



Tuesday Thoughts

Ascension School

Dec. 14 2010

Phone: 451-2535

"Every day, you offer me a garment of praise in place of despair; radiant joy instead of darkening shame. You are slow to anger and quick to forgive and I rejoice in your love, Lord!"
-from *five minutes with the Word*

Dear Parents,

Kudos to the 4th and 5th grades, their teachers, Mrs. Gibson, and Mrs. Paris for the delightful music program last Tuesday. We have some very talented young people and it is wonderful to hear their voices. We also thank the Pikes for sharing their new addition to fill the manger. The Breakfast with Santa was a great success and we are glad you were able to see the classroom doors.

PLEASE NOTE SNOW MAKE-UP DAY—We will be in school on President's Day to make up for the snow day we missed yesterday. We have had positive feedback on the Reach Alert System. We will reserve this for emergencies especially since the PowerSchool emails now seem to be working as teachers update grades. Feel free to adjust the rate with which you receive PowerSchool emails if you are becoming inundated.

It is not too early to think about the ACE enrichment classes for the end of the school year. These have been a huge success so we will continue these again this year on May 23 & 24. If you would like to share your talents with our students or you have suggestions for presenters we can contact, please let us know. We are also interested in hearing suggestions for classes your children would like to participate in on those days. Please contact the school office at 451-2535 if you have any ideas.

CARPOOL CAUTION!! Please make sure you follow the directions of the teachers in the carpool line. The guidelines are set up to protect your children. You should not leave your cars unattended to come into the school. We have had several reports of parents driving around parked cars or passing the teachers. We ask your cooperation and consideration for all the adults and students using this service.

Remember to use your Kroger cards!! This is the most effective way we have of reducing the Book Bill for next school year!!

Please share the good things going on at Ascension with friends and neighbors!

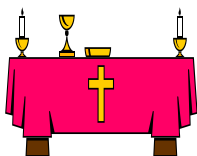
May you have a warm and blessed Christmas as you gather with your families! Please be safe as you travel and enjoy your days off. We will see you in 2011!

Mary Jo Ellis
Principal



Please note the following upcoming dates:

- Dec 17 Last day of school before Christmas break—Regular Dismissal
- Jan 3 School resumes
- Jan 17 No School—Martin Luther King’s Day
- Jan 27 Conferences all day—We will begin in the morning. Students will not be in classes but are expected to attend conferences with their parents.
- Jan 28 No School
- Jan 31-Feb 4 Catholic Schools Week
- Feb 5 9:00 AM Readiness testing for incoming Kindergarten students who are not in our Jr. K program
- Feb. 19 Taste of Ascension (details to follow)
- Feb 21 No School—Presidents’ Day (Possible snow make-up day)
- Mar 7-18 Terra Nova testing—Please do not schedule appointments in the mornings during these two weeks. We may be using the whole two weeks and spread out the tests.
- Apr 4-8 Spring Break
- Apr 24 Easter
- Apr 25 No School—Easter Monday (Possible snow make-up day)



Altar Servers:

Saturday, Dec. 18—5:30

Brandon Becker, Brianna Morris, Kiah Pike

Sunday, Dec 19—8:30

Jeremy Bissinger, Alan Pascua

Sunday, Dec. 19—10:30

Melissa Jones, Zach Kessler Patrick Ritter

Friday, Dec. 24—5:30

Christina Gregory, Hannah & Allison Moore

Friday, Dec. 24,—10:00P.M.

Chris Gumm, Brian O’Rourke

Saturday, Dec 25,—10:30

Lindsey Jackel, Matt Kinney, Charlie Young

Sunday, Dec. 26

Andrew Arnold, Andrew DelVisco, Brett Marshall

Saturday, Jan. 1—5:30

Zach Kessler, Alex Strickland

Sunday, Jan. 2—8:30

Colleen Raidt, Thomas White

Sunday, Jan. 2—10:30

Taylor Davis, Julia Hennessy, Christopher Pappalardo

PARENTS CORNER

REACH ALERT

Many of you have not registered on Reach Alert which will be used as our Emergency Phone Tree and for getting other important information out to you. Please, please take 2 minutes to register.

Go to www.reachalert.com , click on “create your account – signup” and follow the prompts. 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. Your registration number is any one of your children’s lunch i.d. number. If you request cell phone text messages, Reach Alert will send your phone a text message with a four digit validation code 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.

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
01/12/11	6:30 P.M.	St. Andrew Academy	7724 Columbine Dr.	Parish Life Center

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.



PICTURES

Pictures will be coming home soon. Our photographer, Preston Terry, is still recovering from a head injury, please keep him in your prayers. We will get your photos to you as soon as possible.

REMINDER: FOR THE 2011 SUMMER Festival. The summer Festival will be held the weekend of May 20th & 21st.

PICK UP ABSENT STUDENT'S HOMEWORK: If your child is absent and you want to pick up their homework, please let the office know when you call them in sick that morning. You may pick up homework in the office between 2:40 P.M.—3:20 P.M.

Catholic Charities is in desperate need of child 5-pt harness car seats for their refugee families. They are totally depleted and need our help! If you have one please contact Meghan Westenhofer at 502-817-6927, or drop it off at the school office during school hours and I will take them down. Thanks for your help!
Meghan Westenhofer

Mercy Academy is having their annual capital prize drawing for **\$25,000.00** on February 12, 2011. Tickets are \$50 each and only 2,000 tickets will be sold. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact any Marcy student.

AMEN CLUB

FYI, we are cancelling December's A.Men Bible Study meeting. We will resume after the first of the year.

ATTENTION

The Athletic Board is looking to fill two vacancies on the Board. The first is girls basketball coordinator. the second is baseball/softball coordinator. If you are interested contact Dink Horstman at 479-9859 or e-mail at dink622@aol.com.



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Heart Healthy Newsletter

HEART AT HOME

Limit Tube Time and Get Your Kids Moving

Experts recommend that kids get no more than 1–2 hours of TV/computer/video games a day — most kids get 4–6 hours. You know your child needs to watch less TV but you're dreading the screaming, yelling and crying that may follow. First and foremost, remember YOU are the parent. You run the show; part of your job is to set limits. Here are some ideas about how to limit your kid's sedentary time.

- **Have a plan.** Be prepared to offer alternative activities to TV or video games. You might consider family game night, shooting some hoops, walking the dog or exploring a nearby park.
- **Be active with your kids.** Experts say that what kids want more than anything else is time with their parents. To give them that, don't just send them out to play — go play with them!
- **Limit tube time.** Don't position your furniture so the TV is the main focus of the room. Remove televisions from bedrooms. And remember to avoid using TV as a reward or punishment.
- **Plan TV watching in advance.** Go through the TV guide and pick the shows you want to watch. Turn the TV on for those shows and turn it off afterwards. Don't just watch whatever comes on next.

Practice what you preach. Your kids won't accept being restricted to two hours of TV watching if you can veg out for four hours. The best way to influence your kids' behavior is through example.

Remember, you can do it! Be strong, have a plan and don't back down. Your child's health is worth fighting for.

Updated....Please Read!!!



December 10, 2010

Dear Parents and Students of Ascension School,

Many parents have expressed that they don't give to the Christmas collection but give a gift on their own because they want the teachers to know that they thought of them at Christmas. So we have decided that we will give the teachers & staff a Christmas card with the names of all families that donated to the Christmas Bonus. You may still do something on your own but this may make shopping easier for many families during the busy Christmas Season.

We have been informed by Theresa Garrett, our business manager, that you may make out a check to "Ascension School" if you would like and we will take care of getting it processed for distribution to the teachers. Please note that this is not considered a charitable contribution to the parish and is not tax deductible. You may also make out the checks to Lela Spears or Melanie Mooney.

Please send your contribution to the school office in an envelope marked **Teacher Christmas Bonus**. The deadline for donations will be **Wednesday, December 15th**. Any questions, please contact Lela Spears at 459-0904 or sls1202@insightbb.com or Melanie Mooney at melanie.mooney@insightbb.com

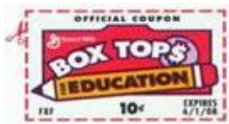
Thanks in advance for your participation!
Merry Christmas!
Lela Spears & Melanie Mooney



EASY MONEY SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE WINNERS

2010-2011

Monday	Nov.	1	\$250.00	Linda Trautwein
Tuesday	Nov.	2	\$25.00	Allison Jennings
Wednesday	Nov.	3	\$25.00	Eileen Soeder
Thursday	Nov.	4	\$25.00	Bobby Klein
Friday	Nov.	5	\$50.00	Janet Graeser
Saturday	Nov.	6	\$25.00	Joel Parks
Sunday	Nov.	7	\$25.00	A H McCaffery
Monday	Nov.	8	\$25.00	Julie Nugent
Tuesday	Nov.	9	\$25.00	K Larmee
Wednesday	Nov.	10	\$25.00	Mari Knights
Thursday	Nov.	11	\$25.00	Jim Cook
Friday	Nov.	12	\$50.00	Josette Goulet
Saturday	Nov.	13	\$25.00	Ellen Guilford
Sunday	Nov.	14	\$25.00	Talbott Allen
Monday	Nov.	15	\$25.00	Cheryl Delvisco
Tuesday	Nov.	16	\$25.00	Doug Doll
Wednesday	Nov.	17	\$25.00	Lynn Goranflo
Thursday	Nov.	18	\$25.00	Kristin Walter
Friday	Nov.	19	\$50.00	Anne Schmitt
Saturday	Nov.	20	\$25.00	Barbara Portman
Sunday	Nov.	21	\$25.00	Martha Arnold
Monday	Nov.	22	\$25.00	Jim Hoeck
Tuesday	Nov.	23	\$25.00	Marilyn Beam
Wednesday	Nov.	24	\$25.00	Dave Monsour
Thursday	Nov.	25	\$500.00	Gwan Cox
Friday	Nov.	26	\$50.00	Tina Heady
Saturday	Nov.	27	\$25.00	Tom Cushing
Sunday	Nov.	28	\$25.00	Susan Lawrence/Allison Lobdell
Monday	Nov.	29	\$25.00	Pam Flack
Tuesday	Nov.	30	\$25.00	Sara Lainhart



Box Tops Collection

As in prior years, Ascension PTO continues to collect Box Tops for Education labels to earn money for our school. Box Top labels can be found on many items from Avery office products to Viva paper towels to General Mills cereals such as Cheerios. Before throwing away packaging of store bought products, check to see if there is a Box Top for Education Label and cut it out! Saving these labels earns cash for our school! You can find a list of products that participate in the Box Top for Education program by going to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx>

Don't forget to use the "Box Tops" collection sheet when submitting your labels. Cutting out and pasting or taping Box Top labels to this sheet will give your student a chance to win movie passes or a Target gift card! Be sure to attach 25 Box Top labels to the collection sheet, write down the student's name and homeroom number, and your child will be automatically entered to win! If you choose to send in labels without using the collection sheet, just be sure to send them in using baggies displaying your student's name and homeroom number so your child's homeroom will get credit for the contribution. Individual and classroom prizes will be awarded in February; however, Box Tops may be sent in any time and count towards the contest which will end January 31st!

Class Contest update - 8F is currently in the lead turning in 1,722 box tops and soup labels to date. 8S is on their tail with 1,587 submissions. 3rd place is neck in neck with 2N, 1-O, 3D, and 6A turning in over 1,000 labels.

Over 200 box top collection sheets have been turned in. Students completing these sheets are entered to win movie passes, gift cards, and treats. Winners will be announced upon completion of the contest. Contest scheduled to end January 31st!



Campbell's Soup UPC Labels

Please continue to send in Campbell's Soup UPC codes to help Ascension earn classroom supplies. Labels can be sent to the school office.

Check it out! You can register for Campbell's e-Labels for Education and **electronically** collect Campbell's Labels for Education using your Kroger shopper's card! Register today @ www.elabelsforeducation.com !

Student
Name _____

Homeroom _____

BOX TOP COLLECTION SHEET

Tape or Paste Trimmed Box Top Here	Tape or Paste Trimmed Box Top Here	Tape or Paste Trimmed Box Top Here	Tape or Paste Trimmed Box Top Here	Tape or Paste Trimmed Box Top Here
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***Child's name will be entered in a drawing for movie passes for every sheet turned in!! Drawing to be held on

January. 31th