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# Tuesday Thoughts

Ascension School

Nov. 9, 2010

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“Responsibility shows up in the people we encounter and their willingness to share their knowledge and demonstrate their skills, and usually, they are responsible because someone else unselfishly showed them how it was done. This is community.”

-from *Eight Habits of the Heart* by Clinton L. Taulbert

Dear Parents,

Please keep our Second Graders in your prayers as they complete the last few days before Reconciliation. They will make this sacrament on Saturday, November 13 at 2:00 P.M. They have prepared for this day and we are excited for them as they make this sacrament.

We welcome the Accreditation Team from the Archdiocese of Louisville to our school on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. They will be meeting with a variety of groups and will be reviewing our programs. We know there are a lot of good things going on at Ascension and we are excited to share those with others. We also know there are areas in which we can grow and this team will help clarify these and give us some specific areas on which we can work. We appreciate all the hard work the teachers and students have put in to get ready for this visit.

Last week we recognized several of our teachers for their years of service to the Archdiocese. Susan Ashby and Becky Smith—5 years; Martha Tribbey—10 years; Amy Dixon—15 years; Elaine Whitehead—25 years; Denise Stead—30 years. We thank them for the gifts they bring to Ascension.

Check the Market Day flier this month for some Thanksgiving foods! If we reach our goal of 200 pies sold, Ascension receives a greater rebate and the PTO is using funds this year, in large part, to help upgrade our Computer Lab this summer.

If you have not yet signed up for Reach Alert, this is an easy process and takes about five minutes. Your child's lunchroom ID is the number you need to activate your account.

## **PowerSchool**

If you cannot access this, please contact Mike Tully at [Michael.Tully@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Michael.Tully@louisvilleky.gov). We have about a third of our parents who are utilizing this communication about your child's grades. We are going to use this for report cards this trimester in an effort to cut down on paper costs and reduce your costs. If you click on the percentage number for the grade, you will be able to see all the assignments that comprise the grade and any comments the teacher has about your child's progress. \*\*It is important to note that, though you may have another child who is on PowerSchool in one of our high schools, we are not in the same system as they are. We are viewed as an independent system and there is no cross-over. That will happen only if the Archdiocese adopts the system for everyone to use.

Next week Operation Blanket Louisville will pick up the blankets we have collected. If you have clean, slightly used blankets you would like to donate, we would be happy to include those in the pick-up on November 18 with ones the students made at the opening retreat. You may bring them to the school office at any time.

The High School Placement Test will be administered on December 11, 2010 at all Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Students should bring two #2 pencils and \$10 to the testing site. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will provide the testing code and additional information to the students. This is the only achievement test the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take so this is an opportunity to get an achievement score for your students this last year in elementary school.

Remember to mark your calendar for November 16 and join us for breakfast! Mr. Grider is cooking and we always enjoy his breakfasts! Remember that you can receive a free donut with a can of green beans, corn, or cranberry sauce. Watch Tuesday Thoughts for details on the menu. We will be splitting the proceeds with SEAM and with Cheptigit School in Kenya. We received an email from our friends in Denmark and they were excited to hear that we will be able to help the African school in some way. You may also check the kiosk in the Gathering Space for additional items needed for food baskets for SEAM. If you cannot help with food items, we always appreciate your prayers!

Coming soon—Breakfast with Santa! Please watch Tuesday Thoughts for details for more details on the breakfast on December 12 after the 10:30 Mass.

Please share the good things going on at Ascension with friends and neighbors! You are the best advertising we have!

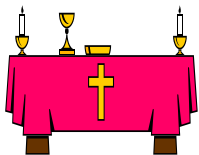
God bless your week!

Mary Jo Ellis  
Principal



Please note the following upcoming dates:

- Nov 10-11      Accreditation site visit
- Nov 13            2:00      First Reconciliation
- 7:00 P.M. Fall Festival sponsored by Athletics
- Nov 16            7:00 A.M. Breakfast in the cafeteria
- Nov 23            1:15 P.M. Mass and award recognition for the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. Report cards can be viewed online at PowerSchool.
- Nov 24            No School! Enjoy your Thanksgiving!
- Dec 12            Breakfast with Santa after the 10:30 Mass



**Altar Servers:**

**Saturday, Nov. 13—5:30**

Tom Mattingly, Katie  
Monaghan, Kiah Pike

**Sunday, Nov. 14—8:30**

Colleen Raidt,  
Thomas White

**Sunday, Nov. 14—10:30**

Hannah & Allison Moore  
Abigail Westenhofer

# VERY IMPORTANT

Dear Parents,

Ascension has made a special arrangement with Reach Alert to provide an emergency alert system for our school, **this will be our emergency phone tree**. We are encouraging all of our school families to register for this service – particularly faculty and parents. With Reach Alert, we can immediately advise you of breaking, time sensitive information. If it is snowing and classes are canceled, we will send an alert to your cell phone, home phone, or email within seconds. If there is an emergency at school (power outage, broken water line, or lock-down), we can communicate with you and keep you in the loop. You decide how you want to receive your alerts: cell phone text message, voice advisories, and/or email. All you need to do is go to [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com) and register for the system. Just follow the prompts and enter **Ascension when asked which network you want to join**. Once you begin typing Ascension, the name will appear in the dropdown listing; simply click on our name and continue with the registration. **WHEN ASKED FOR A CODE, USE YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ID FOR THE CODE**. The entire process should take about 60 seconds. If you request cell phone text messages, Reach Alert will send your phone a text message with a four digit validation code. Reach Alert is making sure your text message will be successfully delivered. When you receive the four digit number, simply enter this number on the registration screen and then click on the word VALIDATE. The process is very simple.

We will use the system for primarily, though not necessarily, emergency messages. We may remind you of 1<sup>st</sup> trimester recognition, or that a bus breakdown will delay the arrival of your child after school. We may remind you about PTO meetings and other school activities. If we release students early, we can send a reminder to you. **HOWEVER, NONE OF THIS WILL WORK IF YOU DON'T TAKE A MINUTE TO REGISTER**. If you have more than one child, you may enter anyone of them using their “familiar” name. If you have any questions, or cannot set up your account, please feel free to call the customer account people at Reach Alert. Their contact information is listed below.

Ken Weber  
COO – Reach Alert  
P.O. Box 17491  
Louisville, KY 40217  
(877) 307-9313  
(502) 235-9697 (cell)

**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
11/03/10	6:30 P.M.	St. Aloysius	122 Mt. Mercy Drive	Fr. Dickman Center
11/11/10	6:30 P.M.	St. Lawrence	1925 Lewiston Dr	Community Rm.
11/15/10	6:30 P.M.	St. Michael	3705 Stone Lakes Dr.	Griner Hall
11/18/10	6:30 P.M.	St. Raphael	2131 Lancashire Ave.	Café.

**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.

## PARENTS CORNER



### COFFMAN'S UNIFORMS:

School uniforms and Sweats. with monograms may be purchased at Coffman's located 5324 Bardstown Rd in the Piccadilly Plaza behind Ryan's Steakhouse. Coffman's has some items in stock with the original logo which students may wear. **The new logo is ready and in stock.** You may call 491-7714 to place an order or to see if what you need is in stock. Store hours: Mon-Fri 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M., Sat. 9-1, closed on Sundays.



### PICTURES

Pictures will be coming home soon. Our photographer, Preston Terry, had an accident October 17, he is in the hospital, please keep him in your prayers. We will get your photos to you as soon as possible.



### Poinsettia and Fresh Wreaths, Swags and Garland

The 8th grade will be taking orders after all masses on the weekends in November in the gathering space. New this year, we will be taking orders in memory of a loved one to help decorate the Church for the Advent Season. If interested, you may contact any 8th grader or call Angie Becker at 502-693-7064.



### IT'S PIE MONTH

It's time to start selling pies with Market Day!. This is a great opportunity to get your pies for the Holidays and to support your school! For every 2 pies a family sells your name will be put into a drawing. (Example: if your family sells 4 pies your name will be put in 2 times.) If you need another order form just let me know. **THE FINAL TURN IN DATE IS THURSDAY NOV. 11. PICK UP DATE IS WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17 AT 7:00P.M.**

Prizes will be: (1) \$50.00 gift certificate to Wal-Mart

(2) Ascension cinch bag with a \$15.00 lunch voucher.

Thank you, Kristin Walter & Gina Allen

## Alumni News

Students on the list have earned a place on the 2010-2011 High School Honor Roll for the first quarter. We would also like to thank the faculty at Ascension for helping to lay the solid educational foundation needed for their academic success.

### TRINITY

Mike Freibert, Jackson French, Joseph Miles, John Miller

Scott Blincoe, Nolan Devine, Chris Dugan, Erik Eaton, Tyler Flaspoebler, Jacob Mattingly, Daniel Monaghan, Alex Purdy, David Staeuble

Justin Gregory, Justin Howard, Alec Kleiner, Tyler Marshall, Keegan Raidt, Michael Shunnarah, Trenton Tully, Nolan Wileman

Logan Devine, Alex Dugan, Nick Finney, Davis French, Ramsey Mayne, Jacob Miles, Paxton Rousseau, Evan Spivey, Chandler Stuber, Matthew Towles, Connor Walsh, Sam Young, Chris Zdunek

### **A.Men Bible Study – B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Bible)**

The A.Men Club will be hosting the A.Men B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Bible) Bible Study program from 6:30 to 7:30 prior to A.Men Club meeting on Thursday, **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. Having your own Bible is not required. All you need to do is attend. ☺ Frank Wiedmar leads the discussion. The meeting will be in the Adult Meeting Room. The A.Men Club is open to all men of the parish age 21 and over or non-parishioner males who have children attending school at Ascension. **If you have any questions you can contact Frank Wiedmar ([fwiedmar@brinly.com](mailto:fwiedmar@brinly.com), 645-1476) or Carl Herde ([cgherde@bellsouth.net](mailto:cgherde@bellsouth.net), 491-1021).** See you there.....and bring a friend.



**Save the date: Saturday, December 4, 2010**

**AYM will host a Christmas Shopping Babysitting night.**

Time 6:30pm – 11:00pm

Place – Gym

Children ages 2 -10 Cost \$20 per child

Fee includes dinner, snacks, arts & crafts and other activities

To make a reservation please call Cheryl Dugan 533-4999

**REMINDER:** for the 2011 Summer Festival. The Summer Festival will be held the weekend of May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

**YMCA DONATE** Our KYA students are collecting gently used or new dress jackets, clothing, ties, pants, dresses, ect, sizes 10 & up. If you would like to donate ,please have these sent to school by November 17. If you have questions, please call Tammy Kaninberg @ 432-1646.

**CAFETERIA:** Lunch account statements are sent home periodically, please be sure your child/ren's lunch account is up-to-date by Nov. 19, 2010.



## EASY MONEY SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE WINNERS

2010-2011

Date			Prize Payout	Winner's Name
Friday	Oct.	1	\$50.00	Angie Sells
Saturday	Oct.	2	\$25.00	Ben Mattingly
Sunday	Oct.	3	\$25.00	Mari Knights
Monday	Oct.	4	\$250.00	Marilyn Weaver
Tuesday	Oct.	5	\$25.00	Norma Ward
Wednesday	Oct.	6	\$25.00	Bryan Goranflo
Thursday	Oct.	7	\$25.00	Marianne Collins Reinhart
Friday	Oct.	8	\$50.00	The Plapperts
Saturday	Oct.	9	\$25.00	Jenny Eversole
Sunday	Oct.	10	\$25.00	Ron Spears
Monday	Oct.	11	\$25.00	Jerome & Melissa Pascua
Tuesday	Oct.	12	\$25.00	Debbie White
Wednesday	Oct.	13	\$25.00	John Monsour
Thursday	Oct.	14	\$25.00	Denise Walsh
Friday	Oct.	15	\$50.00	Melissa Sanderfer
Saturday	Oct.	16	\$25.00	Maggie Oberst
Sunday	Oct.	17	\$25.00	Denise Motta
Monday	Oct.	18	\$25.00	Jahn Wolczyk
Tuesday	Oct.	19	\$25.00	Rob Honegger
Wednesday	Oct.	20	\$25.00	Brielle Thompson
Thursday	Oct.	21	\$25.00	Andrew Blake
Friday	Oct.	22	\$50.00	Greg Gaesser
Saturday	Oct.	23	\$25.00	Douglas W. Leonard
Sunday	Oct.	24	\$25.00	Samantha Elbert
Monday	Oct.	25	\$25.00	Mark Bibelhauser
Tuesday	Oct.	26	\$25.00	Mari Knights
Wednesday	Oct.	27	\$25.00	Charlotte Huntington
Thursday	Oct.	28	\$25.00	William Hickerson
Friday	Oct.	29	\$50.00	Marty & Jerry Feldkamp
Saturday	Oct.	30	\$25.00	Juddith Kessler
Sunday	Oct.	31	\$25.00	Rita Werline

# Mr. Grider's Thanksgiving Breakfast

Tuesday, November 16th, 7:00 A.M.

To support S.E.A.M. & Cheptigit Elementary in Kenya

**BRING IN 1 OR MORE CAN GOOD/S AND RECEIVE A FREE KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT.**

**Krispy Kreme Doughnuts \$ .50**



**Sausage & Biscuit \$ .50**

**Biscuit & Gravy \$ .50**

**Bacon \$ .25**

**Hash Brown \$ .25**

**Scrambled Eggs \$ .25**

**Milk \$ .25**

**Orange Juice \$ .25**

**Fruit \$ .50**



**Come and join us for another great breakfast .**

# SPINA BIFIDA STOCKINGS PERMISSION SLIP

Dear Parents,

For the last ten-plus years Ascension students have donated stuffed stockings to the Spina bifida Foundation's Christmas party from Santa. Ascension School did this totally on its own. These stockings are given to children in the State of Kentucky who have Spina bifida. There have been times that our stockings were the only Christmas gift some poor children received. The occurrence of children with Spina bifida grows every year. In the past we have supplied over 180 stockings in some years. Due to the economy, last year's donation was short of this number.

The junior high was the main source for this service project in previous years. We are going to try to open it up to the whole school to see if we can better meet our goal of 180 – 200 stockings. Many times during the holidays you may choose a program to help those less fortunate. Would you consider this project? If you can donate a full stocking that would be wonderful. If you can donate some items that would help fill stockings that we can make that would help greatly. If you can pray for the families with heavy financial burdens and difficult situations, that would help.

If you are able to help, please sign the permission slip so we can depend on each child getting a stocking. We are thankful and blessed for your commitment to these children.

## WHAT TO DO...

The best place to go to is the Dollar Tree. Purchase about a foot long stocking. Fill the stocking to the top with dollar items. (It is suggested that \$10 would be a nice gift.) It is often cute to have a toy or stuffed animal peeking out of the stocking. The only items to avoid are latex items. Some children are allergic to them. Purchase items that you would for any child. Candy is fine. Small candy canes easily break in the transportation and you may need to pad them with something. Remember, if times are difficult and you want to donate items instead of a whole stocking, we can send that too, so that other stockings can be created.

Also we will take donations and shop for you.

Thank you in advance. Miss Soeder

**STOCKINGS ARE DUE DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Our family would like to donate one (or more) stocking/s to the Junior High Service Project for the Spina Bifida Foundation.

(√) Choose an age level

Circle Sex

\_\_\_\_\_ New born to two years old      Girl      Boy

\_\_\_\_\_ Three years to four years old      Girl      Boy

\_\_\_\_\_ Five years to six years old      Girl      Boy

\_\_\_\_\_ Seven years to eight years old      Girl      Boy

\_\_\_\_\_ Nine years to ten years old      Girl      Boy

\_\_\_\_\_ Eleven years to twelve years      Girl      Boy

\_\_\_\_\_ Thirteen years to eighteen years      Girl      Boy

( \_\_\_\_\_ Total stockings)

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_