable/reusable bumper sticker with today's newsletter courtesy of the PTO. Display it proudly!

On Thurs, Feb. 4 we have set aside the day for parents to eat lunch with your child/ren during Catholic Schools Week.

Lunch is offered at \$2.75 per adult (student lunches remain their usual price). Unfortunately no money can be taken out of your student's account for your lunch. You will pay in the cafeteria at the time of the meal. **Please - no fast foods brought in.** Also, there will be no other choices on the menu: no salad bar; peanut butter or chicken sandwich - just the pizza lunch. We suggest parents arrive about 5 min. early and enter the school by the front door to check in and pick up children at their classrooms, then line up in the cafeteria to be served and proceed to the PAC. Younger pre-school age sibling children of students may come to the lunch too. **We must have a lunch sign-up form from all participating families by Monday to adjust the count if you have not already returned it.** Ice Cream will be served in the PAC for an additional cost with proceeds to benefit our troops in "Scoops for Troops".

Prayers for Parents...

This past week in our morning prayers we have kept the following parents in our prayer intentions:

Chris & Kristy Collova
Anna & Patrick Irwin
Jason & Connie Hill
Krista Hunter, Shannon Hunter
Leo & Carol Janson
Steve & Marie Jenkins
Danny & Samantha Johnson
Deanna Faulkner-Jones & Bill Jones

Frank & Maureen Hemmert
Rex & Laura Herath
Nick & Jill Hosford
Chris & Carrie Jansen
Jessica Donovan, Lee Janzow
Rob & Tina Johnson
Kathy Joly, Joe Joly
Kevin & Julie Kates

Athletic Board Fish Fry Benefit Reminder

Ascension Athletic Board Fish Fry will be held on Fri. Feb. 5 from 6-12 midnight. Carry out is available from 4-5:45. Cost at the door is \$15. Pre-sale tickets for \$10 can still be obtained by completing the form that was enclosed in the original yellow Fish Fry envelope. Also, please turn in raffle tickets ASAP.



E-mail Server

A scheduled maintenance of our e-mail server at Ascension will occur this weekend, beginning today 3:30pm, Fri, Jan, 29. The server will be brought back to service on Mon, Feb. 1 at about 7am and fully back online by 8am.

The teachers will not be able to receive or send emails through the school email system during this time so please keep that in mind if you try to contact them over the weekend you will understand why there will be no response. No emails should be lost in the process.

From the School Nurse:

Attention Gr. 6 Parents: The Ohio Dept. of Health has added an additional immunization requirement for next year's Gr. 7. In the fall of 2010, 7th graders in the State of Ohio will be required to have the Tdap - a tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis booster. If your student has had one within 5 years of entering Gr. 7 he/she will meet this requirement and not need to be re-immunized for entry to Gr. 7. Currently, only 30% of Ohio's 7th graders have received this booster, therefore we suggest that you contact your health provider or the Public Health Dept. Montgomery County as soon as possible. As with other school immunization requirements, students who do not provide documentation of this immunization are subject to exclusion from school. Please forward all documentation to me at Ascension School or contact me if you have any questions regarding this new requirement.

PACE Orientation Monday

For those families who have started the registration process for entering into the PACE (Parents Advancing Choice in Education) system and those families who are eligible and interested in also obtaining Ascension tuition assistance there is a new family orientation for PACE on Mon, Feb 1 at 6:00 at 40 S. Perry St. (the PACE Office downtown near Sinclair). This is a required meeting for those families who want to be considered for PACE scholarships. Parents who have not signed up for the network must arrive 30 minutes early. To reserve your space or questions please call the PACE office at 228-7223.

2010-11 Enrollment

Tuition and enrollment materials are targeted for distribution next Friday, Feb. 5.

FIRST LEGO League

In last week's article about Ascension's First Lego League Teams great success this year "humble" Mr. Mark Waggoner did not mention his own name as the lead parent volunteer. We really appreciate Mark's efforts at founding Ascension's LEGO team and investing a small fortune of his own funds into the materials necessary for the Team. Thank you Mr. Waggoner!



BINGO Volunteers

The volunteers for Feb. 4 are - **Mike & Laurie Minardi.** Many volunteers are still needed for Feb. 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.

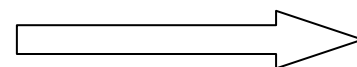


B-Wiser for Girls

The College of Wooster sponsors a summer science camp for girls entering the 8th grade called B-WISER. Girls come from all over Ohio to learn about life science, chemistry, physics, robotics, earth science, and environmental science. More information, including the application information is available on our website: <http://www3.wooster.edu/bwiser>

PS: Our very own Science Teacher, Mrs. Wist has been a long time supporter of this B-Wiser program, in fact, has been one of the women in science to facilitate at the camp for many summers. Ascension has a long tradition of having young women participate in this program. We encourage Ascension girls to consider this opportunity as they approach Gr. 8.

(Over please...)



Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Materials

Three enclosed sheets of information could be worth hundreds, if not thousands of dollars in tuition support for your family. Please take time to review and see if your family may qualify for these programs and grants that not only benefit families, but help support our schools. Examples of several opportunities are highlighted here below:

Scholarships to Catholic High School Offered by Parish and PTO

Ascension Parish announces that applications are available for the Fr. Witzman and PTO Scholarships. The Fr. Witzman is available to any student from Ascension Parish planning to attend a Gr. 9-12 Catholic High School next school year. Three scholarships will be awarded for \$600 apiece.

The Ascension PTO scholarship is available to any Ascension School 8th grader of PTO member families planning to enroll in Gr. 9 at an area Catholic High School. Three (3) scholarships will be awarded for \$400 apiece. (Families must be paid members of the PTO in order to receive a scholarship.)

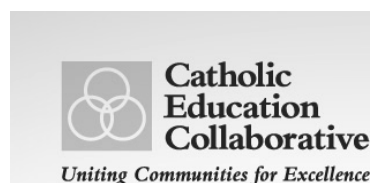
There is a single application form for both scholarships. The application form is enclosed. Application deadline is Mon, March 1.

The Fr. Witzman Scholarship was established with the estate of founding Pastor Arnold Witzman. In addition to the winners of the high school scholarships numerous Ascension families have received elementary school and religious education tuition assistance through the Witzman Fund.

Carroll High School Alumni Scholarship

The Carroll High School Alumni Association is currently accepting applications for their annual scholarship. Scholarships in the amount of \$500-\$1,000 will be awarded this year. All Gr. 8-11 students *who will be attending CHS next year **and** have parents/guardians who are graduates of Carroll High School are eligible.* (If a student is currently receiving an Alumni Scholarship but does not have a parent/guardian who is a graduate, that current student is still eligible to apply.) Applications for this scholarship can be obtained through the Carroll HS Advancement Office, 253-3338 or at http://www.carrollhs.org/alum_scholar.htm. Completed applications must be returned to CHS no later than **March 31, 2010.**

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Catholic Telegraph

If any parish families are interested in being added to the Catholic Telegraph subscription list at no charge (who are not already receiving the Telegraph), please send your name in to the school office and we will pass your name on.

US Census

The School has received US Census education materials that have been sent to the classrooms for further distribution to families. April 1, 2010 is Census Day!

If you do not return your questionnaire by mail, a census worker will visit your home. If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home. Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Anyone asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau will NOT contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau. For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org Visit www.census.gov for frequently asked questions and other details.

Calendar Update

Jan.	29	F	Common Sense Parenting WC 121, 6:30-8:30pm
	31-6	SU-F	Catholic Schools Week!
Feb.	1-3	M-W	eTech Conference, Columbus, OH
	1	M	<u>Wear Red Day</u> PACE Orientation, Pace Office, 6-7pm
	2	TU	<u>Wear School Spirit Wear Day</u> Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm
	3	W	Catholic Schools Week Mass, 10-11am IAT Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm Staff Mtg, Principal, POB4, 10am-12pm
	4	TH	Lunch with Parents, 11:00-12:40 BINGO for students PAC, 1-2pm CSW Staff Appreciation Luncheon, WC 114, 1-2pm
	5	F	Mass, 9am Play date for Preschoolers, 10:00 Nursery Athletic Board Fish Fry, PAC & Café, pm Common Sense Parenting WC 121, 6:30-8:30pm
	6	SA	1 st Reconciliation, Church, 11am-12:30pm

Enclosures

Ascension Bumper Sticker (attached)
February School Calendar
Lunch Menu
Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Materials

Return Date

None
None
None
See Details

Quotation

*"Blessedness lies not in much and many,
but in one and oneness."*

- St. Thomas Becket