FEBRUARY 13, 2020

BREVARD ZOO VISITS OUR YOUNGER STUDENTS

Our kindergarten and first grade students enjoyed their hands-on visit from our friends at Brevard Zoo!

ATHLETICS NEWS FROM COACH AMICO

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♦ Middle school basketball plays tonight and next Tuesday.
♦ Sign up online for K-5 flag football or volleyball for middle school boys or girls now. Ends this weekend.
♦ Go Eagles!

Father Daughter Dance
Friday, February 21st
6-8:30 pm

The last day to purchase tickets is February 19th. Tickets will not be sold at the door. You can purchase tickets online at Eventbrite:

Please see the details on Page 5!

Donuts!
Our NJHS students are holding a donut fundraiser on several upcoming Fridays. Please see page 4 for all the details. You can order a single donut the day of the sale for $1 or pre-order donuts by the dozen for $10 for pickup on sale day.

Returning Student Registration For 2020-2021

Watch your email next week for information about our online process for registering your returning student. Our current families have first choice to register before we accept applications from new families. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about the registration process.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND FINGERPRINTING PROCEDURE FOR THE DIOCESE OF ORLANDO HAS CHANGED!

We have received written instructions from the Diocese. Please see Page 7 for the details. Remember, to volunteer in our school in ANY capacity—coach, classroom volunteer, field trip chaperone, lunch room helper—you must have a current background screening with the Diocese of Orlando. Screenings from other entities will not suffice. If you have questions, please stop by the school office.

TERRA NOVA TESTING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Please help your student succeed during our Terra Nova testing period of February 24 through March 13. Get plenty of sleep. Eat a healthy breakfast each day. Please do not schedule appointments during the testing times. And most important of all: PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME! NO TARDIES!

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Friday, February 14th
Aftercare is open but there is NO HOT LUNCH. Happy Valentine’s Day! Enjoy the long weekend!

HURRICANE MAKEUP DAY
We have school on Monday, February 17th

Please see information about Box Tops on Page 2.

CALLED YOUTH SUMMIT
March 7, 2020
See the details on Page 3!

SAVE THE DATE
Ascension Gala
Saturday, March 28th
Sponsorship info on Page 6

VERY IMPORTANT DATES:
♦ February 13: Noon dismissal
♦ February 13: NUT Day
♦ February 14: No school for students
♦ February 17: School for all, hurricane makeup day
♦ February 21: Report Cards
♦ February 21: Father/Daughter Dance
♦ February 24: Terra Nova Testing Begins
♦ March 7: Called Youth Summit - see details on Page 3

Ascension Catholic School, founded by the Sisters of Mercy and rooted in the charism of Compassion, is a community of Companions on the Journey. We strive to foster the growth of each unique child by living the gospel values, achieving academic excellence, and serving our global family.
Dear Ascension Families,

We are preparing to send off our last Box Tops for the year!! Please join us to sort and bundle in the cafeteria after drop-off on the following days:

Wednesday February 19th
Tuesday February 25th

If you have any Box Tops at home please bring them in or have your student drop them off...but please don’t worry if you don’t...we will still have plenty to cut and sort. Remember that all Box Tops can be turned in and counted up until the expiration date...which means money for our school!

Thank you so much for your continued support 😊

Lisa Amyzial
Box Tops Coordinator
321-369-8391
All students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend this event!

CALLING YOUTH SUMMIT
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WHERE ARE YOU BEING “CALLED” IN YOUR LIFE?

MARCH 7, 2020  |  10:00AM  3:00PM

Brian Shields (Speaker): Weathering the storm in your life
Doug & Dave (Music & Entertainment): Mass Confusion
Reconciliation and Adoration Will Be Offered

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH
4001 EDGewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804

Register at: https://called2019.eventbrite.com/
There will be a fee of $29.99 per teen/Adult Chaperone (lunch included)
Greetings! Accession's National Junior Honor Society will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts on **February 7th**, **February 21st**, and **February 28th** (three Fridays out of the month). The price will be $1.00 for each individual donut. You may also pre-order a dozen donuts for $10.00. NJHS members will be selling the donuts outside the front office at tables. You can pick up your order at the tables on these days. The money raised will go towards making hygiene and essentials bags for the homeless.

If you are interested in pre-purchasing a dozen donuts, please indicate how many dozen and also include your information below. Thank you so much for supporting Ascension's NJHS chapter.

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Parent/Guardian First and Last Name-

Child's Grade and Homeroom Teacher-__________________________

Number of Donut Orders (Per Dozen)-__________

Please circle the Friday you would like to pick up your pre-order-

- **February 7th**
- **February 21st**
- **February 28th**
Please join us for the SWEETEST Celebration!

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE
Grandpas, Uncles, etc.
K THRU 8TH GRADE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 from 6 to 8:30pm
School Cafeteria

DJ, THEMED EVENT, PHOTOS, DINNER
DESSERT, DANCING, GAMES, CRAFTS ....

$35 PER COUPLE
$5 EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE.
Limited number of tickets sold on a first come basis.
Tickets will not be sold at the door.

SUNDAY BEST ATTIRE REQUESTED
A Home and School Sponsored Event

PLEASE RETURN in envelope with cash or check payable to "ACS".
Please put "Father/Daughter Dance" in memo.

Name of Child(ren) Attending: ____________________________
Name of Adult Accompanying Child(ren): ____________________
Phone: ___________________ Email: ________________________
SPONSORSHIP LEVELS FOR the ASC 26th ANNUAL BLACK AND GOLD GALA

We thank Chris & Kathleen Barnas for being our first Angel VIP Sponsor. Watch for the Topline Appliance and Mattress logo on the school electronic sign, which is one of the benefits of this Sponsorship level. If you are a business owner or believe the business you work for could benefit with this visibility, please let us know.

Ascension Catholic Community is not a weekend only center of activity. On the campus of ACC the Church building stands as the center but in addition, there is a 10,000 sq. ft. Parish Hall, our school, the gymnasium, cafetorium and 15 meeting rooms which are utilized by people who come from all over Brevard County.

Angel VIP Sponsor: $5,000.00
- Premium Reserved Gala Table (Seating for 8)
- Concierge Service night of the event
- Full page Ad in Gala Program
- Framed photo of the Table (delivered after the event)
- Recognition in Gala Program and on Sponsor Board
- Name/Logo will appear on our Outdoor Digital School Sign from receipt of payment until April 30, 2020
- Name/Logo on special banner displayed in gymnasium until next year’s Gala.
- Name/Logo posted on our event website and Development Facebook Page

Platinum Sponsor: $2,500.00
- Premium Reserved Gala Table (Seating for 8)
- Full Page Ad in Gala Program
- Recognition in Gala Program and Sponsor Board
- Name/Logo will appear on our Outdoor Digital School Sign from receipt of payment until April 15, 2020
- Name/Logo on special banner displayed in gymnasium until next year’s Gala.
- Name/Logo posted on our event website and Development Facebook Page

Gold Sponsor: $1,500.00
- Reserved Gala Table (Seating for 8)
- Half Page Ad in Gala Program
- Recognition in Gala Program and Sponsor Board
- Name/Logo will appear on our Outdoor Digital School Sign from receipt of payment until April 1, 2020
- Name/Logo on special banner displayed in the gymnasium until next year’s Gala.
- Name/Logo posted on our event website and Development Facebook Page

Silver Sponsor: $500.00
- 2 tickets to Gala
- One-third Page ad in Gala Program
- Recognition in Gala Program and Sponsor Board
- Name/Logo posted on our event website and Development Facebook Page

The $75,000 raised at last year’s Gala bought 32 new iPads, a Macbook Air to manage the iPads, 5 Smartboards, repurposed Original boards, bought a color printer for the Art Room, Dual color laser workgroup printers, B & W laser printers, RAM & keyboards to update HP classroom laptops, 10 laptop, Padcaster Pro to create videos, FireWall/Content Filter. Now we need to exceed that amount to transform our computer network support system. We hope you can help make this happen.

For more information about Gala sponsorships or donations, please email or call Victoria Dunn, Director of Development, vdunn@ascensioncatholicsch.org, 321/255-3490 EXT. 3003, or cell 321/223-1856.
Safe Environment Certification Instructions

Thank you for your interest in becoming a diocesan employee and/or volunteer! Please note the Safe Environment Certification process consists of 2 Steps:

**Step 1: Safe Environment video and quiz**

**Step 2: Fingerprinting**

Begin by visiting https://www.orlandodiocese.org/safe-environment/english/. Please read the instructions carefully. **You cannot submit fingerprints until you have completed the Safe Environment video and passed the quiz.**

**Step 1: Safe Environment Video and Quiz**

1. Watch the Safe Environment Certification video. The video is about 25 minutes long.

2. When the video is complete, read the Diocesan Standards of Conduct and agree to terms. Proceed to quiz.

3. Enter the Entity Code provided by your parish/school office: **226**
   Choose your role/applicant type: volunteer, employee, vendor, clergy, or deacon.
   Click “next” to take the 20 question quiz.

4. Passing scores are 80% and above.

If you pass, you may immediately download your certificate. Results will also be emailed to your diocesan entity and to the office of Human Resources. Once the Safe Environment Certification quiz is complete, a Fieldprint code will appear specific to your entity. Please copy or write down this Fieldprint code as you will need to enter it in the next step. If you fail the quiz, you will be directed to Step 1.

**Step 2: Fingerprinting**

Visit www.fieldprintflorida.com to register for your fingerprinting appointment. You will need an email address for this part of the process. If you do not have an email address, please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator in your diocesan entity (parish/school office) for assistance.

Please enter the Fieldprint Code on the “Reason for Fingerprinting” screen when prompted. Then complete Fieldprint registration and schedule your appointment.
Help children reach for Heaven

Parents want the world for their children. Catholic parents want even more than that - we want Heaven, too. We know that teaching youngsters to know, love and follow Jesus is the only way to make that happen.

Know Jesus. Would you be satisfied making a new friend only by hearing others talk about him? Close friendships happen when people connect personally and share experiences. There is no better way for children to know Jesus than for us to introduce them to him in person - in the Eucharist, in Scripture, in prayer.

Love Jesus. Through Scripture, we learn that Jesus is strong and can do anything. He always keeps his promises. Remind children that God loves them even more than their parents and he proved it with his life, death, and Resurrection.

Follow Jesus. Jesus wants his love to shape our hearts which then leads into our actions. When we love him, we want what he wants - Heaven for all his children.

Lead them to Jesus. Children learn to love and follow Jesus, not from the Church, not from the priest, but from their parents. The better we come to know and love the Lord, the better we can share him with our children.

Pray and read Scripture daily, and don’t miss a chance to meet Jesus at weekly Mass.

Why do Catholics eat pancakes on Fat Tuesday?

In the early Church it was customary to give up rich foods as well as meat during the penitential season of Lent. This included milk, eggs, butter, cheese, and fat. On the Tuesday before Lent began, families would empty the pantry of the forbidden foods by enjoying a dinner of pancakes (or in some places, fried doughnuts!). In some countries, it is even called “Pancake Tuesday.” It was meant to be one final celebration of feasting before the Lenten fast.
The way, the truth, and the life during Lent

To children, Lent can be a time for sacrifice—something they’d rather avoid. Instead, explain that experiencing Lent helps us to find “the way and the truth and the life” that will lead us to Heaven (John 14:6).

The way—Let children map out their own journey through Lent. Instead of giving up one thing for the season, choose several, short-term sacrifices include days of “fasting” from a favorite food or video game, days of “abstaining” from a bad habit like biting nails or fighting with siblings. Add days of performing good works.

The truth—Learn what it means to be a follower of Christ from those who dedicated their lives to him. Read stories about the saints or heroes in the Bible. Tell youngsters that God works through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things.

The life—Lent is all about hope. On Easter, Jesus opened up heaven to give us new life. Ask children to commit to continuing habits acquired during Lent that will lead to new life in Christ.

Matthew 5:38-48, Forgive always

In ancient times, the concept of justice was “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” That was devised to limit the conflict between clans from getting out of hand (Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21). Later, the concept was misused to defend a brutal form of justice that easily escalated into blood feuds. Jesus’ teaching changed all that.

Jesus’ approach to justice turns our eyes, not to justice on Earth, but in Heaven. Loving our enemies or those who hurt us repeatedly means forgiving them over and over. That often seems an impossible task, but this extreme forgiveness is what Jesus offers us on the Cross. As Christians, we are called to be Christ to others—in words and deeds.

What can a parent do? The best way parents can pass on the faith in Christ is by example, especially when it is difficult. Explain that we can forgive someone without having to be best friends with them. Explain that whatever the hurt, we can pray for the person and forgive them in our hearts.

Parent TALK

When we got in the car after Mass, I was furious. My ten-year old daughter, Tessa, had spent the hour not in prayer and quiet but in poking her sister and fighting over who got to hold the hymnal. She ignored my stern looks and her father’s whispered scolding “No screens for one week,” I told her, and assigned a five-paragraph essay on appropriate behavior in church before she got the privilege back. I needed to send a solid message.

Church is the most important place we go and the best place to meet Jesus in person. Poor behavior is not only disrespectful but robs her of the chance to receive God’s much-needed grace. Tessa realized that she had misused the opportunity Mass presents. To her credit, she wrote a wonderful essay. I told her God doesn’t expect us to be perfect, but he does expect us to try our best.

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 9 – St. Apollonia (249). A deaconess in Alexandria living during the Christian persecutions under Emperor Philip. She chose to suffer martyrdom at the hands of an angry mob rather than denounce God.

Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858). The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous in a small French village. Soon afterwards, a miraculous spring with healing waters emerged from a nearby cave. It is still a significant pilgrimage site today.

Feb. 22 – St. Peter’s Chair (1st century). We celebrate the establishment of the Holy See and pray for the preservation of God’s Church. The “Chair of Peter” is a relic of St. Peter’s actual chair and symbolizes the spiritual authority of the Church.

Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. The ashes of old palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Today is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting as penance and in recognition of Jesus’ time in the desert.

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