Week of August 4th

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**August 10th – Blood Drive 1-6pm**
**August 10th – Meet the Teacher Night 4pm - 8pm**
**August 10th – 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**
**August 12th – First Day of School**
**August 24th – Back to School Bash @ Upper Highlands Swim Club 5pm - 8pm**
**August 28th – Picture Day with Josten's**
**September 7th – Labor Day Holiday – Parish Office and School Closed**
**September 13th - OCIA Start Date / Religious Education Family Day**
**October 7th & 8th – Trimester 1 Conferences**
**October 9th – 13th – Fall Break(School Closed)**

## School/Parish Hours

**Parish Office Summer Hours (June – August)**
Monday – Thursday: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
(Closed Labor Day)

**School Summer Hours (June & July)**
Monday – Thursday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

## Alumni Honor Roll

**Scared Heart Academy**
Felice Pappalardo – Principal's List
Isabella Verdi – Principal's list

**Presentation Academy**
Joanna Logsdon - Principal's List

**Mercy Academy**
Maddie Hartlage
Noelle Ising
Savannah Smith
Hannah Gohmann
Ella McCoy

**Trinity High School**
Ryan Cassetta - Principal's List
Spencer Heitz - Principal's List
Eli Hynes - Principal's List
Talin Ridge - Principal's List
Anderson Ward - Princial's List
Landen Blincoe - First Honors
Alexander Henson - First Honors
Aiden Lewis - First Honors
Jameson Freman - Second Honors
Samuel Gohmann - Second Honors
Hunter Kennedy - Second Honors

## SCHOOL INFO

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## SHAHEENS – SCHOOL UNIFORM

Shaheens

Shaheens has launched a new website to better serve our school and families. As a result, any existing links to our school's uniform through Shaheens will no longer work. Here is Ascension's updated link:

## Safe Environment Training

Click Here

The Archdiocese requires all who volunteer or work with minors to have a background check done every five years (processed for free by the parish office). Also, an initial in-person Safe Environment Training must be completed (dates and locations available at www.archlou.org/safe). This training must be renewed every five years by doing a one-hour online course (ask parish office for the website).
If you volunteer or work around children at all, you must be up-to-date on these requirements. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

If you are currently not up-to-date, you may continue in your work only if there are two other adults present who are up to date AND you are currently in the process of renewing your training and background check.

Anyone who is not currently volunteering but who might possibly volunteer in the future is welcome to go ahead and receive the initial in-person training. That way you wouldn't have to scramble to do the training if you suddenly decided to volunteer for a youth event. Please submit the certificate you receive there to our parish secretary for her records.

Thank you so much for your service to our community and for your diligence in helping our parish be a responsible and safe place for our kids.

Sincerely,
Fr. Matthew

## SCHOOL REMINDER

- Student's who are absent should be phoned in or emailed to Mrs. Passons by 8:15am. There is a 24 hour message system for you to phone in absences, 502-451-2535 ext. 22.
- Also, it is very important that your child/ren arrive at school on time daily! Students should be in their class and chair by 7:55am. If your child is late, you must come in to sign them in. Thank you!

Athletics

Scan QR Code to access BAND

PTO

# PARISH INFO










Mark your calendars to give blood at Ascension on Monday, August 10th, from 1 - 6 PM. Sign up online using the sponsor code: ASCENSIONKY

**Sign Up**

**MORE INFO**




## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION




Come join the fun! Religious Ed classes for the 2026-27 year will start on Sunday, September 13. Registration will be through August. While all children in the parish are welcome to attend, this class serves those children who attend public schools or are homeschooled.

Actively participating in the class also fulfills the CSAA eligibility requirement for any child who wishes to play Ascension sports, but does not attend the school.

**For questions & more information, contact:**
**Fred White, fwhite@ascension-parish.com | 502-451-3860 x115**

Teaching catechism is great to refresh your own knowledge of the Church. Helping with our K-8 Religious education is a great opportunity and we are looking for help. Materials are provided and you will receive all the training that you need.
**For information, call Fred White, 502-451-3860 x115**




The Order of Chirstian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA) will start meeting on Sunday, September 13, following the 10:30 Mass in the Ava Maria Room. This is for anyone who is interested in becoming in full Communion with the Church, whether they have been baptized in another Christian faith or not baptized a Christian at all. Sessions will be throughout the year, in preparation for the Easter Vigil. For any questions go to https://www.ascension-parish.com/rcia/
call or email Fred White, ext. 115, fwhite@ascension-parish.com.

## MONTHLY OUTREACH

Donation baskets can be found in the gathering space / narthex underneath the digital kiosk. Thank you for your participation!

**See Website**

St. JohnPaul II MUSTARD SEED FOOD PANTRY
OUTREACH

Hygiene Products: Paper Towels, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, and Toilet Paper

Food: Powdered Milk, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Vegetables (all kinds, but especially tomatoes and tomato products)

or any other nonperishable items you can think of!

Saint Bernadette diaper bank

**Help Local Babies**
A diaper collection bin is now located at the back of the church for donations to the Saint Bernadette Diaper Bank.

We welcome donations of new, unopened diapers, Pull-Ups, and baby wipes. The greatest need is for Sizes 4, 5, 6, and Pull-Ups (2T–5T).

Your donations help local families through 23 partner agencies serving our community.
Thank you for your generosity!

## SCAMMERS & PHISHING




Please be aware that scammers sometimes send texts or emails pretending to be Fr. Matthew and asking for money or gift cards. Fr. Matthew will NEVER request financial assistance through direct text or email.

# ATHLETIC INFO

**Register for Sports Here** → GAMEDAY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## Girls Volleyball Registration & Tryouts

Email Kristin Jansen

**Volleyball Season is underway. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your coach or Girls Volleyball Coordinator Kristin Jansen.**

## Pr-K - 2nd Basketball Skills & Dills

Email Carl

Ascension is hosting "basketball skills and drills" for rising Pr-K thru 2nd graders on Sunday evenings in July and August. If you are interested you can email Carl Herde: herde@twc.com

## Cross Country Registration

Email Coach

Email Coordinator

$25
1st – 8th grade girls & boys | all skill levels welcome!
Plus, plenty of room for parent volunteers.
Coach: Jaclyn Mullin
Season: (Typically) begins mid-August & ends early-October
Races: Various locations on both weekdays & weekends
Practices: Tuesdays & Thursdays | 3:30 – 4:30 PM | Des Pres Park
Uniforms: More info to come

Questions? Contact Coach Jaclyn Mullin (502-553-9895 | jaclyn.mullin@gmail.com) or Coordinator Jacqueline Back (502-727-0761 | jacqueline1282@hotmail.com)

## JK-2 Fall Soccer

Email Brittany

Registration is now open in GameDay for students entering the 4-year old classroom through 2nd grade for the 26-27 school year.

- Cost: $25
- Registration Closes: August 1st
- Season usually beings late August and runs through mid-October
- Games played on Saturdays at Our Lady of Lourdes

Please reach out to brittanyathompson91@gmail.com with any questions and/or if interested in coaching.

## Cheer

Email Brittany

Email Sarah

Cheer registration is open August 1st-31st

Open to students grades 1-8

Practices will be on Wednesdays from 6-7 on the back court. First practice will be Wednesday, September 2nd.

Registration fee of $25 includes bow and team t-shirt. T-shirt and bow are yours to keep. This fee will be collected from all new members at the first practice. (We will not be ordering practice skorts since we have our uniforms.)

We will cheer for CSAA basketball games in December and January. These are usually on Saturday mornings/afternoons and potentially Sunday afternoons. We choose 1 game per weekend and try to cheer at least once for each of the Ascension teams.

We would also cheer for volleyball if any of our teams make the city championship game(s). This is usually the weekend after fall break. Last year we were lucky enough to help cheer our Longhorns to 3 city titles!

We are also looking for additional coaches! You do not need cheer knowledge to help, just a willingness to learn and help practices and games run smoothly. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Brittany Meyer (head coach) or myself, Sarah Amback (coordinator).

## Open Athletic Board Positions

Email Athletics

- Girls Volleyball Coordinator
- JK-2 Basketball Coordinator
- Field Hockey Coordinator
- Football/Flag Football Coordinator
- Concessions Coordinator
- Gym Manager

**Training will be provided for all positions. Please reach out if interested!**

# PTO INFO




We are looking for middle school students to help with childcare during PTO meetings! If your student is interested, please sign them up for any upcoming meeting:

Sign Up

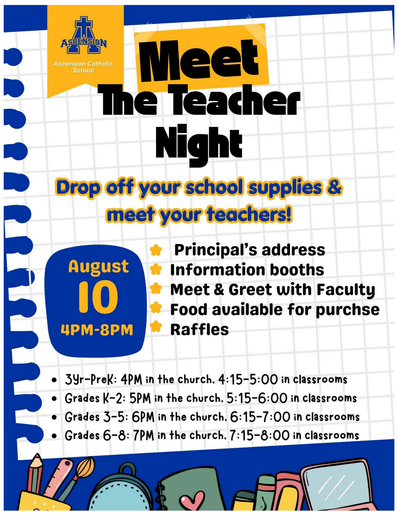
## PTO Upcoming Events










## Box Tops

Did you know that Ascension is a Box Tops school?

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:** Buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!
The PTO uses money earned from Box Tops to fund our iPad program and other classroom needs for our students!

**Here's how YOU can help earn money for our school!**
• DOWNLOAD the Box Tops app and select our school to support. This ensures that your Box Tops purchases count toward our school's earnings.
• SHOP for Box Tops products and use the app to scan your receipt to add to our school's earnings online.
• LOOK for any remaining Box Tops clips on packages. If you find some, clip them and send them to school!
• SPREAD THE WORD about Box Tops!

**FUN TIP:** You can also use the "Invite Friends" feature in the app to ask friends and family to help support our school! Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and help give more kids the opportunity to dream. Little by little, we can help make a BIG difference. LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW BOX TOPS WORKS AT BTFE.COM

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