



Tuesday Thoughts

Ascension School

Nov. 30, 2010

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"I asked God for strength, that I might achieve. I was made weak, that I might humbly obey...
I asked for health, that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity, that I might do better things...
I asked for riches, that I might be happy. I was given poverty, that I might be wise...
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men. I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God...
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life. I was given life, that I might enjoy all things...
I got nothing I asked for—but everything that I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all, most richly blessed!"
-Anonymous from *Stories for the Heart*

Dear Parents,

We begin the season of Advent full of hope for the promise of the Savior. As children, we placed a straw in the manger each time we did something to help someone else during the season of Advent. Part of the challenge was to do this when no one else was looking. By the time Christmas morning arrived and we placed Jesus in the manger, there was a bed full of straw to keep him warm. It was a very simple tradition but gave us a way to focus positively on those around us. What are the traditions you have in your own families that keep the true meaning of Christmas at the forefront of the season? What are the things you ask for? The next time you are in the school, take a look at the Christmas tree in the cafeteria filled with angels the students decorated in honor of the angels in their lives. It is lovely and we thank Janene Hickerson and all those who helped to assemble this over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Mark your calendars to join us for the Grade 4 and 5 Music Program on December 7 at 7:00 PM in the church. This is a wonderful way for us to participate in the Advent season! On December 12, children and their families are invited to join us for Breakfast with Santa after the 10:30 Mass.

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 8th grade teachers will provide the testing code and additional information to the students. This is the only achievement test the 8th graders will take so this is an opportunity to get an achievement score for your students this last year in elementary school.

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!

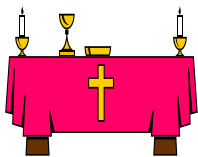
God bless your week!

Mary Jo Ellis
Principal



Please note the following upcoming dates:

- Dec 2 7:00-9:00 PM Parent Meeting for Confirmation
- Dec 7 7:00 PM Grade 4 and 5 Music Program in church
- Dec 8 1:15 P.M. Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec 12 Breakfast with Santa after the 10:30 Mass
- Dec 17 Last day of school before Christmas break—Regular Dismissal



Altar Servers:

Saturday, Dec. 4—5:30

Brandon Becker, Thomas,
Mattingly, Teresa Milliner

Sunday, Dec 5—8:30

Colleen Raidt, Alex
Strickland

Sunday, Dec. 5—10:30

Chris Gumm, Grant Wessling
Michael Wheatley

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.

SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit wear should be in next week, so be sure to check your child's backpack over the next 2 weeks for these if you ordered.

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
12/30/10	6:30 P.M.	St. Margaret Mary	7813 Shelbyville Rd.	Hospitality Rm.
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, had an accident and 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.



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 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 the homework in the office between 2:40—3:20.



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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.



PTO Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 12
Immediately following 10:30 mass

Join us for a light breakfast and
of course a visit with Santa Claus.

Marvin Tomes will be with us as well taking
photos that you will be able to purchase



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 1,375 box tops and soup labels to date. 8S is on their tail with over 1,000 submissions. 3rd place is neck in neck with 3D, 6A, and 2N less than 100 labels apart from one another.

Over 40 students have completed box top collection sheets and their names are in the drawing for movie passes. Some students have gotten their name in more than 5 times already. Winners will be drawn after the contest end date of January 31st and announced at school.



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 _____

Homeroom _____

BOX TOP COLLECTION SHEET

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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