

# 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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## Supporting Ascension Parents...

### Common Sense Parenting Workshop

One of the most successful ways Ascension school has supported parents in the past few years has been the of the Common Sense Parenting Program. This program will be offered once again this spring right after Easter break. Details and a registration form is enclosed.

### Prayers for Parents...

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

Gerald & Cathy Schwarzman  
Curtis & Erin Shiner  
Brian & Kimberly Slaughter  
Carl & Karen Smith  
Richard & Janet Sniezek  
Paul & Mary Sommers

John & Theresa Sheidler  
Todd & Amy Shuttleworth  
Mike & Beth Sliper  
Trevor & Theresa Smith  
Steve & Gwen Sobieski  
Greg & Jodee Sorice

### Cash for Lunchroom Trash

We are now collecting Frito-Lay chip bags. Every time you enjoy any Frito-Lay snack you can save the bag and send it in to school and the wrappers are recycled into new products. For each approved snack bag received \$.02 will be donated to Ascension school. The PTO with the help of our Parish 4th grade Girl Scouts has earned nearly \$65 so far this school year.

### First Annual Creative Spirit Fine Arts Festival

Ascension School is participating in the Creative Spirit Fine Arts Festival to 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, including Ascension, will be on display in the church foyer and school library. A majority of the school's choir will be participating in the 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.

### BINGO Volunteers

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. Mrs. Walker may even begin calling to gently encourage those who have not volunteered yet.



### JOOI- Junior Optimists News



Fourteen Ascension students participated in the JOOI State Convention and Bowl-a-thon this past weekend. Not only did our JOOI moderator Mrs. Wist and the students enjoy a great time, **Taylor Waggoner** won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Wii Bowl-a-thon and **Nick Clarkson** won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **Anthony Cogliano** came very close to getting a regional office. We are proud of his efforts and of his peers in JOOI for supporting him. Those who attended the JOOI convention were **Nick Clarkson, David Eichner, Tyler Thomas, Morgan Nash, Dominic Antija, Anthony Cogliano, Stephanie Ryan, Taylor Waggoner, Kristen Wehner, Spencer Krienbrink, Sam Speyrer, Chris Draper, Grace Kreider, and Taylor Hill.**

### Uniform Clothing

Educational Apparel will be here for the school uniform spring sale on **Weds, March 31** from 2:30 - 6 pm in the Cafeteria.

### Science Fair

Twelve of our Ascension Gr. 7 students participated in the Montgomery County Science Day. **Kristen Wehner** earned a perfect score of 40 and won a 1<sup>st</sup> place in Microbiology. **Morgan Joly** tied for a first place trophy in Environmental Science and she won the American Association of University Women award and received a plaque. **Nicholas Schlegel** also was awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophy for Environmental Science.

The following students qualified to go on to West District Science Day at Central State Univ. on Sat, March 20: **Paul Bete, Morgan Joly, Anthony Pellegrino, Nicholas Schlegel, Nina Staub, Taylor Waggoner, Kristen Wehner, Megan Weitz, and Adam Wilhelm.** Congratulations Ascension students and thank you Mrs. Wist for guiding them.

### School Safety

Ascension School participates in a variety of safety drills required by the State of Ohio to ensure student safety. In addition to monthly evacuation drills (once known as fire drills) the school also is responsible for holding severe weather drills once a month from March through the rest of the school year. There is a statewide drill planned for Weds, March 24 at 10:00 in the morning. In the severe weather drills students and teachers report to smaller safe spots in the building that have thick walls and few or no windows.

Each fall prior to Nov. 1 the school is required to have safety drill (or lockdown drill). Ascension school conducted the drill under the supervision of our Community Police Officer Wayne Vilelli to assist us in that drill. Another one is planned for this spring. Ascension School has an extensive safety plan with copies located in each classroom along with a safety kit that goes with the class in the event of any emergency.

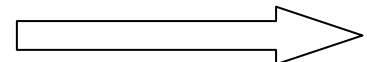
### Food Pantry Collection Next Weekend

Although winter is starting to relax its grip, hunger persists. Please support your neighbors in need by contributing nonperishable food items to our monthly Food Pantry collection next weekend, March 20 & 21. Special needs this month include macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, jelly, pudding and Jell-O. Brown paper grocery bags are always helpful, too. If you miss this month's collection, there are always marked boxes for the Food Pantry in the Brides' Room, located just off the Narthex.

### St. Albert School Gr. 7 & 8 Dance

Information & permission slip is enclosed for Gr. 7 & 8 students about a dance to be hosted by St. Albert the Great. Again participation in this event does not obligate Ascension to reciprocate with a dance of our own. We appreciate the St. Albert Community for hosting this event.

*Over please...*



## 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](mailto:chris.hoffman@wright.edu)

## News From Carroll High School...

### Carroll High School Freedom Players

Carroll High School Freedom Players are presenting ***Big, The Musical*** in the Carroll Gymnasium on March 12, 13 & 14. 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.**

### Don't miss Carroll High School's Alumni Irish Fish Fry!

Meet in the Carroll cafeteria/gym on Fri, March 19, 2010 from 6pm to midnight for delicious Icelandic Cod, plenty of beverages, games of chance, silent auction/raffle items, and live entertainment. The Celtic Academy of Irish Dancers will be on stage at 7:30pm. Cost: \$15 at the door and \$12 pre-sale in Carroll's main office until 3/18. Come join fellow alumni, renew old friendships, and have lots of fun! Public are welcome (21 and over). For more information, call (937) 253-8188, ext. 339.

### Carroll Alumni Association Easter Egg Hunt

All CHS alumni, friends and families are invited to join us Sat, April 3, 2010 for our annual Easter Egg Hunt from 9am until 11am. Come and enjoy a continental breakfast, games, crafts, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and an egg hunt. This event is rain or shine and the hunt will be indoors if the weather is bad. Cost: \$5 per adult and FREE for participating children. RSVP Deadline: March 26, 2010. Call Julie Weitz at (937) 253-8188, ext. 339, or email [jweitz@carrollhs.org](mailto:jweitz@carrollhs.org).

### 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.

## St. Albert the Great Alumni Celebrate School's 60th Anniversary!

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010

Where: 4:30 Mass in Church  
5:30 Tours of School  
5:30 Party in Parish Center

Spend an evening with friends and former classmates! We'll provide appetizers, soft drinks, and music that all alumni will enjoy. You bring the memories and pictures and all your St. Albert the Great friends. Cash bar (beer & wine) available! RSVP to: St. Albert the Great Communications Team [communications@stalbertthegreat.net](mailto:communications@stalbertthegreat.net) or [www.stalbertthegreat.net](http://www.stalbertthegreat.net) / click on Alumni Questions or to RSVP by phone: Call 298-1122x280

### Calendar Update

March 12	F	No School - Inservice
14	S	Welcome Coffee & Donuts after masses
15-19	M-F	Kdg Screening, Media Center, 8:30am-2:30pm
15-19	M-F	GR. 7 & 8 Save-IT Program, classrooms
16	TU	PTO Skating Party, Skateworld 3:30-5:30pm Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4:00pm, GL
17	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm Staff Mtg, Principal, POB4, 3:30-5pm
18	TH	Gr. 3 Writing Sample Scoring Day, St. Christopher
19	F	Mass, 9am Quarter 3 Ends
20-21	S-SU	Ascension Food Drive, All Masses
22	M	Quarter 4 Starts
23	TU	Archdiocesan Principal's Mtg., 8am-3pm
24	W	Parish Council Mtg, WC114, 6:30-9pm Report Cards Printed
25	TH	Mass, 9am PTO Exec. Comm. Mtg., Rm202, 7-9pm
26	F	3MBR Basketball Tourney, PAC, 8:30am-2:15pm Report Cards Sent Home
30	TU	Faculty Report Card Prep, Rm202, 2:45-4pm Candid and Group Photos
31	W	Spring Uniform Sale, 2:30-6:00, Cafeteria K12 Gallery Art Show

### Enclosures

Common Sense Parenting Registration  
St. Albert Dance (Gr. 7 & 8 )  
Gr. 1 Ed Outing Permissions

### Return Date

ASAP  
See details  
March 19

### Quotation

Gratefulness is the key to a happy life that we hold in our hands, because if we are not grateful, then no matter how much we have we will not be happy -- because we will always want to have something else or something more.

Brother David Steindl-Rast :



**BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL**