

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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Inservice Dates Next Week

This is a reminder of the **Early Dismissal** at 1:00 on Tues, March 9. Bus transportation home is provided by all our regular bus services. There is **No School** on Fri, March 12 for In-service.

3MBR

This year we are adding an **OPTIONAL** charity element to the **3MBR** event with the American Heart Assoc. Hoops for Heart for **Gr. 5-8** and Jump Rope for Heart for students in **Gr. 1-4** (who will be participating the same week and get to watch the finals of the **3MBR** tournament.) See enclosed letter and flyers from Mrs. Parker.

A tradition has developed at Ascension over the past 10 years, sometimes known as *March Madness*, planned this year for March 26. All Gr. 5 – 8 students have been formed into 3 v 3 basketball teams and eagerly await the competition. The above logo acronym, 3MBR, pronounced "Threemember", is used to describe the event. The 3 & B refer to – 3 on 3 Basketball. It takes three members on every team to be successful. The M represents *March Madness* and also the word Memorial. The tournament was unofficially dedicated by the Gr. 8 students some years ago to the memory of former Ascension student, Brandon Bacher, who died from a congenital heart condition in his first year at Carroll HS. And finally, the letter R has meaning for us at Ascension since we focus on the 3 R's of Respect, Responsibility & Reverence. These R's are not only ingredients of good sportsmanship, but certainly they are character traits found in successful Ascension students in all aspects of life.

Cash for Lunchroom Trash

Just by collecting juice pouches that would have otherwise been thrown away, the PTO has earned nearly \$65 so far this school year. We would like to thank the 4th grade Girl Scouts for their ongoing help with this collection. *Please remind your children to REMOVE the straws and completely empty and flatten their juice pouches before placing them in the collection bin at lunchtime.* This makes the job less messy- and more sanitary- for the scouts and moms who take care of getting the pouches sent off to TerraCycle.

We will soon have a bin for collecting chip bags too! For more information about this cool program that helps the environment and our school, visit www.terracycle.net.

Prayers for Parents...

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

Ken & Angela Quatman
Craig & Lisa Ramby
Jon & Christina Reichman
Matt & Zara Rhone
Bret & Kim Ritter
Kevin & Patricia Rose
Paul & Karen Ryan
Cirillo Modi & Bronica Pitiya
John & Martha Saurine
Aaron & Beth Schmidt
John & DeDe Schultz

Catherine Coppola
Fritz & Ana Reckziegel
Lisa Redman-McCaffrey, Kevin Redman
Ken & Nichole Richardson
Theresa Pearson, Thomas Rogers
Don & Nancy Roudebush
Bill & Cindy Ryan
Anthony & Beth Satalia
Dave & Tina Schlegel
Byron & Teresa Schooler
Richard & Robin Schwabe

First Annual Creative Spirit Fine Arts Festival

The Creative Spirit Fine Arts Festival will be held Sat, March 27, at St. Christopher Parish, conveniently located just off I-75 at 435 E. National Road (Rt 40), Vandalia. From 9 am - 3 pm, almost 1000 pieces of art from 25 of our Miami Valley Catholic schools will be on display in the church foyer and school library. Selected items from the K-12 Gallery in Dayton may also be included.

In addition, live music and drama performances by groups from 10 different schools will be featured throughout the day. A combined chorus, comprised of approximately 150 students from 6 schools and under the direction of Dr. Sharon Gratto and Dr. Robert Jones from the Univ. of Dayton Music Dept, is scheduled to perform four selections beginning at 12:30 pm in the church.

There is **No Admission Charge or Parking Fee** for this event! Students, parents, relatives, and friends are encouraged to come to celebrate our talented student artists, musicians, and performers. Food service will be provided in the school cafeteria by the PTO.



Portrait Salama Sarfino, Gr. 2

School Yearbook

School yearbook order forms are enclosed. Return deadline date is Mon, March 29. Our school has signed a multi year contract with Lifetouch which has guaranteed a yearbook price this year which is \$2 lower than in year's past. The yearbook will again be in color and include a current events section called *Zoom*. The books are delivered at the end of the summer. Unlike other schools, Ascension does not take a commission on the yearbooks.

The yearbook volunteers are also looking for photos to use in the yearbook. Good quality photos are needed of several students in a photo as they are involved in school events. Private party photos from outside school are not accepted. Photos may be sent to the school office in an envelope labeled "Yearbook." Photos will be returned, but probably not until the beginning of the next school year. If you want the photos returned please be sure that your family name is on the back of each photo. Digital photos are accepted and may be sent in on a disk. Photos may be contributed through the end of May. When photographs are taken at school some students are always jumping in front of the camera and others shy away from it, while some do not want their picture taken at all. So your help is needed to ensure that all children are well represented in the yearbook. If you have any questions, call Myrna Gazzo at 427-3743. Thanks for your help.

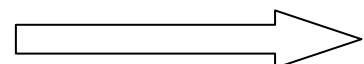
Gr. 8 Students – Food Fast

The Youth Ministry's 24 hour Food Fast for Catholic Relief Services is right around the corner! Join us next weekend for 24 hours of great activities, fun, friends (but no food). The 8th grade edition will be at Ascension starting at 5:30 on Fri, March 12 (note the time change from 5:00) and will conclude with a light supper after Saturday's 5pm Mass. We will stay overnight in the Witzman Center.

The forms for this event were handed out in class a few weeks ago. Additional forms are available in Mrs Gaeke's room and on the YM Events page of our website. We ask that you collect donations (see the forms) and bring them with you on the day of the fast. All money collected will go to Catholic Relief Services and their efforts to alleviate world hunger.

Since this is an overnight event, **parent volunteers are necessary**. If you can work a 2 hr, 4 hr, or overnight shift, or even the whole event, please contact Joe Ollier at 253-5171. Registrations are due March 9 so we have time to ensure enough materials and adult help. They can be turned in to the Youth Office or to your 8th grade teacher

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Geography Bee – State Qualifier!

Alex Trimbach has qualified to represent Ascension School at the 2010 Ohio Geography Bee to be held at the Ohio State University Mansfield Branch on Fri, April 9. Congratulations Alex and good luck.

Now Meijer Customers Can Help Our Scrip Program

Meijer gift cards can now be purchased from Great Lakes Scrip. They come in denominations of \$25 and \$100 and are good at any Meijer store in the United States or can be used for online purchases. Up until now the only way we could receive a benefit from Meijer was if you used their Meijer credit card or paid in cash and then it was a very small percentage that was sent to Ascension. These cards will provide us with a profit of 3%. Don't forget about the other hundreds of cards available from Great Lakes Scrip. Pick up a partial list and order form on the table in the narthex or call **Judy McManus (299-0997)** or **Phyllis Hildebrand (435-7114)**.

Carroll High School Freedom Players

Carroll High School Freedom Players are presenting *Big, The Musical* in the Carroll Gymnasium on March 12th, 13th and 14th. Ascension graduates include Shaun O'Neill, who stars as Josh Baskin, while Samantha Wilhelm and Chelsea Weitz are Stage Managers. Our own current Ascension students in the production are Adam Wilhelm, Mitchell Weitz, Hannah Keller, and Olivia Weimer

Miami Valley Summer Camp Fair

Information on camps for all ages - K-12! This free event is sponsored by Wright State Univ. on Sat, March 13, 11am - 2pm at Wright State Student Union – Atrium. Get info about Day Camps, Residential Camps, Special Interest Camps, Academic Programs, Traditional Camps, College Camps & Institutes. It's never too early to make plans for summer! Parents, children, and families will find information about stimulating and challenging academic, sports, and traditional summer camp programs for students in grades K-12. Plan to attend this 9th annual free event. (No reservations required - free admission and free parking!) *For more information contact: Wright State University, Office of Pre-College Programs, (937) 775-3135 3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy. Dayton, Ohio 45435 chris.hoffman@wright.edu*

Preschool Options

Ascension has had a longstanding partnership with our neighbor Green-Oak preschool. Information is below about their annual open house. Other preschool programs exist in the area and offer informational brochures and flyers as well. See enclosed.

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

BINGO Volunteers

We thank the following volunteers for their help on March 4th - Tim White and Vivian DeWall. Currently we have no volunteers lined up for March 11. 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.



Student Behavior & Leadership

We have high expectations of respect and responsibility in our Ascension upper grade students. Students are reminded in the upper grades that a number of privilege type activities are coming up in the school calendar such as the annual basketball tournament and the Fr. Stretch Relays. Student misbehavior can lead in some cases to a consequence of missing these activities as well as participation in educational outing trips to Columbus (Gr. 7) and Cincinnati (Gr. 8).

Some students have inquired about the credentials necessary to become an 8th grade Fr. Stretch Relay Captain. Four students are chosen from among their peers each year for this honor. Here are the guidelines:

- a.) Work to the "best of their ability" in and out of school;
- b) Be able to take some time away from classes and studies (it takes quite a bit of time to select and set up the teams);
- c) Not have any missing or late assignment as of day of vote
- d) Not have more than 3 checks on their blue card from time of vote until race date.
- e) Not be failing any subject;
- f) Not have served any detentions;
- g) Be a leader;
- h) Be intelligent enough to pick teams and plan race strategy.

Gr. 7 & 8 Patriot Youth Football Sign-Ups Scheduled

The Patriot Youth Football Club is having a mandatory sign-up and orientation meeting for incoming Gr. 7 & 8 for the 2010 fall school year on **Thurs, March 25** at 6pm in the Carroll High School cafeteria, 4524 Linden Ave., Dayton, OH. A parent or legal guardian is required to attend the sign-ups. The meeting will cover program philosophy, registration, fees, schedules, etc. A \$90 registration fee is required at the sign-up meeting. You can access the sign-up forms on-line at <http://www.patriotyouthfootball.com> - complete the forms prior to the meeting and bring a copy of your son's birth certificate with you. The sign up period ends on June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Hemmert at 427-0899.

Calendar Update

March 6-7	S-SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
9	TU	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/RTI Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm
11	TH	School & RE Comm. Mtg., POB1, 7-9pm
12	F	No School - Inservice

Enclosures

Yearbook Order Forms
 American Heart Assoc. Flyers (from Mrs. Parker)
 First Communion & Confirmation Flyer (Gr. 2 & 8)
 3x3 3MBR Basketball Volunteer Form (5-8)
 Carroll Freedom Players Flyer
 Belmont United Methodist Preschool Brochure

Return Date

Mon, March 29
 Optional
 None
 Mon. March 22
 None
 None

Quotation

"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

James M. Barrie