Week of Sept. 1st

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# THE ASCENSION CONNECT

Connecting our Parish & School

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PARISH ATHLETICS PTO SCHOOL DONATE

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**September 7th – Labor Day Holiday – Parish Office and School Closed**
**September 8th – PTO Meeting / First EMS Turn-in Date**
**September 13th – OCIA Start Date / Religious Education Family Day**
**September 14th – 18th – $1 per day for out of uniform (in uniform Wednesday for Mass)**
**September 15th – EMS Turn-in Date**
**September 22nd – EMS Turn-in Date**
**September 27th – Sandwich Sunday**
**September 29th – EMS Turn-in Date**

**October 5th – 8th – Book Fair**
**October 6th – PTO Meeting & EMS Ends**
**October 7th & 8th – Trimester 1 Conferences**
**October 9th – 13th – Fall Break(School Closed)**
**October 17th – Trivia Night**
**October 24 – Trunk or Treat**

**November 23rd – 27th – Thanksgiving Break(School Closed)**

## Parish/School Hours

**Parish Office Hours**
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
(Closed Labor Day)

**School Hours**
Monday – Friday: 7:40 AM – 3:00 PM

## Lunch Menu

click here




## 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 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

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# SCHOOL INFO

## Student Service Opportunity




## CLUBS

### GREEN CLUB - 5th - 8th Grade

Do you love plants, animals, nature, and helping our school? Green Club is a fun after-school club where students can learn about caring for our environment and making a difference in our school and community! We spend time working in our school garden, planting and caring for vegetables and flowers, learning about composting and recycling, and doing fun hands-on activities. We'll also have opportunities to help keep our school beautiful and find new ways to be good stewards of God's creation. **Come get your hands dirty and make a difference!** 🌎🌱

**Green Club is a great fit for students who enjoy:**

🌿 Gardening & plants
🐝 Nature & animals
♻️ Recycling & taking care of our Earth
🌱 Hands-on projects
💚 Helping our school and community

First Meeting is September 24th from 3pm-4pm in the Science Room.

**Email Emily**

## SCHOOL INFO

### 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

# PARISH INFO










## School Choir News:

**Due to a scheduling conflict, Choir will not be offered this year at Ascension. However, beginning August 19, students who are in grade 5-8 and want to cantor are welcome to join me on WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, from 7:30-8:00am for a pre-Mass training session in the church.**

**Dawn Wright, Music Director**
**dwright@ascension-parish.com**

## 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. John Paul 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

## Athletics Sportsmanship Contract

**Please scan the QR code or click the link below and submit your Sportsmanship Contract for the 2026-2027 school year!**

Sportsmanship Contract

## Basketball Sign Ups Open in Game Day

JK Boys & Girls - $25 registration fee
- if you are interested in coaching of have any questions please contact Christ Neichter

Email Chris Neichter

3rd-8th Grade Girls - $75 registration fee
- Have questions? Contact Dink Horstman

Email Dink Horstman

3rd - 8th Grade Boys - $75 registration fee
- if you are interested in coaching or have any questions please contact Sara Morris and Justin Amburgey

Email Sara Morris

Email Justin Amburgey

**Are you interested in coaching? We are looking for boys basketball coaches - contact the Athletic Board if interested and for more information:**

Email Athletics




## Cheer

Email Brittany

Email Sarah

Cheer registration is open September 18th

Open to students grades 1-8

Practices will be on Wednesdays from 6-7 on the back court. First practice will be Wednesday, September 30th.

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
- Concessions Coordinator
- Gym Manager

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

# PTO INFO

PTO MEETINGS

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

## EMS Tickets Have Been Sent Home

### Easy Money Sweepstakes (EMS)

EMS tickets will be sold August 28 – October 6, 2026
Tickets: $20 each

**What is EMS?**
Ascension Catholic School's largest annual school fundraiser! Each ticket sold goes into a pot to have monthly and special occasion drawings! Funds raised from EMS tickets sales will be used throughout the year to support technology initiatives and Ascension teachers!

**Why Sell Tickets?**
The funds raised from EMS are crucial to support PTO in their efforts to fund:
- iPads to maintain our 1:1 ratio
- iPad cases
- iPad apps to support learning
- 3D Printers
- Robotics Program
- and so much more!

**Online Sales:**
We will be selling EMS tickets online.
**Be sure to include child's name and homeroom**

**Drawing & Prizes:**
Drawings will be held monthly August-May

**20** - $30 winners will be drawn each month
**1** - $250 winner will be drawn each month
**1** - $500 Winner drawn on the last day of school

**Once EMS sales end we will retroactively draw for any Aug.-Oct. dates that have already occurred**

**Ticket Turn-In Info:**
Please plan to turn in tickets sold along with cash/checks collected from ticket sales each Tuesday to your child's teacher and/or the front office
Turn in Dates:
September: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
October: 6th (final turn in)

### Easy Money Sweepstakes (EMS)

#### Classroom & Individual Incentives

The class that sells the highest average per student tickets will receive a pizza party in the Spring!

**Student Incentives**
- 5 tickets: Free treat coupon from Ascension Cafe'
- 10 tickets: Ascension shoe charm ( & above)
- 15 tickets: 3 weeks ***out of uniform*** **Preschool classes will receive 3 PJ Days with special snack on the Fridays of the K-8 out of Uniform weeks** (& all above)
- 20 tickets: Field Trip TBD (& all above)

**New Incentive – Each student that sells & turns in at least 1 tickets will be put in a weekly pot for a Free Chic-Fil-A Sandwich -->3 winners weekly!

**Household Incentives:**
Household incentives earned by family for ticket sales for **ALL prizes**:
- 1 child - 20 tickets
- 2 children - 35 tickets
- 3 children - 50 tickets
- 4 children - 65 tickets
- 5 children - 80 tickets

**Turn –In Incentive:**
Each turn in week, **5 student winners** will be drawn from all students who turn in AT LEAST 2 tickets. Each winner will receive a $10 Malibu Jacks Play Card

The TOP SELLER for the school will get to be Principal for the Day!

## ORDER YOUR SPIRIT WEAR










All orders are due by Monday August 24. Use the QR Code or the link to purchase your earrings and help support the PTO!
https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/441856bc-c0c7-4634-bd33-db9389e7efc7

## 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

**2026-2027 EMS Ticket Winners Coming Soon!**