

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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Upcoming Inservice Dates

Please note in the March calendar enclosed there is an **Early Dismissal** at 1:00 on Tues, March 9 and **No School** on Fri, March 12 for In-service.

Ascension School Open House Thank You!!

Ascension students and staff took a break from the cold and snow to celebrate with the annual Leaning Fair and Open House "*Literacy Luau*" on Tuesday.



We thank you parents and students for attending, all our presenters, parent moderators, all the teachers, student helpers, the Wright State Baseball Team, and the planning team of Lisa Melvin, Teri Van Meter, Jennifer Teleha, Carolyn Frantz and Martha Shipman.

Over twenty new families interested in enrolling, along with over 300 current students and their parents enjoyed among the many activities, the Wright State Baseball team reading to the students, reading games, activities centered on popular children's books by Dr. Seuss, books in the *Arthur* series and *If you Gave a Mouse a Cookie* series. The event also included a book swap and Women's History speeches (or in this case *Herstory*) by 8th graders.

The evening was also the opening of our school's new Art Gallery, which utilizes unused wall space in the connector between school and the church. This was made possible with a grant from the CEC (Catholic Education Collaborative), St. Remy Project. The Art Gallery focuses on the Catholic identity and spirituality found in art. One area highlights individual student art pieces each month and a rotating digital picture frame displays an endless view of student art creations. There were also displays of fanciful musical instruments made in Music class with Mrs. Klein and Polynesian and Indonesian inspired art from Art class with Mrs. Meyer on display by the students some of which will travel to the K12 Gallery for a show through March and April and to the Creative Spirit Art Show on March 27.

Math Masters...

MathCounts Team 2010

Ascension placed 7th in the Miami Valley Region at the University of Dayton among 19 teams. The following students who represented Ascension: **Nick Schlegel, Kristen Wehner, Rachel Ollier, Paul Bete, Jenna Dirksen, Morgan Nash, Mitch Via, Jacob Ollier, Kevin Koesters (alt).**

Ohio Math League

Both Gr. 6 classes participated in the Ohio Mathleague Contest on Feb. 24. The top five scores go on to compete for top school and top individual score in the region, (our region is Butler, Greene, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren Counties) and then on to top schools and individual score in Ohio. **Mitch Via, Rachel Ollier, Chris Draper, Alex Smith, Matti Cridge*, Courtney Griffith*, Sophia Sparaco* and Danny Barbaro*** were Ascension's top scores. **tied for 5th*

Prayers for Parents...

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

Paul & Nancy Nash
Patrick & Lora Nigl
Amy Ernst, John North
Tom & Mona O'Brien
Ed & Alicia O'Daniel
Joe & Mary Ollier
Rachel Osborne, Michael Osborne
Joseph & Heather Parlette
Terry & Cindy Pellegrino
Elizabeth Petteys, Glenn Petteys
Angela & Adam Pope

Joe & Mollie Nelson
Laura Gaddis, Mark Noll
Robert & Janet Noss
Bill & Theresa O'Connell
Rob O'Grady
Mark & Barbara Olson
Joseph & Tai Overholser
Christina Pavliga
Jose & Rosa Perez
Ray & Amy Plummer

Ascension Academic Team

The Ascension Academic Team is made up of Volunteers who assist K-8 students at Ascension School. The Volunteers go through a short training program and are then ready to assist the students with Reading or Math. Whatever your skills or whatever your time commitment we could use your help. The students love the 1:1 attention and are prospering because of the Volunteers' help. If you would like to sign up please contact Nancy Blatt at (937)426-4734 or by email at blattn@ascensionket.org

Writing Winners...

Power of the Pen

Eight student writers from Ascension progress to the Regional Competition - 7th Graders: **Paul Bete, Patrick Hemmert, Claudia McAllister, Anthony Pellegrino** and 8th graders: **Anna Schelgel, Nick Clarkson**. Anna additionally placed 11th in the overall competition and won a post tournament Director's Choice award for Best of Round. This is quite an honor because Lorraine Merrill, the founder and president of POP Ohio, personally selected Anna's story. Other members of the competition team for Ascension were **Jacob Ollier, Morgan Nash, Jake Cridge, Sarah Barbaro, Julia Farrell and Stephanie Ryan**.

The coaches recognize the commitment and hard work of each one of the Gr. 7 & 8 students who joined POP last fall; you all set the bar high and pushed each other. Individual successes reflect the strength of our entire team. Power of the Pen team members who wrote at the district tournament, including alternates, will have a meeting Tues, March 2 after school until 4pm. Please bring your tournament stories with you to share. An entire team party for all POP members is in the planning stages. Stay tuned for further updates!

CJ Writing Contest

The following students were recognized with honors in the results of the CJ Writing contest for 7th and 8th graders.

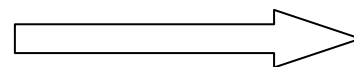
Julia Farrell - 1st place short story non-fiction
Ethan Hosford - honorable mention
Claudia McAllister - honorable mention

Violence Prevention

Samaritan Behavioral Health was awarded a violence prevention grant "Keeping Violence Out of Our Lives", to develop and evaluate a community based model of violence prevention. This model is designed to increase positive, productive skills that promote peaceful solutions to life's challenges.

Seven hundred (700) 5th and 6th grade students in the Dayton area including our own Ascension Gr. 5 & 6 are currently participating in activities designed to help strengthen individual knowledge and skills in bullying prevention and healthy relationship development.

Over please...)



More News of Our Ascension Graduates...

Six of the thirteen Merit Scholars at all levels of honor, including 4 "Commended" students were from Ascension (**Matthew Bova, Patrick Greaney, Dianne Minardi and Tim Moore**). **Erin Baldwin** and **Jay Certo**, graduates of Ascension School, were named as National Merit Scholar Finalists. Congratulations to these Ascension graduates.

VOICE

The VOICE is the Ascension Parish quarterly newsletter that highlights all parish activities, including news from the school. Copies are sent to all active members of the parish. Additional copies are being enclosed in the family envelopes in case families missed them in the mail. A school brochure is also tucked inside the publication. Feel free to pass the good news on to friends, families and neighbors if you have already received a copy.

Free to the first to respond...

The school has six sets of American Greetings religiously themed invitation greeting cards that would be suitable for Gr. 2 students celebrating first communion to use to invite friends and relatives to their first communion. Also there are two very nice ceramic candle holders that also might be nice gifts to first communicants. These items will go to the first to respond to the schol by Monday morning in the family envelope.

Green-Oak Preschool Open House

Green-Oak Preschool is having an Open House on Sat. Mar 6 from 1-3 PM. "The Voyageur Puppets" will perform. All are invited to come tour the facility and join in the festivities for free. After the puppet show, we begin registration for 3, 4, 5 year olds for fall classes. We have been a preschool for over 50 years. We offer a large fenced-in playground, music classes, computers, excellent curriculum appropriate for the age group along with field trips and special guests throughout the year. Green-Oak is located at the Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church, 1921 Woodman Dr. For more information: call Ruth at 252-7840 and check out our website at www.greenoakpreschool.com.



BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL

Family Game Night

Catapult Learning & Title 1 program at Ascension School are hosting a Family Game Day at Ascension on Tue, March 2, in the school Cafeteria. Families of all Title 1 students are invited to join us for an evening of educational math board games for a variety of ages that will help improve childrens' math skills Each student who attend will receive a Free game to take home. Refreshments will be served.

Calendar Update

Feb. 26	F	Common Sense Parenting, WC 121, 6:30-8:30pm
March 1-5	M-F	Gr. 3 Writing Sample
1	M	PACE Orientation, Pace Office, 6-7pm
2	TU	Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm
		Title 1 Family Game Night, 6:30-7:30
3	W	Kindergarten Parent Mtg., WC 118, 7-8pm
		IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
		Staff Mtg, Principal, POB4, 10am-12pm
5	F	Mass, 9am
6-7	S-SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
9	TU	Gr 7-8 Music Assembly, WC, 8:45-9:30am
		Rel. Ed. Cert., WC 119 & 120, 8am-1pm
		Early Dismissal, 1pm
		Faculty In-service, Rm202, 1:30-3:15pm
		St. Remy Class/Cohort Day
		Child Protection Class, St. Anthony, 7-8pm
10	W	IAT Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm
11	TH	School & RE Comm. Mtg., POB1, 7-9pm
12	F	No School - Inservice, Collaborative, Paula Kluth

Enclosures

Ascension VOICE
Dor-Wood Optimist Tri-Star Basketball Flyer
March Calendar
March Lunch Menu

Return Date

None
None
None
None

Quotation

"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude."

Denis Waitley