Ascension School

Dear Parents and Students, August, 2011

The Ascension Athletic program is comprised of three sports played interscholastically with other area Catholic grade schools.

Co–Ed Soccer – Fee: $80.00 due by the first practice.
Soccer is the only sport that is played by co-ed teams. Ascension is a member of the Classic League. The league is broken up into two divisions: Jr. Varsity, (which consists of 5th and 6th grade teams and sometimes a combination of both 5th & 6th grade students), and Varsity (which consists of 7th and 8th grade teams, and sometimes a combination of 7th / 8th grade students). The Soccer season usually begins at the end of August and ends 3rd or 4th week of October. The final schedule of games will not be available until late August, when the Athletic Directors or program coordinators meet. Typically, practices are held twice a week with a starting time between 3:45 pm and 5:30 pm. Practices usually last for one hour. Coaches will distribute practice and game schedules as soon as the information is available. Practices are held at either Euclid Park (Roosevelt and Euclid), Rehm Park (behind pool), or at Barrie Park (Lombard and Garfield).

Our home fields for games are either Taylor Park (Division and Ridgeland, this field is usually used on Fridays) or Lindburgh Park, (two blocks east of Harlem and one block south of North Avenue.) Varsity games are usually played on the large South Field and Jr. Varsity games are played on the big field on the North end of the park on Saturday mornings). Games can be held any weekday between 4:00 and 6:00pm. Saturday games are held between 9 a.m. and late afternoon. Ascension School has four teams: One for each grade from five to eight. The teams usually have large rosters, anywhere from 20-35 players. There are NO tryouts; all eligible Ascension students may participate (see the Ascension Athletic Handbook on the school website for eligibility requirements). We play four 12 minute quarters. Each team plays 5-18 games plus playoffs. Children who need to wear glasses MUST HAVE SPORTS GOGGLES. Glasses are not allowed, not even with a strap. NO JEWELRY is allowed to be worn during any sporting event. Playing Soccer requires that each student turn in a Registration Form, Medical Form and the $75.00 fee before the first practice. Ascension School supplies the uniform that must be returned at the end of the season.

Girls' Basketball – Fee: $110.00 due by the first practice.
The Girls' Basketball season begins immediately following Soccer Season and runs from November through January of the school year. Ascension is a member of the Classic League.
Boys' Basketball – Fee $110.00 due by the first practice.
The Boys' Basketball teams begin practices in November when gym space is available. The Boys' Classic League Season runs from December through March of the school year.

Basketball in the Classic League is broken down into Grade levels. Practices are held in the Ascension gym, the first practice beginning at 4:15 pm and the last practice beginning at 8:00 pm. Practice schedules are determined on the individual coach's schedule and availability of the gym. Each team determines their practice schedule considering the Coaches' schedules and availability of gym time for practices. Weekday Classic League games are played on the hour, 5th grade at 5:00, 6th grade at 6:00, 7th grade at 7:00, and 8th grade at 8:00.There may be some Saturday morning or afternoon games. We play each league team once in our gym and once at their gym. However, there are occasional time changes made to accommodate

needs of the students, coaches or schools. Monthly schedules listing practices and games for all grade levels for both boys and girls are distributed to students. Some coaches may vary from that schedule and will inform their team members.

Ascension fields teams at each level of 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, for both girls and boys. There are NO tryouts; all eligible Ascension students may participate (see the Ascension Athletic Handbook on the school website for eligibility requirements).

We also compete in the St. John Vianney League. The St. John Vianney league breaks their teams into Jr. Varsity and Varsity Divisions. Jr. Varsity consists of 5th and 6th grade students and/or a combination of 5th & 6th grade teams. The Varsity Division consists of 7th and 8th graders and/or combination 7th & 8th grade teams. All St. John Vianney league games are all played at their gym. Game times and days vary.

The Registration Form, Medical Form, and sport fee must be turned in before the first practice. Fifth and Seventh grade students will purchase personalized uniforms at the beginning of the season. They will wear these uniforms for at least two seasons. *NO JEWELRY is allowed to be worn during any sporting event.*

Girls' Volleyball – Fee $80.00 due by the first practice.
The Girls' volleyball season runs February through April. Ascension is a member of the Classic League. The Volleyball League is broken up into two divisions Jr. Varsity (which consists of 5th grade teams, 6th grade teams, and combination 5th/6th grade teams) and Varsity (which consists of 7th grade teams, 8th grade teams, and combination 7th/8th grade teams). Practices are held in the Ascension gym, starting at 4:15 pm running through 8 p.m. The Coaches' schedules and availability of practice times will be used to determine practice schedules for each team. Classic League games are usually played weekdays between 5:00 and 9:00pm. Some games are held on Saturday mornings or afternoons. However, there are occasional schedule changes made to accommodate students and schools' needs. I will distribute monthly schedules with practices and games listed for all levels. At Ascension we field teams at each level of 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. There are NO tryouts; all eligible Ascension students may participate (see Ascension Athletic Handbook on the school website for eligibility requirements). Some teams wear the basketball uniforms for volleyball, some teams choose to purchase t-shirts to wear. *NO JEWELRY is allowed to be worn during any sporting event.* The $75.00 fee, the Registration Form, and Medical Form fee must be turned in before the first practice.

Boy's Volleyball – Fee $45.00 due by the first practice.
Boys' volleyball has a VERY short season, usually 3 to 4 weeks. Each year the schedule is determined by the number of teams participating in the league. The season usually runs from the end of April thru the 3rd week of May (approx.). The number of teams Ascension will field will be determined by the number of students interested in participating in the sport. More information will follow as we get closer to the season.

If you have any questions please contact me at any of the following:
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Sincerely,
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Registration Forms, Medical Forms and a Uniform Order Form are included with this mailing. Be aware that all sports forms can be found on the school web site under "Athletics."
www.ascension-school.com