

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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Early Dismissal – Mon, Feb. 8

Looking ahead to next week – Mon, Feb. 8 is an early dismissal at 1:00. Bus transportation at 1:00 is available for Beavercreek, Dayton, Kettering & Sugarcreek resident students.



School Registration for 2010-2011

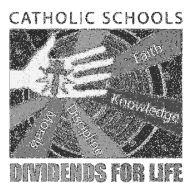
Annual School Registration materials are enclosed. All families are asked to complete the registration materials. The tuition management firm FACTS will again collect 2010-11 tuition, unless families choose to make a full tuition payment in July.

Because Ascension School enrollment is relatively steady, the school is fiscally responsible and church support for the school remains constant, tuition rates at Ascension School continue to be some of the lowest among Catholic Schools in Montgomery and Greene County.

Registration for those families with children already attending Ascension School begins on Mon, Feb. 8. Please feel free to call the principal at 254-5411 if you have any questions.

Catholic Schools Week 2010

Thank you parents for participation in our Catholic Schools Week Luncheon. Donations for Scoops for Troops amounted to \$60 to the Fisher/Nightingale House at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The Fisher/Nightingale Houses provide an opportunity for military families to stay together and support each other when a loved one is undergoing medical treatment. The Houses provide physical and emotional support to our servicemen and servicewomen. We thank Air Force Major Fortuna and Sergeants Delon and Myers for their presentations with the students.



Continue to display those yard signs through February. The Ascension School stickers sent home with each family are designed really as window stickers so we encourage those to be displayed with pride as well.

Prayers for Parents...

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

Steve & Diane Keller
Bill & Jill Kinney
Brent & Renee Knab
Walter & Dawn Koesters
Pete & Brenda Kosir
Bruce & Paula Kreinbrink

Jason & Karla King
Vanessa Royston & Josh Kirkpatrick
Richard & Rosalie Koesel
Chris & Diana Koogler
Jim & Anne Kreider
Ray & Cristal Kremer

Athletic Board Fish Fry Benefit Reminder

Ascension Athletic Board Fish Fry is tonight Fri, Feb. 5 from 6-12 midnight. Carry out is available from 4-5:45. Cost at the door is \$15. The Silent Auction will feature numerous gift baskets. Come out and support Ascension Athletics. Food will be prepared by Hechts. You must be 21 or older.



BINGO Volunteers

It appears we have no volunteers lined up for Feb. 11 and through the month of Feb. BINGO supports Education Ascension and is credited with assisting families with tuition up to \$40,000 per year. Please call Karen Walker, our school coordinator for BINGO volunteers, to sign up for at least one time this school year to volunteer.

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 was to have gone home last week in the envelope, however it will actually be brought home directly with your child this week as an assignment. 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.

New Physical Education Activity at Ascension

Ascension School has initiated through our physical education classes a program with the non-profit Asian Arts Center Taekwondo School located here in Kettering. This in-school program concentrates on learning respect, self discipline and how to focus your mind to help improve behavior and grades. The students practice a variety of skills such as agility, endurance, kicking/punching of targets only (no student to student contact), all the while working on focusing their eyes (respect to the teacher/making eye contact), their bodies (calming breaths/sitting still) and their minds.

The Asian Arts Center Taekwondo School is a non-profit organization with a specific mission to provide programming. Matt Pasquinilli, Executive Director is providing the actual instruction under the supervision of our Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Parker. This program has been successful at other area schools including some Kettering elementary schools, Stivers School for the Arts, and the Miami Valley School.

Gr. 2 First Reconciliation & First Communion

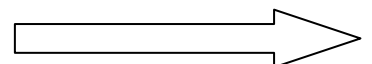
We congratulate the children who will be receiving their First Reconciliation on Sat. Feb. 6 at 11:00. In case there is a parish decision to postpone the event due to weather families will get a call between 8-8:30 on Saturday morning.

Parents of all parish children preparing for First Communion will meet on Mon, Feb. 8 in the Witzman Center. Fr. Chris will speak to the parents; children's books, parent guides, and other materials will be distributed. Two sessions will be held: 4:30-5:30 pm and 7-8:00 pm; please choose the more convenient time. Babysitting for the 4:30 session will be provided with reservation – call the RE Office at 254-0622.

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.

(Over please...)



Technology Updates

- + The **Technology Committee** will be looking at finding a new technology vendor/provider to manage our school technology system which includes 4 servers, over 100 workstations and laptops, over 20 printers and 18 projectors. Our current provider VARtek has served us well since 2001, however they have indicated that the company will no longer be our provider beginning June 30.

New members who would like to join the technology committee to assist the vendor search process are welcome to attend the next meeting on Weds, Feb. 10 at 7pm in Rm 206 Computer Lab.

- + Our School Media Center moved to a new online system called Destiny in a relatively seamless transition back in November. Students and parents may look at our entire collection from at home or anywhere on the internet and see our collection. Links are on our school web pages for <https://ascensionket.follettdestiny.com>

- + Our current **home to school connection** utilizes CITRIX and we have discovered that it is not compatible with the new Windows 7 operating system. The school has not upgraded yet to Windows 7 and the problem is that with Citrix, Windows 7 users cannot get into school applications, such as Word or Excel at home. Our Technology Committee and our new vendor/provider will be looking for a new solution to the home to school connection.

- + We are announcing a number of additions to our School Learning Resources Page. Links to the following resources may be found there:

[Ascension Media Center Resources](#)
[Ascension Accelerated Reader List](#)
[Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)
[DIBELS - Data Systems](#)
[Educational Publications from the US Government](#)
[First LEGO League](#)
[INFOhio](#)
[MathCounts](#)
[Math Drill & Practice](#)
[Math Text Online for Gr. 7 & 8](#)
[National Library of Virtual Manipulatives](#)
[Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence](#)
[Power of the Pen](#)

Honors to Gr. 8 Students

Two Ascension 8th graders were honored by Alter High School for high achievement on the Archdiocesan High School Placement Test in November.

Anna Schlegel is in the school choir, Junior Optimists and Power of the Pen. Outside of school she enjoys writing, reading and theater. She took sixth place at the Power of the Pen District competition and a superior rating at the District Science Fair.

Alex Trimbach is a member of Math Counts, Lego League and Boys Scouts. His favorite classes include Math and Science. Outside of school Alex enjoys reading, gaming, camping and playing volleyball. In 2008 and in 2009 Alex made it to the state round of competition of the Geography Bee.

Grade School Night at Carroll High School

Students are invited to watch the Carroll Patriots Basketball teams vs. Bellbrook on Sat. Feb. 6. Students admitted free, Freshman 4:30 pm, Reserve 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Gr. 7 & 8 Dance at Holy Angels

Ascension 7th & 8th graders have been invited to attend a dance at Holy Angels Catholic School. The form must be brought to the dance in order for the student to be admitted. Reminder - our student participation does not obligate the school reciprocate with a dance of our own. We appreciate the PTO of Holy Angels who host this dance for students of our Catholic Schools in the Miami Valley.



TechFest 2010

TechFest is a family oriented career exploration festival focused on Mathematics, Science, Engineering and Technology, on Sat, Feb 13, 10 am – 6 pm, and Sun, 11 am – 5 pm at the David Ponitz Center (Bldg 12) on the Sinclair Community College campus in Dayton.

TechFest has free programs, free parking, free participation for Youth K-12, their families and teachers (the focus is on Gr. 4-9). TechFest is a two day event with the purpose of encouraging youth to study math and science through more than 60 hands-on, interactive student activities. A flyer is enclosed. For additional information, map to the event and parking, daily schedules, lists & times of teacher workshops, student attractions, etc. please refer to the website:

<http://www.ascd Dayton.org/TechFest/>

Ohio State Summer Camps

WiE GROW – Female Students in Gr. 7

WiE GROW is a day-camp for young women who are going into Gr. 8 in the fall following the camp. WiE GROW 2010 will run from Mon, Aug 9 - Fri, Aug, 13. This program is sponsored by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. <http://wie.osu.edu/content/wie-grow>

WiE CHEER (*ChEmical Engineering Rocks!*) – Female Students in Gr. 8

WiE CHEER is a 6 day, residential summer program for young women who are going into Gr. 9 in the fall following the camp. The 2010 program will run from Sun, June 27 - Fri, July 2. This program is made possible through a 2009 Camille & Henry Dreyfus Special Grant in the Chemical Sciences. <http://wie.osu.edu/content/wie-cheer>

CHS Alumni

Carroll High School Alumni is planning a fun social softball tournament. The date is April 24th with a rain date of April 25th. This will be men's and co-ed softball tournaments with a guarantee of 4 games. The price is \$175 and the point of contact will be Toni Weitz at 253-8188 ext. 329. The location is Delco Park. There must be 5 active alumni players on each team. Please come and join in on the fun. Deadline is April 1.

Calendar Update

Feb. 5	F	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
6-7	S-SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
8-12	M-F	Gr. 5 Writing Sample
8	M	School Enrollment Registration Due Rel. Ed. Cert. (Morality), WC 119 & 120, 8am-1pm Early Dismissal, 1pm Faculty In-service, Rm202, 1:30-3:15pm 1 st Communion Parent Mtg., WC118, 4:30 or 7pm
10	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
11	TH	School & RE Comm. Mtg., POB1, 7-9pm
12	F	Mass, 9am Common Sense Parenting (4), WC 121, 6:30-8:30pm
14	S	Welcome Coffee & Donuts after Masses
15	M	No School, President's Day

Enclosures

Annual Registration Materials
Tech Fest Flyer
Holy Angels Dance (7-8)
Alter Fish Fry Flyer

Return Date

Tues. Feb. 16
None
See details
None

Quotation

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

- St. Thomas Becket