

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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Tues., Sept. 9 - Early Dismissal

Early dismissal on Tues., Sept. 9 will be at 1:00 for an afternoon teacher in-service. Kettering, Dayton, Beaver Creek and Sugar Creek Buses will arrive early at 1pm. The Sugar Creek bus will take the students directly home on this day.



Parents who deliver students by car please remember to drop students off in the morning by way of the upper lot. Students may not be dropped off in the lower lot prior to 8:00. Students arriving after 8:00 must be escorted into the building by their parents. Students arriving late are not admitted to class until parents sign them in.

Diagrams for AM drop off and PM pick up are enclosed.

Federal Survey

All of our school families are asked to review and complete the enclosed survey. This information is very important to ensure our continued participation in the Federal programs. These programs provide a variety of materials and services for our children, teachers and school. It is one of the benefits our children receive from your tax dollars and we do not want to lose it. **Please complete and return the survey by Tues., Sept. 2. Even if you have already submitted free and reduced lunch applications this form must be completed also.**

Musical Notes...

There are a number of opportunities for students in Gr. 4-8 to participate in musical activities. Carroll High School Band instructors offer instrumental band instruction for students and will orient new prospective students and returning students on Tues. Sept. 2



Gr. 5-8 students interested in returning to participation in this year's School Choir have information enclosed. Information will follow next week regarding new members. All Gr. 4 students participate in recorder instruction. Details about inexpensive recorder purchase are enclosed.

School & Religious Education Committee

The School & Religious Education Committee assists the pastoral staff in the development of long range planning, budget matters, public relations, policy formation, and overall parish unity for education programs for children in the parish age 3 to Gr. 8. Members of this committee are: Lisa Via, Dan Accrocco, Beth Schmidt, Sue Graham, and Brent Devitt. There are three open positions currently for parents of religious education students. Meetings are monthly on the first Thursday. Minutes of the August School & Religious Education Committee Meeting are enclosed.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer sign up forms mentioned last week are enclosed in this week's envelope. Parents, Grandparents, parishioner and other adult friends of the school are invited to volunteer. **Our goal is to have all families volunteer in at least one way or another throughout the school year. See the enclosed volunteer sign up forms.**

P.T.O News

The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is the active parent and teacher support association of the school. Minutes and agendas for regular meetings of the executive committee and general meetings are enclosed with these newsletters.

The PTO Walkathon is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the P.T.O. All students will be given information on Fri., Sept. 5. We ask that the children get pledges from friends and family, but strongly discourage the children from going door to door. Please read the information and if you have questions please call the school.

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken of all children on Mon., Sept. 8. On picture day the students do not need to wear school uniforms. The students that have gym that day will have their pictures taken first and may either bring a change of clothes or just wear a special top for the picture and then change. The students do not buy the pictures at this time. Each child will be sent a set of proofs in about 4-6 weeks and make a choice at that time. Only then do you send the money. A flyer from Lifetouch is enclosed.



Campbell's Labels

Did you know that Campbell's Soups are not the only way to help Ascension school? The Campbell's Soup Label program includes the following product lines: Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, V8, Swanson and Prego. **Clip only the UPC.** Please take the time to save the UPC or lid (V8 & Prego) and send it in to school. These products help us to provide playground equipment and other classroom items. For more information please go to www.labels4education.com.

1 point Value



5 point Value

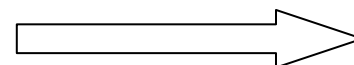


Box Tops for Education

Have you heard about the Box Tops for Education Program? You can earn cash for Ascension school by clipping box tops from your favorite products. Each box top is worth 10 cents. Participating products include: General Mills cereals, Pillsbury, Yoplait, Hamburger Helper, Betty Crocker, Nature Valley, Kleenex, Cottonelle, Scott, Viva, Ziploc and Saran. For a complete list, and to earn bonus box tops go to www.boxtops4education.com



Over Please...



Co-Curricular Activities

Ascension has in recent years added co-curricular opportunities in writing, leadership and math with the Power of the Pen, Junior Optimists and Math Counts student organizations. This year Ascension School will be adding the First Lego League to offer students a chance to explore robotics and engineering. Information and sign ups for these activities will be sent home over the next few weeks.

Co-curricular activities must have among other things two qualified adult moderators with child protection and fingerprinting requirements met, whose sole focus while supervising the students is on the students and an agreement in terms for responsible use of the facilities and a concrete schedule of activities. The activity must have enough interested participants.

There has been a request to gauge interest in developing a Spanish Club. Enclosed in today's envelope is an interest finder regarding an after school, once a week Spanish Club. Many details must be worked out including dates of meetings, facility space, cost if any, materials, PTO sponsorship all with the principal's approval.

Sr. Maureen Heavy Jubilee

Sr. Maureen Heavy, R.S.M, is celebrating her 50th jubilee as a Sister of Mercy. Sr. Maureen will be recognized and blessed at the 12:00 mass on Sunday, Sept. 7. A reception with light refreshments, hosted by the Women's Guild in the Witzman Center will follow from 1:00 – 2:00pm

In 1982 Sister Maureen was appointed school principal at Ascension. After 18 years of faithful service to the Ascension School, Sr. Maureen retired as principal in the summer of 2000. She returned as administrative assistant in 2001 and continues in that position at Ascension School to this day. Sr. Maureen has also served in a number of other ministries in the parish, most notable as chairperson of the Worship Commission and as director of Leadership Ascension.

Envelope Enclosures

All enclosures in the envelope will be screened by the school administrator. Items to be included in the envelope should have some direct benefit to the school operation and its students. Information about extracurricular learning and athletic activities may be enclosed as a service to the students and parents that would like to be involved and to the organizations sponsoring these opportunities.

Art Supplies

Mrs. Meyer wishes to thank you all for the art supplies sent in this year from the supply list. She now has plenty of supplies from the list due to many generous families. She will let us know if there is need of supplies in the future. Thank you for all your efforts.

Calendar

Sept.	1	M	Labor Day, No School
	2	TU	Returning Band Orientation, 10-10:15am Band Orientation Gr. 5 & new Gr. 6-8, 10:45 Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm
	3	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm Staff Mtg, Principal, POB4, 10am-12pm
	5	F	Walkathon Kick-off, PAC, 1:45-2:15pm
	5	F	Mass, 9am
	6-7	SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
	7	SU	Sr. Maureen Anniversary, WC, 1:00 Gr. 6-8 Parent Program, Church, 2-4pm
	8	M	Ascension Walkathon Permission Returned School Pictures, Rm106, am Child Protection Class, St. Helen, 7pm
	9	TU	Early School Dismissal, 1pm Faculty In-service, Rm202, 1:30-3:15pm PTO Exec. Mtg, Rm202, 7pm
	10	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
	11	TH	School & RE Comm. Mtg, POB1, 7-9pm
	12	F	Mass, 9am
	14	SU	Catechetical Sunday Mass, 9-10am

Enclosures

Federal Survey	<u>Return Date</u>
Volunteer Sign up	Tues, Sept. 2
Gr. 4 Recorder Order Form	Tues, Sept. 2
Gr. 5-8 Choir Returning Member Permission	Tues, Sept. 2
PTO Minutes and Calendar	None
Arrival & Dismissal Diagrams	None
Campbell's Eligible Products	None
Spanish Club Interest Finder	None
Lifetouch Photo Flyer	None
Marian's School of Dance flyer	None
Altar Fest Flyer	None

A reminder that Handbook Compliance, emergency forms and volunteer forms must be turned in by Tues., Sept. 2

Quotation

*"Let parents and teachers give to their children not riches,
but the spirit of reverence.*

Plato

