



Ascension School

Mar. 1, 2011

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www.ascension-parish.com

Tuesday Thoughts

"Edison knew what most successful people know. Talent and skills and even luck can take you a long way. But perseverance can take you further. Those who learn to stick to their tasks usually end up doing very well in life."

-by William J. Bennett from *The Book of Virtues*

Dear Parents,

Life is filled with challenges and education is similar to one big problem solving puzzle. When we persevere and follow through on assignments, we begin to see results that prepare us for life!

We had an unexpected delay on Monday morning due to severe weather and appreciate the Reach Alert system that enabled us to let you know that. You were notified as soon as the Archdiocese made the call for the delayed start. If you have not registered for Reach Alert, please call the office to do so. We are only using this system for extreme weather and if you have no other system to alert you to delays, you make trips to school when there may not be supervision for your children. The 98-100 mile an hour winds accompanying this storm as it crosses Indiana and headed into the Louisville area led to the delay. By the time your children were en route to school, it was light enough to see the skies and detect potential tornadoes. Our primary goal is to keep your children safe and we appreciate your help to stay tuned to the weather as we head into Spring.

The 2nd trimester has ended and teachers are entering the grades for this grading period. Please make sure all accounts are up to date so you can access your child's grades on PowerSchool.

Please watch for details in the upcoming weeks about Summer Solutions for those of you who need to keep concepts fresh for your children over the summer. As soon as we receive the information about how to order these online, we will pass this on to you so you can work directly with the company. If you order materials by May 9, we will be able to send them home with your child at the end of the school year. All communication and payment for the materials will be directly with the company. The school will receive your orders and get them to you by the last day of school. This is an optional program and there are primarily for your benefit if your children need extra help.

The response to the Three Year Old Program for next year has been very positive! We have application forms in the office and will be sending forms to all those who have expressed interest! We are excited about putting this program in place for our parish and school.

We have submitted a grant to create a virtual learning environment in one of the classrooms for next year to allow for interaction with other schools, expansion of our partnership with

U of L, and the possibility for virtual field trips. Please keep this process in your prayers as we continue to bring a wide range of services to our students.

We appreciate the ACE forms that are coming in and encourage you to think about helping if you have not already signed up to work with us. There are just a **two** more weeks to submit the forms to participate as a presenter so the committee can put the courses together for the students to select options.

Terra Nova tests begin next week and are usually scheduled at the beginning of the day. However, some grade levels will test students during the times they normally teach the content areas so some of the testing will fall in the early afternoons. Thank you for helping us test all of our students within this window so we can get test results to you by the end of the school year.

Also note that the 2nd trimester awards will be presented at the 1:15 Mass on March 15. March 9 is Ash Wednesday so we have Mass at 1:15 that week instead of Tuesday.

Please share the good things going on at Ascension with friends and neighbors! We appreciate the support of those who continue to promote Ascension to those with whom you work and interact. You are indeed among our greatest blessings.

God bless your week.

Mary Jo Ellis
Principal

FOR ANY COACHES OR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS, as required by the Archdiocese & CSAA Offices, if you have regular contact with students or athletes you **must attend one** of these workshops. **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING PROGRAM SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOPS**

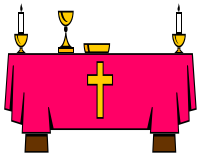
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	Street	Room
3/7/11	6:30 P.M.	St. Gabriel	5503 Bardstown Rd.	Gym
3/14/11	6:30 P.M.	St. Thomas Moore	6105 S. Third St.	Café
4/25/11	6:30 P.M.	Holy Trinity	423 Cherry wood Rd	Cafe

PARENTS: The Safe Environment Workshop, school volunteer form and background check needs to be filled out to be able to help with classroom activities. These are requests from the Archdiocese and our school policy if you are going to have direct contact with the students such as **being present in the classroom for a party, to supervise a classroom for the teacher appreciation luncheon in May or to chaperone a field trip.** This is NOT necessary to just drop off treats in the office or to work on projects at home.

Jr. Kindergarten Teaching Position

Jr. Kindergarten (pre-school) teacher position available. Pre-school teaching experience or certified elementary school certification required. Contact Brenda Gonzalez at KID'S TIME, 473-7769 for interview.

PARENTS CORNER



Altar Servers:

Saturday, Feb. 26—5:30

Lindsey Jackel, Andrew Marquess, Teresa Milliner

Sunday, Feb.27 —8:30

Jeremy Bissinger, Alex Strickland

Sunday, Feb.27—10:30

Patrick Ritter, Grant Wessling, Michael Wheatley



REMINDERS:

- Mar 7-18 Terra Nova testing—Please do not schedule appointments during these two weeks.
- Mar 9 1:15 Ash Wednesday Mass
- Mar 15 1:15 Awards after Mass * Note that this has changed since we will have Mass on March 9 for Ash Wednesday instead of March 8.
- Mar 26 5:30 PM Mass—Confirmation
- Apr 4-8 Spring Break
- Apr 24 Easter
- Apr 25 We will be in school to make up a snow day.
- April 26 2nd Grade Retreat
- May 1 10:30 AM Mass—First Communion
- May 6 No School Oaks Day
- May 12-13 7:00 PM *“The Aristocats”*
- May 25 *Last Breakfast of the school year.***

Referral Discount! Remember, any family that refers a new family to our school can receive a \$1000 tuition discount. If you have no children in school you can direct this discount to the family of your choosing. Call Theresa Garrett for details at 451-2535.



8th Grade Trip

The final payment for the 8th grade trip is due by March 15.



TRACK

Anyone in grades K-8 interested in running Track? We are going for our 5th Championship this Year! Our first practice will be Sunday March 6th here at Ascension from 1-2:30. If you have any questions please feel free to call Dennis Jones at 267-5954.

Our Close-Out Date is May 9, 2011 School coupon Code: ASC40220

Important: To qualify for free shipping to your school, be sure to place your order before the close-out date.

NEW: Easy Online Ordering and Free Shipping for Your *Summer Solutions* Order!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Because of your school's relationship with the publishers of *Summer Solutions*, you can purchase your child's summer books for just \$10 each plus applicable tax (Ohio only). Bright Ideas Press will cover the shipping & handling costs of your purchase, saving you at least \$3 per book. Here is how it works:

Decide which *Summer Solutions* books you would like to order. Please purchase the level that matches your child's current grade level. For example, a current third grader will use *Summer Solutions* Level 3. A description of each subject area is included in this letter. You can order at our website or you can call us to place your order (toll-free at 1-877-382-7537).

Online Ordering Instructions:

1. Go to www.SimpleSolutions.org to place your order with a credit card. Select *Summer Solutions* from the green menu bar at the left. Choose the subjects and levels that you want to purchase and add them to your shopping cart.
2. Enter your school's coupon code (see above) in the code box. This will qualify your order for free shipping to the school.*
3. Proceed with Check Out using your credit card for payment.
4. After the close-out date, your school's entire order will be processed and shipped to your school. The contact person for your school will receive a packing list indicating which books you have purchased. Please keep the receipt which will be emailed to you once you place your order.

*If your credit card has an Ohio address, 7.5% sales tax will be applied.

Summer Solutions Mathematics

Summer Solutions Mathematics provides consistent review and practice of all the math skills covered at the grade level just completed, as well as material covered in previous grades. Without ongoing practice, most students' computational skills drop significantly over the summer months. But by completing just three lessons per week, students will retain what they've learned, so they do not have to re-learn math skills at the start of the next school year.

Summer Solutions Mathematics, Levels K - Algebra I, Part B



Summer Solutions Problem Solving

Summer Solutions Problem Solving expands thinking about math to include real-life problems and practical applications of all the skills mastered at the grade level just completed. Systematic practice with problem solving strategies enhances a child's resourcefulness and makes math problem solving easier. Problem solving strategies include making an organized list, chart, or table; solving a similar yet simpler problem, acting it out, drawing a picture, working backwards, and finding patterns.

Summer Solutions Problem Solving, Levels 2-7



Summer Solutions Grammar & Writing

Summer Solutions English Grammar & Writing Mechanics reinforces language skills through a systematic review of all the parts of speech, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling rules. Lessons also provide opportunities for writing practice, including proofreading and editing, as well as a review of reading skills such as distinguishing between fact and opinion, determining cause and effect, and vocabulary building with synonyms, antonyms and homophones.

Summer Solutions English Grammar & Writing Mechanics, Levels K-8



Summer Solutions Reading Comprehension

Summer Solutions Reading Comprehension exposes readers to various genres of literature including folk tales, short stories, poetry, and non-fiction. Each lesson contains a brief reading selection followed by comprehension questions covering basic skills such as sequencing, interpreting context clues, identifying main idea, making inferences, predicting outcomes, and recognizing the author's purpose. Other academic content standards such as, distinguishing between fact and opinion, determining cause and effect, and solving analogies are also reinforced in the lessons.

Summer Solutions Reading Comprehension, Levels 1-6



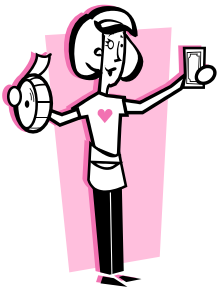


Music request: The music program needs a mechanical creeper for the May musical. If you have one we can use, please let Mrs. Gibson know soon, even though we will not need it till spring.



CALLING ALL BAKERS

At this year's Fish Fry's the AYM Group will be hosting a bake sale and we need your donations. If you would like to donate a baked good just drop it off in the cafeteria any Friday of lent starting March 11th. You can also drop off boxed cake mixes with icing, brownie mixes or cookie mixes to the school office or parish office and the AYM will bake it for you. Any donation is greatly appreciated, if you have any questions please call Angie Becker @ 693-7064.



NOW AVAILABLE-----

Pot of Gold

Pot of Gold---only 250 tickets will be sold at \$100 each for a chance to win **\$10,000.** Tickets may be obtained from Theresa Garrett in the Parish office or by mailing your check to: Susan Baker, 4410 Stoneham Place, Louisville, KY 40299.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Anyone interested in coaching the girls 8th grade #1 team next year please contact Dink Horstman at 533-9297.



Mark your calendars!
Spring Book Fair
March 28 - April 1
Summer Reading Lists will be available.

Dear Ascension Parents,

The Ascension Athletic Board is in charge of the Lenten Fish Fries this year. In the past, the Booster Club organized and ran the Fish Fries with the bulk of the money going to our sports program. The money is used to pay CSAA fees, keep our facilities up to date and purchase needed supplies for each sport. The Athletic Board knows how vital the money raised is to our sports program. We have agreed to organize the Fish Fries this year and we need your help.

We have come up with a schedule that we hope is fair to everyone. Please sign the bottom half of this sheet and return by March 3rd.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Ascension Athletic Board Members

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Grades working</u>	<u>Sign on line you can work</u>
March 11	Kindergarten and 5 th	_____
March 18	1 st and 4 th	_____
March 25	2 nd and 3 rd	_____
April 1 *	6 th grade	_____
April 8 *	7 th grade	_____
April 15	8 th grade	_____

*April 1 and April 8 are CARRY OUT ONLY

If you can't work when your child's class is scheduled, just pick any week to come help.

ASCENSION FESTIVAL FACTS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUMMER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Festival Dates: May 20 & 21

Find the Festival on Facebook

Ascension Summer Festival 2011

Create an event and paste the link on your wall. Share your photos from previous picnics on our page or email them to Tim Schlueter at toolmantjs@bellsouth.net



FIRST ANNUAL
3 ON 3 BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT -
Grades 3-12 are
eligible to play. Entry
fee is \$40 per team.
Contact Dink
Horstman for more
information
479-9859.



New Booth This Year!

Ascension Arts & Crafts Booth

What's your hidden talent? We are looking for items to showcase in this new booth - Hand painted glassware, quilts, monogrammed items, jewelry, pottery, woodworking, embroidered items, crocheted / knitted items, pillows, floral designs, seasonal crafts. For more details contact Karen Morris at 491-7564



Capital Prize Chances

Pot of Gold – Only 250 chances will be sold at \$100 each for a chance to win \$10,000. Contact Susan Baker at 387-8431 or sbaker4410@insightbb.com (subject Pot of Gold) to buy your chance today!

Gift Certificate Booth

What's your favorite restaurant? The next time your family is dining out, ask the restaurant manager to donate a gift certificate to this popular booth.

Festival Sponsorship

Would you, someone you know or your company consider being a Summer Festival sponsor? The sponsor levels are:

\$1,000 – Platinum Club Donor

Your company's name listed on its own individual banner, listed in our Festival ad in the Record, listed in our Festival Facts Newsletter, and 2 complimentary Pot of Gold chances.

\$500 – Gold Club Donor

Your company's name on its own individual banner, listed in our Festival ad in the Record, and listed in our Festival Facts Newsletter.

\$300 – Blue Club Donor

Your company's name displayed on its own individual banner.

\$100 – Friend of Ascension

Your company's name displayed on the sponsor board.

\$50 – Bingo Sponsor

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Diane Ritter at 452-2417.



20 Number Wheel

A \$225 gift certificate for Blairwood's 2011 Summer Camp program for ages 5 -13.

Help us reach our goal of having over **150** packages up for bid this year!

We still need a variety of items big and small: iPod, digital camera, lawn furniture, travel packages, sports & recreation, television, gas grill, beauty & fashion, jewelry, school spirit, auto, toys, glassware, books, games, etc. If your business, or employer has goods, services, or gift certificates to donate please contact Lisa Bibelhauser at lisa.bibelhauser@insightbb.com

If your New Year's Resolution to get fit is not happening then maybe it is time to try another plan of action. Go to www.timeoutfitness.net and read the testimonials about this great Boot Camp which produces results! Come and try out a class!



www.timeoutfitness.net

Time Out Fitness Boot Camp

Join in a 5 Week Exercise Program for all fitness levels!



Get Fit Fast



Maximize Your Potential



Gain Confidence



Look and Feel More Energized

Program Includes:

- o **Cardio Training**
- o **Motivation to Succeed**
- o **Core Conditioning**
- o **Strength Training**
- o **Flexibility**
- o **Nutritional Tips**
- o **Camaraderie of a Group**

Next Boot Camp Starts Soon! 5 Weeks of 10 classes for \$150.00. Classes are 5:30am or 4:45pm Mon and Wed.

AM Class: Meets @ Ascension School Gym- 4600 Lynbrook Dr. 40220

PM Class: Meets @ 10401 Linn Station 40223

For More Info and to sign up (by Jan 3rd): Contact Mary Glover at 558-8693 or

ASCENSION CLASSES FOR ENRICHMENT

Dear Friends,

This year's ACE program is scheduled for May 23 and 24, 2011. The ACE Committee has already booked several classes for the students and we need your input. In addition to teaching one class, we will also need your help with supervision in one other class, such as one of the large classes in the library/gym/outdoors or a hands-on working class in a classroom. We do need more volunteers to teach subjects and to help in the hallways. Your instructor/parent referrals last year were fabulous, so send more ideas any-time.

Please review the attached form on the next page and email it back to me with your class description **before March 16**. If you are repeating last year's class, then send me a note with any changes; like class size, location, 40 or 60 minutes. Feel free to forward this volunteer form to anyone who may be interested in teaching for us.

New classes- Origami, Accordion player, Disability Awareness, Denim service project, Dollars and Cents, Reality Store, Leadership, and Face masks.

Thank you

Allysan acomstock@aol.com

Ascension Classes for Enrichment Event – May 2011

Dear ACE Volunteers,

Thank you for offering to share your time and treasured talents with Ascension School students this year. ACE Classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday, May 23 & 24, throughout the morning and afternoon. Three 40 minute class periods are available in the morning from 8:00 – 10:45 AM and two 60 minute class periods are available in the afternoon from 12:10 – 2:20 PM. You may request more than one class period or block two consecutive morning periods together for an 80 minute class. Please fill out the form below and return it to Allysan Comstock **no later than March 16** via the school office **OR** email the information to acomstock@aol.com. Confirmed dates, times and room numbers will be sent to you as soon as they are available.

Allysan Comstock Ascension School 451-2535

Course Subject or Title _____

Brief description of the class for the student registration booklet:

Number of classes needed to complete the course - _____ AM PM

Class Length – _____ 40 min _____ 60 min _____ 80 min

Date preference - Monday Tuesday Either Both

Appropriate Grade or age levels _____ Maximum Number of Students _____

Classroom Needs (Desks, open floor, audio/visual equipment, pencils, supplies)

For Parents- Is your Safe Environment Training Certificate on file at Ascension? Yes No

If not, then please refer to www.archlou.org for training dates and locations near you to complete the free course in a one time 2 hour class.

Name _____ Phones _____

Email address _____