



Fall Social

Join us for our Back to School Back Yard BBQ Party! The Annual ACA Fall Social is Friday, September 25th, from 6-9pm. Enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, and all the sides for an awesome meal. There will be a variety of desserts to satisfy your sweet tooth. Ice tea and lemonade are included. Additional beverages will be available for purchase. Entertainment includes a groovy disco DJ, face painters, balloon twisters, hula hoop contests, limbo and more!



Ticket order forms came home today and are also available on the ACA website. Order tickets now and save! Tickets purchased before September 18th are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. After September 18th, ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. **ORDER NOW and SAVE!**

Volunteer at the Fall Social

We need your help to make this Back to School BBQ a night to remember! Volunteering at the Fall Social is a great way to meet new people and have fun with your friends. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE FINGERPRINTED** to volunteer, since children will be under the direct supervision of their parents. If you are interested in having an *awesome time and hanging out with friends*, please contact Kathy Hlinka at acavolunteers@gmail.com Subject line: Fall Social.

ACA Cheer

Give us some Boom, Boom, Pow and show your Stars school spirit! ACA will be forming Junior Varsity (5th and 6th grades) and Varsity (7th and 8th grades) cheerleading squads to cheer for the ACA boys basketball teams. Interested? Practice is every Tuesday in the ACA gym from 3:30 to 5pm. Gina Helms and Mary Thomson will coach the JV cheer squad. We are in need of a Varsity coach. For more information or to express your interest in coaching, call Mary Thomson at 407-342-7879.

Please Drive With Caution

Residents from Oak Street have called the Academy office looking for your cooperation. Vehicles heading to ACA in the morning are speeding through their residential area in an attempt to get to school on time. This neighborhood does not have sidewalks, and residents must share the roadway with cars. Please slow down and drive with caution in this area and all along your route to and from school. We have requested that the Altamonte Springs Police Department patrol the area to help parents remember the speed limit.

Middle School Leadership Academy

The new school year is off to a great start in Middle School! We realize exercising the leadership qualities with which God has blessed each of our students is extremely important. In order to help them recognize the leader in them, we have started the Leadership Academy. One of the resources we are utilizing in the Academy is *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey. The seven habits include:

- Be Proactive – take responsibility for your life.
- Begin with the End in Mind – define your mission and goals in life.
- Put First Things First – prioritize, and do the most important things first.
- Think Win-Win – have an everyone can win attitude.
- Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood – listen to people sincerely.
- Synergize – work together to achieve more.
- Sharpen the Saw – renew yourself regularly.

The students have been introduced to all the seven habits and discussions on the habits will be ongoing throughout the year. The language of the habits will be used in all their classes, and we will show them how these habits along with Christian virtues are the basis for good life skills.

A tree is used to symbolize the habits; habits one through three are the roots of the tree, our private victory, the habits we need to master to be our best selves. Habits four through six are the trunk of the tree, the public victory, the habits which will help us in our relationships with others. And habit seven is the top of tree; we must take time to renew ourselves in body, brain, heart, and soul so that we can be at our best. As our Middle School students navigate through the pre-teen and teen-age years, it is important that they have the skills and solid foundation to be successful in whatever they choose to do as they grow and mature. As our mission statement proclaims: "Annunciation Catholic Academy teaches the faith and our Catholic traditions to the leaders of tomorrow." Please continue to watch for more articles about the habits here in the STARS!

Quill Society Induction

There will be a Quill Society Induction on Thursday, September 24th, from 9-10am in the gym. Parents and family of those being inducted are invited to attend.

Not Too Late to Join ACA Band

ACA Beginning Band is still recruiting students. No playing experience is necessary! Remember - students who play in band make better grades! Log on to our band website:



http://www.musicedservices.net/annunciation_catholic_academy_band

You will be able to download an info sheet/registration form that will cover most questions about the band and give instructions on how to join at the site. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of a great band program.

Magazine Drive

We had a terrific start to our 2009 Magazine Drive with orders totaling almost \$9000. A few important reminders: orders must be received at school prior to 10am on the turn in day or it will be counted for the next week. Internet orders must be placed and collection day selected no later than 24 hours prior to turn in day. Any order not assigned a collection day will be defaulted to the final collection day. Please make sure that current teacher/advisor is selected so students get credit for all orders. If you have any questions with orders that you are not seeing, contact QSP directly using the 800 number. We are only able to see the number of magazines sold, who sold it, and the collection day that was selected. Thank you for your support! Any questions please contact Connie Connor at cgraceconner@earthlink.net.

Dennis Advantage Cards

DENNIS UNIFORM is proud to announce the
"Dennis Advantage Card"
September 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010

Customers earn 1 "stamp" for every \$10 spent on merchandise transactions. Once \$150 in stamps has been obtained, they receive a \$10 savings on the next in-store purchase. Watch for special double validation opportunities — earn twice the savings!

Attention Middle School

Students:

**AUDITIONERS FOR OUR MUSICAL:
THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE, JR.!**

**Optional tap classes will begin Fri., Sept. 11th!
COST - FREE**

**LOCATION - Meet in the cafeteria after school
TIME - 3:20 – 4:30pm**

**CLASS DATES - Sept. 11 & 25, Oct. 2, 9 & 23
EQUIP. – Tap Shoes optional but recommended*
SIGN-UP - Sign-up sheet will be in the cafeteria.**

*If you are purchasing tap shoes, please know that once you are cast in the show girls will be required to invest in tan colored character tap shoes with a small heel rather than black, flat styles which do not look as nice with skirts and dresses. These are available at Dance Unique in Winter Park. More information on costume requirements will be given in December.

Calendar

- September 7:** Labor Day – **No School**
September 10: K-5 Back to School Night 7pm
September 11: Magazine Drive Turn-in Day
September 15: Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome
September 17: Diocesan Inservice – **No School**
September 18: Diocesan Inservice – **No School**
September 22: Magazine Drive Ends, Last Turn-in Day
Principal's Coffee K-2nd 8:05am
September 25: Fall Social 6-9pm, Family Life Center
September 20: Principal's Coffee K-2
October 5-16: Iowa Test of Basic Skills (Grades 3-8)
October 6: Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome
October 9-11: Fall Festival
October 16: End of 1st Quarter
No School for K-5, Parent Conferences
Middle School attends school

Free Sports Bottle – Register for CYL

Don't miss the fun with CYL. Turn in your registration today! It is fun for everyone - No experience is necessary. The season begins on September 27th and runs through October 15th. Pick up forms at the front office or print from the school's website at www.annunciationacademy.org. Completed forms **MUST** be turned in to the front office by Sept. 11th to get a free sport bottle. Want to know more about CYL? Email your questions to Layne at missigman@earthlink.net.

Think Scrip Before You Buy

Before your next purchase at your favorite retailer, think of SCRIP. Even the smallest purchases can add up quickly. There are so many retailers to choose from - check out the growing retail list at www.glscrip.com. Don't have time to place an order? Visit us in the upstairs workroom on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and shop our gift card inventory. Have questions regarding the SCRIP program? Please contact Jill Drafts at (407) 464-0163 or jdrafts@earthlink.net. **Buy SCRIP now, pay less tuition later!**



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