

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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Prayers for Parents...

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

Chris & Kristin Sparaco	Jim & Dorothy Speyrer
Kelli Pickett	Jeff Unroe & Sherene Springer
Chris & Angela Staub	Shannon Stedman Thomas Holtgreven
Tony & Kate Stefanek	Ashley Gaines & John P. Steinbrugge
Tim & America Stevens	Robert & Cynthia Biltz
Cathie Stokes	Jenny Paxson & Jonathan Stone
John Syx & Monica Mueller	John & Tracy Takach
Paul & Myn Tarlano	Stephan & Brandye Taylor
Matthew & Jennifer Teleha	Kevin & Lisa Thayer
Glenn & Lori Thompson	Jackie Janning, Brian Townsend

Celebrating the Arts...

K-12 Gallery Show

Ascension and St. Helen students will present artwork at the K12 Gallery for Young People downtown beginning with an Opening Reception 6-8 March 31. See details on the enclosed card.

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 Ascension's school's choir will be participating in the combined chorus performance beginning at 12:30 pm in the church. There is No Admission Charge or Parking Fee for this event! Food service will be provided in the school cafeteria by the PTO.

BINGO Volunteers

We thank Bingo Volunteers for March 18: **Jodie Daniel, Diane Timko, Lisa Eckley, Tracy Takach, Bill Jones.** Volunteers for Thurs, March 25 are: There is no BINGO on Holy Thursday April 1. Karen Walker is our school coordinator for BINGO volunteers. Please call her at 293-3976 to make plans for the one night of BINGO service that all parents of school families have been encouraged and challenged to pledge.

Fr. Edward "Rudy" Rudemiller

We have received word from the Archdiocesan Chancery Office that Fr. Edward Rudemiller died Thursday morning. Fr. Rudy had a great impact on this parish during his residency here at Ascension from 1980-1992. Please keep the Rudemiller family and our Ascension family in prayer. Funeral arrangements will likely be announced this weekend.

Tuition Assistance

The deadline for PSAS applications is April 1. If you've not received an application you may request one from the school office or download the forms online from the school website. All families requesting assistance must also apply for PACE and attend the next PACE orientation on Mon. April 5 at 5pm.

Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart Update

Due to the martial arts program, the Jump Rope for Heart dates have been changed to the week of March 30, so donations can be returned anytime during the week of the 30th. Hoops for Heart will still be held in conjunction with the 3MBR tournament on Fri, March 26.

Also, the JOOI Club would like to help us honor our loved ones in memory or survival of heart disease by making pennants. Please send in any names of those loved ones and pictures if you'd like by Tues, March 23. Please also include the student's name and grade. Return to Mrs. Parker or Mrs. Wist.

Ascension Marketplace...

Ascension has been selling some surplus equipment in the school over the past year. Funds raised from the sale of these items will support the school and parish music, athletic & development programs. A few items remain for sale or have just been placed on craigslist recently. In an effort to give our school families a fair shot at purchasing, we report here the list of items that remain for sale.

For sale:

- 3 wood basketball backboards and hoops - \$30 apiece
- Everett Acoustic Console Piano - \$500 (ideal for any family starting piano lessons)
- One 21' TV - \$20
- Scoreboard 3' x7' light up scoreboard - \$300
- Lockers - 4 sections (20 years old in excellent shape)

Likewise Ascension School utilizes used equipment and looks for contributions to place into service - **Needed:**

- 1 Two drawer file cabinet.

Please call the school at 254-5411 if you are interested in either purchasing surplus or donating items to the school.

Elementary School Day "Fitness Challenge" Catholic East District Try Out

Ascension School and St. Helen School are teaming up together as Catholic East District to host this year's annual **Fitness Challenge** to be held at Stebbins High School on Sat, April 17. The response this year from Gr. 4 participants has been so great that there is need to hold a District Day Try Out to put our final team together.

Rain or shine try outs will be held at the Carroll High School track on Sat, March 27. Please dress for the weather as it has rained just about every year that a try out has been held! The tryout begins at noon with the fitness events and then move on to the running events. Please contact our District Challenge Leader Mary Beth Walters if you have questions at mwalters@sthelenschl.org. See you at try outs!

A+Evaluation

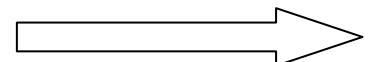
Ascension regularly evaluates major programs and activities with the A+ Evaluation. If your family participated in the School Learning Fair Open House back on Feb. 23 we ask you to complete an A+ Evaluation. Thank you for your feedback.



Long Term Substitutes

Both Mrs. Schaefer and Mrs. Frantz are having long term substitutes in their classrooms as they are on medical leave. We introduce Carrie Whelan as the sub for Mrs. Schaefer. Carrie is a Kettering resident, Alter HS alumnus and a recent Graduate of Xavier. Carrie Dirksen will be subbing for Mrs. Frantz during her leave. Mrs. Dirksen is a regular substitute here at Ascension and neighboring schools. So both Gr. 4 classrooms will be in good hands.

Over please....



Legislative Action Needed

Your help is needed **NOW** to convey to Members of Congress, as they work to reauthorize the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (most recently known as *No Child Left Behind*), the importance of addressing the needs of students and teachers in private schools.

The U.S. Dept. of Education has just released a *Blueprint for Reform* and Congress is holding hearings on reauthorization. The House Education and Labor Committee is encouraging stakeholders in this legislation to send their priorities to eseacomments@mail.house.gov by **Fri, March 26**. We urge the Catholic school community to use this e-mail opportunity to convey the importance of addressing the needs of students and teachers in private schools when they revise this legislation.

Many Catholic schools have found accessing services for their students and teachers to be very complicated and frustrating. Thus we encourage you to address the following issues in the individual e-mails we ask you to send:

- equitable participation by students in private schools has been a requirement in *ESEA* since it was first passed in 1965.
- in recent years funds generated by students in private schools have been diverted to public school programs in which our students cannot participate, such as Supplemental Education Services and All School Improvement programs.
- *ESEA* should be changed so that the proportional share of funds to serve nonpublic school students and teachers in private schools will be based on the total allocation of a program *prior to a school district setting aside funds* which only public schools can use.

Easter Egg Hunt at Ascension

Ascension's Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Light Council 14891 will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Sat, April 3 from 12-1pm on Ascension's athletic field. The egg hunt is free and open to any child 9 yrs old and younger and will be divided into 4 age groups. In case of bad weather, we will meet in the PAC. Any questions, contact Tim Magoto at 426-7266.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

Women's Guild is looking for one or two women who would be interested in planning the Mother-Daughter Banquet for next year. Donna Sheetz & Toni Gibson have planned the banquet for this year and the new team would work alongside them to facilitate a smooth transition for the following year. Please consider helping so we can continue this tradition here at Ascension. Any woman of the parish who is interested or would like more information, please call Phyllis Hildebrand at 435-7114.

Food Pantry Collection This 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 this 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.

Jump into Summer Camp

This is an AAU Jump Rope program for students starting at 6 yrs and up. It runs June 14 to Aug. 27 (6 - 8pm Mon, Wed. & Fri). Camp cost is \$80.00. For more information: Coach Clay, 684-1038; daytongemcityjumpers.org

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.

8th Grade Confirmation Notes

Confirmation practice: Sat, April 24, 6:30 pm. All candidates and their sponsor/adult substitute are expected to be at practice. It will last approximately 1 hour. **Bring Baptismal candle!**

Sacrament of Confirmation: Tues, April 27, at 7:00pm. Reception in the Witzman Center. immediately following Mass.

Confirmation binders are due by March 22. Please be sure the following are completed and filed in the proper section:

- Sponsor Reflections #1,2,3,4
- Service reflections – 3 events during Gr. 8 (The long term service proposal form should be in your binder)
- Saint name form completed and Confirmation name chosen.

In order for the candidate to have his/her name submitted to receive the sacrament on April 27, binders should be complete and submitted by March 22, In addition the candidate must attend the *Afternoon of Reflection* on April 18 from 1:30 – 5:30 in the Witzman Center.

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 19	F	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

Educational Apparel flyer
Gr. 2 & 8 Sacramental Information
K-12 Gallery Post Card
A+ Evaluation
School & Religious Ed. Comm. Minutes

Return Date

None
None
None
Mon. March 22
None

Quotation

"There are things you do because they feel right and they make no sense and they make no money and it may be the real reason we are here: to love each other (and to eat each other's cooking) and to say it was good!"

Sr. Dorothy Stang



BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL