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# Tuesday Thoughts

Ascension School

Sept. 28, 2010

Phone: 451-2535

"If young people develop a love of reading, they will have better lives. Our assessment of reading may begin with standardized test scores, but in the end we must measure a child's reading ability by the amount of laughter exhaled and tears shed as the written word is devoured."

-from Teach Like Your Hair's on Fire by Rafe Esquith

Dear Parents,

We sincerely thank Bruce Jackel and the crew that coordinated efforts on the ceiling repairs over the week-end so we could continue with school on Monday. The volunteer support makes such a difference and is an invaluable part of the Ascension Community!

We will be donating blankets students made during the retreat to Operation Blanket Louisville in mid November. 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. You may bring them to the school office.

On Thursday, September 30, Hikes Point Business Association will be hosting a fair at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ at 2608 Browns Lane from 2:00 PM-7:00 PM with a large number of area businesses represented. As part of the fair, Norton Cancer Institute will be offering free cancer screenings for adults over age 40, who have not been screened within the past year. Though walk-ins are welcome, you are encouraged to call 899-6842 for an appointment.

### **Coming Soon: Parent Meeting about Safety on the Internet!**

On October 12, federal prosecutor, Jo Lawless, Coordinator for Project Safe Childhood, will speak with parents about safety on the Internet. Last spring Det. Dan Jackman spoke with Jr. High students but is unable to join us for this session. This session is for parents only and will have information for parents of students in all grade levels. Students whose parents attend will receive out of uniform passes for their children and the class with the highest percentage of attendance will receive a week out of uniform. (This was originally scheduled for late September. This is a new date.)

**PowerSchool Update** We are still trying to correct the communication piece with PowerSchool. Teachers will send home notes about grades below Cs with the students until we get this fixed. We appreciate your patience while we get the kinks worked out.

**Detention is** Thursdays from 2:45-3:45 and will remain on Thursdays for the rest of the year.

God bless your week!

Mary Jo Ellis



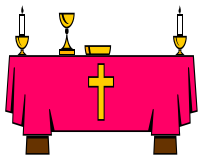
Please note the following upcoming dates:

- Sept 28 8:00-12:00 –Health Screenings
- Oct 1 8<sup>th</sup> grade Teambuilding Day
- Oct 4 3:00 PM—SEAM Blood Drive in the gym
- Oct 12 6:30 PM—Parent meeting in church with Detective Dan Jackman on Internet safety
- Oct 20 No School in the morning  
1:30-8:00 Conferences
- Oct 21 & 22 No School
- Oct 26 8:00 AM-7:30 PM—Open House for prospective parents.
- Oct 27 5:50 PM-7:30 PM—Open House for prospective parents.  
7:00 PM—Spooktacular Music Program in the gym by Jr. K, K and 1

### October Conversations:

The new season of *Conversations*, which features an ongoing conversation with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, began airing this fall. In October, Archbishop Kurtz and host Reed Yadon discuss Respect Life Month and why Catholics believe what they do about saints.

The show is available through a variety of platforms, including the Faith Channel (digital channels 19, 96.9, or 279), streaming video and audio podcasts on [www.archlou.org](http://www.archlou.org), and WLCR 1040 AM Radio. Viewers have the opportunity to send comments and questions that may be incorporated into the conversation by e-mailing [conversations@archlou.org](mailto:conversations@archlou.org). *Conversations* airs on the Faith Channel on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Fridays at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at 4 p.m.



### Altar Servers:

**Saturday, Oct.. 2—5:30**  
Brandon Becker, Brianna  
Morris, Colleen Raidt

**Sunday, Oct. 3—8:30**  
Logan Divine

**Sunday, Oct.. 3—10:30**  
Jacob Barton, Taylor Davis  
Christopher Pappalardo

**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
11/13/10	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.

**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



**8<sup>th</sup> grade parents** :reminder that the \$100 deposit for the Chicago trip is due by October 15.



### **Pull Tabs:**

Indian Summer Camp is a camp for children with cancer. The camp offers children ages 6-17 the chance to get away and just have a good time. The children can meet others who understand what they are going through, so they realize they are not alone. They make friends, laugh, and learn how to be a kid again. The camp offers activities not easily provided for at home or in medical institutions.

All fundraising for the camp is either donated or collected through fund raisers. There are no paid staff members. All counselors, physicians, and nurses volunteer their time for the work. ISC uses aluminum pull-tabs as a fund raising mechanism.

This will be the 9th year the Bishop Flaget Council of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a pull-tab competition to benefit the children of ISC. Last year we set a record with over 1600 pounds of tabs collected, resulting in a donation of \$1100.00 That donation, in part, allowed 94 children to attend camp! (the most ever) This year ISC is hoping that they can expand admission to 100 children.

Now is the time to start pulling tabs, so we can help them reach their goal.  
Together, we can make a difference in a child's life.

For more info about Indian Summer Camp, please visit [www.iscamp.org](http://www.iscamp.org) or contact Knights of Columbus Representative John McCarthy @ 244-4949.

Thanks,  
and God Bless.

**PARENTS:** Please check your handbook. For safety reasons, no soft drinks or glass containers are allowed in lunches brought from home.

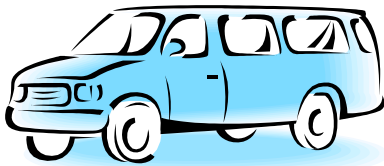
Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their children. Parents must sign in at the school office before going to the cafeteria. Fast food may not be brought to the cafeteria by parents or family members.



### Check your handbook

there have been a few students staying in the office until after 3:00 P.M. Students need to be picked up by 3:00 P.M. K-6 students left after 3:00 will be sent to Kid's Time and will be charged the current fee for the afternoon. If the \$30.00 registration fee has not been paid, parents will be responsible for paying this as well. Students in 7th and 8th grade will come to the office and will also pay a \$5.00 fee for each 5 minutes until the parents arrive.

We thank you in advance for your promptness in picking up your children. Teachers and office staff often have meetings after school and are not free to supervise students.



### MORNING CAR-POOL LINE

In the morning car-pool line, make sure your child exits on the passenger side of your vehicle. This is for their safety and for the safety of others.

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

AYM will host a Christmas shopping babysitting night.

Time 6:30pm – 11:00pm

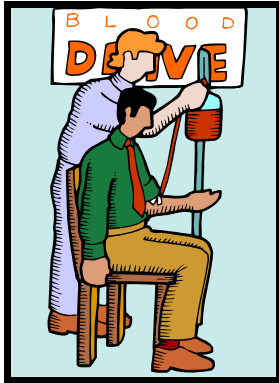
Place – Gym

More information to come.

Any questions call Cheryl Dugan 533-4999.

**TRINITY** VS **ST. XAVIER**

**Trinity/St. Xavier Football Classic - October 1, 2010 at 8:00 P.M. at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium:** Given our institutional role in providing fun, safe and formative experiences for every student, we need you help in making the evening safe and comfortable for all while giving example of appropriate adult behavior at a high school event. Specifically, please assist us by keeping your tailgating and gatherings alcohol-free. The environment that surrounds college games is not appropriate for this event. Our fans are asked to support Kentucky High School Athletic Association rules and to model for our students that you can have a great time without drinking before, during or after the game.



### **Blood is for Kids Too...**

Ascension Blood Drive, Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a blood drive in the Ascension gym on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 8:00. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month so please be aware that children battling this disease need blood often. Patrick McSweeney should be in his 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes at St. Margaret Mary, but instead is battling Leukemia for a second time. He is only in his 20<sup>th</sup> week of a 106 week treatment and he will need blood often. Too often parents hear the need for their child to receive blood but they must wait for some to become available. Building the supply can take away one of the worries.

Please take some time out of your busy schedule on October 4<sup>th</sup> to help everyone who may need blood. A needle in your arm for only a few minutes should be easy compared to what others must endure on a daily basis...



### **CALL FOR PROPS:**

The music theater department has need for the following props. Please contact Mrs. Gibson for more information:

Long white robes (angel attire)

White cotton balls, cat ears, cat tails

Large cat costumes (middle school student size)

To borrow: large blow up lawn jack-o-lantern or other large Halloween prop

To borrow: fog machine, strobe light, disco light, other flashing or strobing or rotating light

Students in grades 3 through 7 need recorders. The book remains "Recorder Express." If your child is new to Ascension or has misplaced his recorder or book, please order one now. All orders go in October 1. See Mrs. Gibson for more information.



### **4H Sewing Announcement**

September is National Sewing Month. Time to start 4H Sewing classes at Ascension School in the Ascension Sewing Stars 4H Club. All students ages 9 - 19 are welcome! Fall classes will meet on Wednesday evenings again this year from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Science Room at Ascension School. We will meet weekly from Oct 6th through and including Nov 17. Classes are free. Students will need to bring a working sewing machine with scissors, pins and thread. For detailed information please contact Allysan Comstock via email at [acomstock@aol.com](mailto:acomstock@aol.com) or by calling 451-2535 in the school office.



### **BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS:**

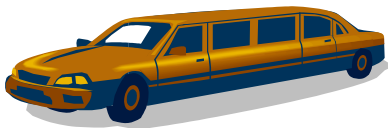
October 11th and 12th

6:30-7:00 P.M. in gathering space.

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

Sign ups for the Men's Basketball League will be held at the A.Men Club meeting, Thursday, October 14 beginning at 7:30. You must be a registered member of the parish and at least 32 years old as of Feb 1, 2011. Fee is \$50. Any questions call Carl Herde, 491-1021 or Dink Hortsman, 479-9859.





LIMO RIDE IS TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 19TH

All classes will get Spirit Passes.

Ice Cream Party: 1-0, 3-D, 5-W,  
8-F, 8-S

The following students will be in a drawing for principal for the day

Sara Dolle, Hannah Balthrop, Zach Allen,  
Houston Mathis, Jacob Collins, Christina Gregory



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