

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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Ascension Walk-a thon!

Many thanks to all the parents who volunteered at the first Walk with Ascension. We had an amazing 100% student participation in the walk. Now it is time to think about the pledge envelopes which need to be turned in by Weds., Oct. 1. This is the only PTO fund raiser for the school this year, so please participate as you are able. The assembly to present prizes will be held on Fri., Oct. 17.



OPTION C

If relatives have inquired about renewing subscriptions from previous year's magazine drives you may use the Option C website to do so and still benefit Ascension School with 40% of the subscription price. This may be done online, instructions are enclosed. This is not being treated as a full blown fundraiser, only providing this as a service to families who might be ordering magazines anyhow and allow the school to benefit.



School Pictures

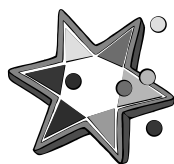
Picture proofs are going home today separate from the family envelopes. To purchase the photos checks must be made out to Lifetouch National School Studios. Please return the payment by Oct. 6. Retakes are scheduled for Mon., Nov. 3 and are free. A complimentary set of "Smile Safe" cards are also enclosed in the packet for your wallet in case your child becomes lost.

Uniforms

Educational Apparel is coming for the "Winter Sale" on Weds., Oct. 1 from 2:30pm-6pm in the Cafeteria. In particular skirts need to be checked for fit, especially among the older girls. As they outgrow the waist and hips, some of the girls begin to roll their skirts up at the waistband, which then causes them to be too short.



Mother/Son Game Night



Come one! Come all! to the annual Mother/Son Game Night on Sat., Oct. 4, from 6-8 pm in the Ascension Cafeteria. This year's event is open to grades K-8. Please bring your favorite board game and peanut-free snack to share. A flyer is enclosed.

Bully Proofing for Parents

The school is hosting Jim Bisenius a Bully Proofing expert from Columbus who will be presenting to the students in the morning on Mon. Oct. 6. and to the parents at 7pm in the PAC. You may go to the BULLY-PROOFING YOUTH website to learn about Mr. Bisenius's approach: www.bully.t83.net/#

His bullying prevention program has been received with overwhelming enthusiasm everywhere it has been presented. He converted his therapy methods into assembly form, and has trained over 300 thousand elementary and middle school students all over the Midwest with his bully-proofing techniques. Mr. Bisenius uses assemblies and parent follow up to reproduce what he has successfully done one-on-one with individual clients for years.

Standardized Testing

Students in Grades 2,4,6 and 8 will be taking the **Terra Nova** Achievement Test and **Inview** Ability Tests from Sept. 29-Oct. 17. In particular **Gr. 6 & 8 graders will be testing in the Witzman Center from 8:15-11:15 in the morning next week to create a positive testing atmosphere**. Please encourage your child/ren to do their best on the tests. We don't want students to feel anxious or stressed about the test results. Some suggestions to help your child have a positive testing experience are:

- **Get enough sleep at night**
- **Have a good breakfast.**
- **Arrive to school on time.**
- **Be at school every day. (It's difficult to make up when you get behind.)**
- **Most testing is done in the morning so appointments should be made in the afternoon.**

Thank you for your cooperation. Call our school counselor **Carie Wheeler** with questions at 254-2441 and see Ms. Wheeler's Counselor's Corner on the reverse about test taking strategies and study skills.

High School Recruitment

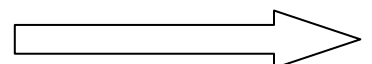
There are no longer high school recruitment boundaries in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as of July 1, 2007. Ascension School has developed its own protocol in line with Archdiocesan policies to aid parents and students in the process of selecting a Catholic High School. That document is enclosed for Gr. 7 & 8 families and available to other school families upon request.

High School Shadowing/Visitation

Visitation Day for Ascension 8th graders at Chaminade-Julienne High School and Archbishop Alter is scheduled for Thurs. and Fri. Nov. 6 & 7 when Ascension school is not in session. Carroll High School offers a group visitation day on Fri., Nov. 21. If any families are interested in detailed information on upcoming CJ & Alter visitation then please call the school or send a note in the family envelope to request the materials and they will be sent to you via the envelope. Details about the Carroll visitation day will be available in early Nov.

Eighth grade students are encouraged to shadow or visit on days when Ascension School is not in session. A sample 8th Grader Permission for Shadowing/Visitation Day form is found on the reverse of the Ascension Protocol. For days when the shadowing or visitation day does occur on a regularly scheduled school day that form must be submitted before the visitation or shadowing or the day will be considered unexcused.

Over please....



3 things to do on Oct. 11 & 12

That will build your family faith!

Pick one or join in all three!

1. Bundle Sunday

Parishioners/School Families are invited to bundle all used clothing and linens into boxes or bags and drop them off at Ascension on Sat. or Sun. Oct. 11, 12 where volunteers and a St. Vincent de Paul truck will be available to receive the donations. All items donated must be bagged or boxed.

If your family wishes to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society you may sign up on the enclosed form.

2. One Bread, One Body Eucharistic Procession & Devotion

On Sat., Oct. 11 bring your family together to witness, worship, pray and gather in fellowship with Ascension, Immaculate Conception and St. Helen.

Hosted by St. Helen's Parish, supper begins at 6 pm in the St. Helen gym. At about 6:40 we will process by candlelight through the St. Helen neighborhood to a Benediction service. First Communicants may wear their special clothes and will have a special place in the procession. The evening will end with dessert.



Students of Ascension will be introduced to the tradition of Eucharistic devotion and Benediction with learning activities during religion classes the week before the event. Please plan to join our partners in this first annual Eucharistic event. If you have questions please email Karen Westgerdes at kwestgerdes@yahoo.com

3. Family Rosary Rally

The Third Annual Family Rosary Rally III will be held on The Feast of the Holy Rosary Sunday, Oct. 12 at University of Dayton Arena, 3pm. Families from throughout the Dayton Deanery will gather together at UD Arena for this powerful public family prayer event of Eucharistic Adoration and Marian prayer for peace, vocations and respect for life. Students in all the grades will be making rosaries in preparation for the visit of Fr. Patrick Byrne, Dir. of the Vatican office of the Holy Childhood Association who is visiting Ascension Parish on Oct. 8. He will be joining the students in a World Mission Rosary at 1:15 on Weds. Oct. 8.



Carroll High School Drama

Ascension graduates Shaun O'Neill and Tim Moore have leading roles in the upcoming presentation of The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe. Stage Managers Josh Weitz, Adam & Andrew Becker are also Ascension graduates. Flyer enclosed.

Congratulations Mrs. Wist

Our Gr. 6 science and religion teacher at Ascension, Wanda Wist has attained the level of Director of Religious Education Certification. Mrs. Wist for years has assisted in religious education certification by offering certification courses to fellow teachers. Sue Graham remains our Ascension Parish Coordinator of Religious Education and directs religious education of parish youth not being served in Ascension School.

CYO Girls Basketball

Doug Barney, the CYO coordinator for Basketball at Ascension is asking if there are any further girls at all interested in playing basketball to reply by Monday so there are enough numbers to sport a team.

Calendar

Sept.	30	TU	Faculty Mtg., Rm202, 2:45-4pm
Oct	1	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm Staff Mtg, Principal, POB 1, 10am-12pm Ascension Walkathon Final Collection Date
	1-28		Terra Nova Testing Grades 2, 4, 6, & 8
	3	F	Mass, 9am
	4	SA	PTO Mother Son Game Night, Cafeteria, 6:30-8pm
	4-5		Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
	6	M	Bully Proofing Gr. 1-4 - 8:30-10; Gr. 5-8 - 10-11:30 Early Dismissal, 1:00 Bully Proofing for Parents, 7pm PAC
	8	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm World Mission Rosary, 1:15, Church
	9	TH	School & RE Comm. Mtg, POB1, 7-9pm
	10	F	Mass, 9am
	11	SA	One Bread One Body at St. Helens, 6:00
	12	SU	Rosary Rally at UD
	14	TU	PTO Exec. Mtg, Rm202, 7pm Principal Meeting, Trinity Center, 8am Faculty Mtg., Rm202, 2:45-4pm PTO Skating Party, Skateworld, 6-8pm
	15	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm Staff Mtg, Principal, POB4, 3:30-5pm
	17	F	Mass, 9am Walkathon Assembly, PAC, 1:45-2:15

Enclosures

Mother Son Game Night Flyer
 Bundle Sunday Volunteer form
 LEGO League Commitment Form (4-8)
 Power of the Pen Commitment Form (7-8)
 High School Recruitment Protocol (7-8)
 Online Magazine Service Flyer
 K-12 Art Flyer
 Oct. 6 Bully Proofing Seminar
 October Menus
 October Calendar

Return Date

Mon. Sept. 29
 Mon. Sept. 29
 Thurs. Oct. 2
 Mon. Oct. 14
 None
 None
 None
 None
 None
 None

Photograph Proofs & Smile Safe Cards
 Photograph Order Forms

Sent Separately
 Mon., Oct. 6

Quotation

"A miracle has happened! The light of understanding has shown upon my little pupil's mind, and behold, all things are changed!"

Anne Sullivan