



Fall Social Tonight!

Join us tonight for our Back to School Back Yard BBQ !! The Annual ACA Fall Social is from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Enjoy Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Chicken nuggets, Macaroni and cheese, and all the sides for a fabulous meal. Iced tea and lemonade included. Additional beverages are available for purchase.



Entertainment includes a groovy DJ, face painters, balloon twisters, hula hoop contests, and more!

Safety First... We care about the safety of your children. Children in the hallways, restrooms, or outside the Family Life Center must be accompanied by a parent. Strict Parental supervision is requested and expected.

Tickets available at the door: \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children.

Thank You

A special thank you to all who volunteered their time and hard work in organizing the Back to School Back Yard BBQ. It promises to be a great time for all tonight! A special thank you to the Leavy's for their continued support and food donations and to Brusters' for donating the Ice Cream for all to sample. Please be sure to visit Brusters' on 434 and thank them for their support. Thank you to Mark Ingrassia and his kitchen volunteers for making all the wonderful food for us all to enjoy. Thank you to all those who generously volunteered their time to make this party a success. We could not do it without you.

Fr. Paul Vilhan Visits Fifth Grade*

Fr. Paul Vilhan, a native of Slovakia, has been working at our parish each year for the past eight years. He recently spent two months with us. Before returning to Slovakia to visit his parents and then going back to Rome to continue working on his doctorate, he shared some of his time with Mrs. Nettles' fifth grade. One of the highlights of that visit was using Google Earth on the Smartboard to show the students his parents' home and garden in Slovakia, his seminary, where he was ordained, and where he celebrated his first Mass. He then "took" the class to Rome, where the children were able to go to the Coliseum and St. Peter's Basilica. They were even able to go down the streets where Father Paul walks to class, rides his bike, and where he lives. What an awesome visit! What an awesome priest! Thank you!



Donations Needed

To help keep the students at ACA healthy, teachers have been cleaning germs from desks and public areas daily. As a result, the classrooms at ACA need donations of disinfectant wipes, such as Lysol. We have begun to run low. If you can, please send in donations of disinfectant wipes as soon as possible.

Congratulations to This Year's Duke University's TIP Qualifiers

Duke's Talent Identification Program is designed for 7th grade students who have achieved a 95% or higher on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. The purpose of the program is to assist young people who have excellent mathematical, verbal, or general intellectual ability by providing them with information about their academic ability and about educational options that may be available for them. Students are given the option of taking either the SAT or ACT, tests designed for high school juniors and seniors, as a 7th grader.

We are pleased to announce the following students have qualified for TIP: Ally Bahng, Sarah Boik, Loren Breen, Madison Calderin, Kailey Carter, Andrew Chmielarski, Thomas Cragan, Nicholas De La Osa, Michael Domi, Dean Drafts, Rafela Evans, Kevin Fedor, Reagan Johnson, Brennan Lasher, Tommy Montoya, Chantelle Mnyarji, Marissa Palmer, Gabriela Parpia, Kevin Seedarnee, Tori Silberbusch, Caitlyn Smith, Chris Smith, Sophia Smith, Ryan Trammell, and Andrew Vandendriessche.

Library News

A large number of books are being returned to the library with water damage. When a book gets wet, it usually has to be deleted from our library. The student who returned the book in damaged condition is charged a \$20 fee to replace it. Please help prevent water damage by placing a gallon size plastic bag in your child's backpack for storage of his/her library books. Thank you so much for your help.

Attention All Girls!

If you are considering the unique, fun-filled, and educational experiences of Girl Scouts, then mark your calendar for the 2009-2010 introduction and welcome meeting. It will be held Wednesday, September 30th, 2009 at 6:30pm in the ACA Cafetorium. Come learn about Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadet Girl Scouts. Listen to shared experiences about camping, field trips, cookie sales, patches, leadership opportunities, community service, and much, much more! Registration will be available for new and returning scouts. "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place."

Teacher of the Year Nominations

Our Diocese is starting a "Teacher of the Year" program. The deadline for submitting applications is the beginning of October. Knowing what a wonderful job the teachers at ACA do on a daily basis, Dr. Curran would like to submit at least one application for this honor. Any parent or staff member is eligible to nominate a teacher. If you would like to nominate someone, please submit the name of your nominee to the front office as soon as possible.

ACA Sports Packs are Here!

Welcome back! Please enjoy your Annunciation sport pack courtesy of Tony Perrone from Estate and Business Planning Group, Chuck and Stacy of Mellow Mushroom, Michele McCullough of Tan Plus, and Charlene Sachs of LMR Marketing. Don't forget to write your name in the space provided. Don't leave home without them!

Standardized Testing

Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) testing will begin on **October 5th** and continue through **October 13th**. Grades 4, 6, and 8 will take the ITBS Complete Battery and grades 3, 5, and 7 will take the Core Battery of the ITBS. 5th grade will also take the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test). A good test can identify a child's strengths and see where a child may need extra help. Parents can help children do better on tests. Here are some things you can do at home:

- Mention the purpose and importance of tests: They are designed to help children learn better. Let them know you value tests for that reason.
- Encourage your child to take the test seriously and do as well as he or she can, but add reassurance that the child will not be in trouble for items he or she misses.
- Remember, each child is unique and has his or her own learning style, strengths and desire for success. Stress that uniqueness and let your child know you love him or her for it.
- Please see that your child gets plenty of rest on the nights before the tests.
- Please see that your child eats a nourishing breakfast on the morning of testing.
- Please make every effort to have your child in school and on time.
- Please be sure that you have not scheduled any doctor or dentist appointments during the testing dates.
- Be positive when you send your child off to school. Acknowledge that tests are hard and that no one will get all of the answers right.

Labels For Education

ACA is working towards supplementing the budget through the Campbell Soup, Box Tops for Education, and Tyson Project A+ Programs. These programs are easy and, more importantly, participating doesn't cost you anything extra! Last year **\$1462.00** was raised. Here are the easy instructions for savings:

- ❖ Collect labels from eligible Campbell products to participate in the school program. (See the ACA website for a list of all eligible products this year). Forward the Campbell labels to the front office.
- ❖ Collect Box Tops for Education coupons from hundreds of General Mills products. Forward your Box Tops coupons to the front office, because 10 cents is received for each that is redeemed. (See the ACA website for a list of all eligible products this year.)
- ❖ Collect Tyson Project A+ redemption labels from Tyson products that feature the Project A+ logo. Forward your Tyson Labels to the front office, because each label collected is worth 24 cents for ACA! (See the ACA website for a list of all eligible products this year).

If you have any questions about the program please call Christina Suarez at 407-928-4926. Thank you for your continued participation in these wonderful programs.

Ordering SCRIP is Easy

Think you don't have time to order SCRIP? Sure you do! Order online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Place orders online and pick up your gift cards the following week. You also have the option to pay online with PRESTO pay. Want to know more? Contact Jill Drafts @ jdrafts@earthlink.net or (407) 464-0163. Stop by the upstairs workroom and shop our gift card inventory, place new orders and/or pick up previously placed orders. New office hours – Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. **Buy SCRIP now, pay less tuition later!**

Calendar

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 1 st Quarter No School for K-5, Parent Conferences Middle School attends school
October 20:	Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome
October 28:	Principal's Coffee 6 th -8 th after Morning Prayer in cafeterium
October 30:	Bad Weather Make-up Day – No School if not needed

ACA 2009 Track & Field!

Track Season is almost here! We need coaches!

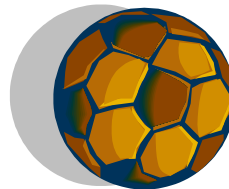
Dear Parents: The powerful ACA Track & Field Team is hoping to repeat as Champions this season. We are looking for coaches for shot put and vortex, as well as sprint, middle distance and long distance work-outs. If you have any experience in track & field, please come out and be part of a winning program.

If you are interested in coaching with us, please contact Coach Anderson or email Kelly Ryan: Kryan@cotterryan.com or call (407)925-7568.

We look forward to seeing you!

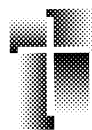
Good Luck STARS!

The CYL Soccer season starts this weekend (K-5)! Good luck to our athletes - Go Stars! Save the date for Boys Flag Football (grades 3-8) and Girls Lacrosse (grades 3-8) registration begins October 19th. For more information including game schedules, please go to www.catholicyouthleague.org. Please forward questions to Layne Missigman at missigman@earthlink.net.



Magazine Drive Update

We have had a great finale to our 2009 Magazine Drive. Our total is \$81,858.65 with orders still coming in. Congratulations to Charlie Votey, from Mrs. Diez' class, who was the lucky winner of the "golden ticket" earning him fifty dollars. Joan of Arc was the Middle school house winner. They will have Chick fil A lunch in the courtyard on Monday, September 28th. A few reminders: NUTS days are Monday, September 28th, and October 1st. Limo day is Thursday, Oct. 1st. For the families earning 35 or more orders please email me. I do not know all the siblings and the families with same last name. This will help me compile an accurate list for the limo ride. cgraceconner@earthlink.net.



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