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Ascension Catholic School Newsletter

Week 1 Christian Character Trait: OPTIMISTIC... Meditating upon the most hopeful aspects of any situation.

Weekly Scripture *Romans 8:25: But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.*

Welcome! We are honored that you have chosen Ascension Catholic School for your scholar(s). Ascension's mission: "Ascension Catholic School has as its mission the teaching of the Christian faith in the Roman Catholic tradition, fostering academic excellence in all areas of study, encouraging discipline based on respect and responsibility, and developing a sense of service and social justice within our multicultural community." We are thankful for the opportunity to work with you to help provide your scholar(s) with a wonderful educational experience.

If you're interested in attending field trips with your scholar, volunteering, and/or just visiting the classroom from time-to-time, a background check, VIRTUS training, and a signed Code of Conduct are **all required** to be completed first. We're hosting a VIRTUS training at Ascension on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30pm (English), and Saturday, September 30th at 10:00am (Spanish), both at Ascension Catholic Church. This training will be open to all staff and parents/guardians. The attendees are not charged for the class and it normally lasts for about 3 hours.

Parent night meetings: Parents of K-4th grade scholars will attend on Tuesday, September 5th, and parents of 5th-8th grade scholars will attend on Thursday, September 7th, both meetings will begin at 6:00pm in the church. If you have scholars in each of the two grade ranges, you only need to attend one of the parent night meetings.

Please check your TADS accounts. Mr. Matias, Dr. Chidhachack (serving on an interim basis as an assistant principal at Ascension for the 2017-18 school year... please view her professional page for more details on her educational/professional background <http://www.cehd.umn.edu/stem/People/schidhachack.html>), and Mr. Vang will work as a team to process all tuition scholarship requests. Please login to your TADS account to make sure your invoice is correct. Call our front office with questions and we'll get you to the right person to resolve the issue.

The MacPhail application deadline is Wednesday, September 6th. MacPhail practice will begin on Tuesday, October 3rd. All MacPhail lessons will take place after school, even for third grade scholars. Practice will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:45pm to 3:45pm.

Exciting news! Girls on the Run is coming to **Ascension Catholic School** this fall! Girls on the Run is an afterschool program that uses the power of running to prepare 3rd - 5th grade girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. Over the course of the 10-week, 20-lesson season, girls learn life-changing lessons about healthy friendships, teamwork, decision-making, self-respect and more, all while preparing to run a 5k. Open to 3rd - 5th grade girls who are not participating in a fall sport; no previous running experience required, and financial aid is available for all. Register today! Our Fall 2017 season will be each **Tuesday & Thursday 2:15 - 3:45 pm** from **Sept 5 - Nov 14**, culminating with the Girls on the Run 5k on November 11. You can register either on-line at www.gotrtrwincities.org or grab an application in the main office. Questions? Contact CJ McGowan at cmcgowan@ascensionschoolmn.org

Things To Know: It usually takes a week or two to get the timing down for all bus routes, please be patient. We have limited space for latchkey and the Youth Center and we will use information from online registration to fill those spots. If you did not attend registration day, you may still sign up for athletics, MacPhail, Ready Set Smile (on-site basic dental services), etc. if capacity has not yet been reached. Regular latchkey and Youth Center after-school care will begin on the first day of school, but NAZ latchkey academy will not start until Monday, September 11th. 9/4: No school - Labor Day; 9/6: School Mass – 9:30 AM; 9/11: PTO Meeting – 6:00 PM. The athletic participation fee is \$40. Ms. Jean will distribute each uniform as each scholar's athletic fee is paid, and she will post the game schedules as they become available. Thank you!