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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.

Target's Take Charge of Education Program Rewards

Annunciation Catholic Academy was recently presented a donation through the Take Charge of Education program. The funds came with no strings attached – they can be used for any needs ACA has! The program works like this: When parents, teachers, and other school supporters use their REDcards (Target Visa) credit card, Target credit card, or Target Check Card, Target donates up to 1% of the purchases to the designated school. The more people involved, the more our school can earn. The check we just received was for \$1,233.14! Thank you so much to those already participating in the program! To participate in the program, all you need is a REDcard to enroll. To learn more about the program or to enroll, visit Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142.

Dennis Advantage Cards

DENNIS UNIFORM is proud to announce the "Dennis Advantage Card" from September 1– May 31. Customers earn 1 "stamp" for every \$10 spent on merchandise transactions. Once \$150 in stamps has been obtained, a \$10 savings is received on the next in-store purchase.

Homework Hotline Tips?

The purpose of the Homework Hotline is to provide daily information to both students and parents about class activities and homework assignments. The Homework Hotline is available **24 hours a day by calling 407-712-8050**. Teachers update their Homework Hotline recordings by 4:00pm each school day. Following are some tips to make your Homework Hotline experience more enjoyable:

To rewind part of a message press and hold the  key.

To fast forward through a message press and hold the  key.

To bypass one homework hotline and go to the next (middle school only) press  .

ACA Cheerleading Update

We will be holding our first cheerleading meeting/practice Tuesday September 15th from 3:15-5:00pm. We will meet in the cafeteria immediately after school and will walk up to the gym together. Snack will be provided for the first meeting. Please bring a change of clothes, tennis shoes and a drink. We would like the parents to stay for the first 15min of the meeting to sign forms. Pick up will be at 5pm in front of the gym. We are still in need of more JV cheerleaders (5th & 6th graders) and Varsity cheerleaders (7th & 8th graders)!! For all of you who are currently participating in Pop Warner cheer, this will not interfere with your existing commitment! Boys basketball does not start until November. Please contact Mary Thomson 407-342-7879 or Gina Helms 321-303-4944 for more information.

Magazine Drive Update

Another fantastic week! Our total sales are just shy of \$24,000, but we are a long way from our \$70,000 goal with only two weeks to go. The final turn in day is Tuesday September 22nd. Some reminders for parents: There are some unassigned orders still on line; please make sure they get assigned to a prize day and have correct homeroom/advisor. Please take time to check out all the information available to you on your QSP.com home-page by clicking on the many prompts. Many questions can be answered right from that page. The Zartz were awarded on Tuesday September 8th, but the throwing of the Zartz will happen during Extreme Games. The children do not have to bring their Zartz back. We will provide them. If our goal is not met, then we will assign a lunch period to throw the Zartz instead of at the Extreme Games. If you have any questions please contact Connie Conner cgraceconner@earthlink.net

Edline Tips: Password and Screen Name

Forgetting your Edline password or screen name is an easy problem to fix! Just go to **www. Edline.net**. Once you get to the Member Log In screen look for the "Forgot password?" link (in red). Once you click the link you will be asked to enter your Edline Screen Name. Once you do, a temporary password will be e-mailed to the e-mail address you entered when you set up your Edline account. If you have also forgotten your Screen Name, you can click the "Forgot screen name?" link (in red). You will be prompted to enter the e-mail address you entered when you set up your account.

It is important to keep your e-mail address current in Edline. If you change e-mail accounts, please make sure to update your e-mail address in Edline. In addition to using it to retrieve a forgotten screen name or password, Edline uses your e-mail address to notify you of various school related reports and announcements.

Middle School Musical Preparations Begin

Middle school students are already beginning to prepare for their *Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr.* auditions which take place in November! Interested students should go to the ACA website under Drama News to find more information including details about our free tap classes. This show is going to be loads of fun and will involve a lot of singing and dancing. Some practice is helpful prior to auditioning. See Mrs. Ashley or Mrs. Williamson to learn more about the process.

Rosary Prayer Group and Mary's Helpers

Rosary Prayer group will begin meeting on Monday, September 14th, in room 22 (Mrs. Nettles' room), from 3:20 until 3:55. Instead of meeting every week, however, this year we will meet every other week. A schedule will be given to students who join this group. Children in all grades and their parents are welcome to come.

Mary's Helpers, our rosary-making group, will begin Tuesday, September 15th, in room 22. This club is open to students in grades 4 through 8. We will be busy making rosaries for missionaries and others who request them. In the past, we have sent hundreds of our rosaries to such countries as Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, India, Brazil, Israel, and Kenya. We have also given rosaries to our parish Ministers of the Sick for those in hospitals, nursing homes, and people who are homebound, as well as to the homeless. Please note that we will not meet every week this year, but every other week instead. Members will be given a schedule of meetings. The dues of \$1.00 per meeting help to purchase the supplies, pay for shipping, and provide snacks for our rosary makers. Come and join us in this special ministry from 3:20 to 4:00.

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.

Calendar

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
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

Dear Parents, One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is the gift of time. If you ask a group of adults what meant the most to them growing up, you will often hear fond memories of people who "had time for them." Given the fast pace of today's society, what might be some ways that you can build just a little more family time into your lives?

These are just a few ways to show you care:

- 1) **The family meal** – Do everything you can to sit at the dinner table together. This can be a relaxed time when the family can talk about the day and just enjoy being together.
- 2) **Family traditions** – These need not be elaborate. Children look forward to coloring Easter eggs, making gingerbread houses, or any other activities that the family does together routinely.
- 3) **Pull out the board games!** – Even young children enjoy sitting around a board game and playing as a family. This is also a great opportunity to help your child learn to be a good sport and have fun whether winning or losing.
- 4) **Be around and ready to listen** – In order for children to want to talk with parents, it is important for the parent to be available. Whether riding in a car, sitting on the couch, or just hanging out together, it is important to create opportunities for children to share what's on their minds.
- 5) **Take a hike!** – Enjoy a short hike as a family. This is a no-cost way not only to get healthier, but also to build family memories.

Your family may already be creating memories of times together. If you are, know that you are giving your child an invaluable gift. The important thing is that parents understand that it is the little gifts, often free, that mean the most to children. Your time is a more precious gift to your child than you could ever imagine!



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