



ASPA

2023-24 Fourth/Last Meeting

April 23, 2024

Notes from the Board

- Solar Eclipse – April 8th – ASPA purchased Eclipse Glasses for students to safely view the eclipse
- End of the Year Fun!
 - 8th Grade Graduation – Card My Yard
 - PS3, PK4 and Kinder – End of Year Send Idea ? (Last year was bubbles or popsicles)
 - 1st – 7th Grade – Field Day Lunch
- Golf Outing – Bourbon Basket -
- Indoor recess equipment for McSherry was discussed.
 - Ping pong table?
 - Corn hole?
 - Indoor gaga pit

Notes from the Treasurer

- Credit Card Approval Form
 - Many times ASPA event chairs will request that Diane/Maryanne purchase items on the ASCA credit card.
 - Please email ASPA Treasurer, Michelle Ling with all requests and she will coordinate with ASCA
- Reimbursement Requests
 - NEW reimbursement form. Please email ASPA Treasurer, Michelle Ling if you need a copy.
 - ASCA does not reimburse taxes. You can use DOJ tax exempt form.
- ASCA Costco Membership – Reach out to Michelle Ling to learn more!

Secretary Notes

- Please submit any ASPA notes that you would like to include in Patty's weekly emails to Vinita (vramnani08@outlook.com) by Wednesday Evening. Please do not send Patty emails directly.
- ASPA updates must be sent to Patty before Friday!

What to Expect

Date	Event	ASPA Point Person
08/14/2023	Back to School Faculty Lunch	Hospitality
08/17/2023	Back to School Meet & Greet Cereal Collection	ASPA BOARD Outreach Committee
08/21/2023	First Day of School	
08/29/2023	Curriculum Night K-5	ASPA BOARD
08/30/2023	Curriculum Night PS, 6-8	ASPA BOARD
09/12/2023	ASPA Kick-Off Meeting	ASPA BOARD
09/22/2023	Fun Run	Amy Bono
09/26/2023 - 09/29/2023	Fall Book Fair	Lisa Hajek and Laura Blackwell
10/05/2023	Parent Teacher Conferences / Teacher Dinner/Giving Tree	Hospitality
10/17/2023	2 nd ASPA Meeting	ASPA BOARD
10/28/2023	Trunk or Treat	Juanita Showalter and Carolina Zavala
10/31/2023	Halloween Class Parties	Ashley Anderson

Date	Event	ASPA Point Person
November	Faculty Christmas Collection Flyer Distribution	ASPA BOARD
11/21/2023	Grandparents Day	Jackie Hasse
11/27/2023 – 12/01/2023	Holiday Shop	Shannon Rosiak, Trena Coffey
12/13/2023	Faculty Christmas Party	Hospitality
12/21/2023	Christmas Class Parties	Ashley Anderson
01/15/2024	MLK Day of Service	Outreach Committee & ASCA
01/16/2023	3 rd ASPA Meeting	ASPA BOARD
Week of 01/28/2024	Catholic Schools Week	Katherine Preze
02/13/2024	Valentine's Class Parties	Ashley Anderson
TBD	4 th ASPA Meeting	ASPA BOARD
04/16/2024-04/19/2024	Spring Book Fair	Lisa Hajek, Laura Blackwell, Carolina Zavala and Jenn Venta
Week of 5/6/2024	Teacher Appreciation Week	Hospitality
	School Nurses Day	Hospitality
05/24/2024	8 th Grade Graduation	ASPA BOARD
05/31/2024	Last Day of School	ASPA BOARD
04/20/2024	Daddy Daughter Dance	Catherine Gianan
04/11/2024	Mother/Son Event	Rebecca Garcia and Therese Berger

ASPA COMMITTEES



Hospitality Committee

CHAIRS

Vinita Ramnani
Faculty Liaison – Jane Kennedy

WHAT

The hospitality committee plans fun events to show our wonderful Faculty and Staff appreciation throughout the year!

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteers may be needed throughout the year to help set up lunches, work recess/lunch duty and drop of treats!

Teacher & Nurse Appreciation Week May 6 – May 10

Monday May 6	Tuesday May 7	Wednesday May 8	Thursday May 9	Friday May 10
<p>ASPA sponsored Lunch Catered by Guzman y Gomez</p> <p>ASPA families donated desserts, snacks, and beverages for lunch via signmeup</p>	<p>ASPA sponsored snacks in the teacher's lounge</p>	<p>ASPA sponsored Coffee Cart from 8 AM – 10 AM</p> <p>Thank you to our teachers & nurses ASPA sponsored cake in the teacher's lounge</p>	<p>ASPA sponsored snacks in the teacher's lounge</p>	<p>ASPA sponsored week end cocktail hour</p> <p>ASPA families donated drinks via signmeup and ASPA sponsored appetizers</p>

Room parents to coordinate classroom gift for their teacher during Teacher Appreciation Week. Some suggestions are:

- Gift card bouquet
- Zelle for 1 larger gift card for teacher + family to go out to dinner
- Collection for flowers
- Coordinate having the kids in class write a letter to their teacher about their school year or draw a picture
- Help Teacher's empty their wish list:
 - Teacher's Wish List: [ASCA Teacher Wishlists - Google Sheets](#)

Bonus: Room parents to also coordinate something for the nurses for Nurses Appreciation Week (May 6 – May 10). Homemade cards, flowers, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Room Parent Coordinator

CHAIRS Ashley Anderson

WHAT The room parent coordinator is the liaison between ASPA/ASCA and the room parents.

HOW CAN I HELP? Reach out to your homeroom teacher or room parent if you are interested in volunteering for the upcoming parties. Please log on to your Virtus account to ensure you are in good standing!

Outreach Committee

CHAIRS

Anne Soto

WHAT

The Outreach Committee organizes all of the community outreach projects including the Loaves and Fishes Cereal Drive, Bernie's Book Bank Used Book Collection, Operation Support Our Troops Post-Halloween Candy Collection, Cradles to Crayons Winter Coat Collection, Hesed House Advent Collection and Martin Luther King Day of Service.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteers are needed to help with all of these events!

Open Position for 2024-25!

New Family Welcome Committee

CHAIRS

Melanie Lucero

WHAT

The New Family Welcome Committee is responsible for reaching out to any new families at ASCA and being a point of contact. There are class level volunteers (typically 2) who plan two events over the summer, events throughout the year and an end of the year party. The chair ensures these parties are planned, organizes a back to school coffee and chat and other events.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteer to be a class level lead. Volunteers may be needed at various points to reach out to new families or distribute swag bags other items.

Art Awareness Coordinator

CHAIRS Terri Hanneman and Laura Viquez

WHAT The art awareness program is a program to introduce students to the great artists of our past. Classroom/Grade level volunteers are needed to coordinate and lead lessons.

HOW CAN I HELP? Reach out to Terri and Laura if you are interested in helping out with a class!

Sunshine Committee

CHAIRS Heidi Sawko and Therese Berger

WHAT

This committee is meant to support ASCA families. This is a new committee we need help getting started! We hope to recognize births and weddings. We plan to support grieving families. We want to offer a means to support families dealing with illnesses or times of need.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Join our committee! Help us with ideas!

Raise Right/ SCRIP

CHAIRS Michelle Ling

WHAT

SCRIP is a great way to earn credit towards the Family Fundraising Obligation (FFO). It is easy to get started, and easy to chip away at the FFO each and every week. Now is the time to get going! To find out more about SCRIP [click here](#) or contact the team at scrip@ascacademy.org.

**HOW CAN
I HELP?**

Purchase physical or e gift cards via Raise Right to earn money for ASCA.
Reach out to the SCRIP team to learn more.



ASPA EVENTS

ASCA Fun Run

CHAIRS Amy Bono

WHEN Friday, September 22nd

WHAT The Fun Run is a fundraiser for ASCA. The students can gain pledges from family and friends for the number of laps they run.

WHERE ASCA

**EVENT
UPDATE** More than \$54,000 in pledges!

Book Fair

CHAIRS

Lisa Hajek, Laura Blackwell, Carolina Zavala and Jenn Venta

WHEN

FALL - Tuesday September 26th thru Friday, September 29th

SPRING – Tuesday April 16th thru Friday April 19th

WHAT

ASCA hosts a Fall and Spring Book Fair.

WHERE

McSherry Hall, ASCA

EVENT UPDATE

Both book sales were a great success!

Trunk or Treat

CHAIRS Carolina Zavala

WHEN Saturday, October 28th at 11 AM

WHAT Trunk or Treat is a great way to kick off the Halloween Weekend. The event will feature decorated trunks for students to visit.

WHERE ASCA

EVENT UPDATE Co-Chair Needed for 2024-25!

Grandparent's Day

CHAIRS Jackie Hasse

WHEN Tuesday November 21st

WHAT We welcome grandparents and VIPS to ASCA for a reception, classroom visits and mass. This is a faculty led event that ASPA supports with volunteers. Grandparents are given the opportunity to buy Book Futures and help fund new purchases for the ASCA library.

WHERE ASCA

**EVENT
UPDATE** Great Event!

Holiday Shop

CHAIRS Shannon Rosiak and Trena Coffey and
Brenda Gay

WHEN Week of November 27th

WHAT The Holiday Shop is an opportunity for
students to purchase gifts for their family and
friends!

WHERE McSherry Hall, ASCA

**EVENT
UPDATE** Students love the Holiday Shop!

Uniform Resale

CHAIRS Heidi Sawko

WHEN January 2024 and Summer 2024

WHAT ASPA host uniform resales.

WHERE ASCA

EVENT Summer Sales – June 5th 3-5 PM and August
UPDATE 10th 10 am – 12 pm

Chair maybe needed...can we find storage space at ASCA??

Catholic Schools Week

CHAIRS Katherine Preze

WHEN January 28 – February 3, 2023

WHAT ASPA helps plan fun events for Catholic Schools Week, including a presentation/speaker! Ideas are welcome!

WHERE ASCA

EVENT UPDATE OPEN POSITION 2024-25



Catholic Schools Week 2024



Sunday January 28	Monday January 29	Tuesday January 30	Wednesday January 31	Thursday February 1	Friday February 2
Catholic Schools Week Kickoff	Patriotic Day Show your USA pride and wear red, white, and blue (uniform bottoms not required) Special Snack provided by ASPA: Donuts	Catholic Schools Week T-shirt Day Wear your Catholic Schools Week t-shirt and out of uniform bottoms! <i>**students without the 2024 CSW shirt should be in uniform; no other OOU passes may be used today**</i> Special Snack provided by ASPA: Rice Krispy Treats	Color Day Wear a shirt in your grade's color! Pre-K 3: Purple Pre-K 4: Black K: Light Blue 1st: Blue 2nd: Red 3rd: Black 4th: Orange 5th: Yellow 6th: White 7th: Green 8th: Pink (uniform bottoms not required)	Pajama Day Get comfy! Wear your PJs to school. (Please wear actual shoes to/from school; slippers are OK for in classrooms)	School Mass 8:15am Perfect uniform After Mass: Mass Buddies
Open House 1:00-3:00	5th Grade Saints Saint Museum Students will write a thank you letter to their parents today!	D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Spelling Bees 9:45am 3rd-5th in McSherry 6th-8th in Gym St. Francis HS Rock and Jazz Band concert 1:55-2:25	Students will write thank you notes to our priests today! Popsicles at lunch Provided by ASPA Pep Rally 2:30 in the gym	Jr. High Talent Show 9:15 in the gym Movie Day Shown in classrooms (Treat provided by ASPA)	Hot Dog Lunch for staff and students <i>(Sponsored by ASPA)</i> Imagination Theater 12:30: 3 rd -5 th 1:30: PS-2 nd 2:30 6 th -8 th <i>(Sponsored by ASPA)</i>
	Saints Museum 5:30-6:30pm		No Cookin' In the Kitchen Duck Donuts		

Parents are invited to join us for all highlighted events!

Father – Daughter Dance

CHAIRS Catherine Gianan

WHEN April 20th, 2024

WHAT ASPA hosts a Father Daughter Dance.

WHERE Gym, ASCA

**EVENT
UPDATE** 320 attendees!!

Mother – Son Event

CHAIRS Rebecca Davila & Therese Berger

WHEN April 11th, 2024

WHAT ASPA hosts a Mother-Son Event. Last Years event was held at Main Event.

WHERE Main Event, Warrenville

EVENT UPDATE 90 Sons registered
75 Mom/mom figures registered

Event Notes

A consensus vote took place during the September 12, 2023, meeting regarding the various parent-child events. The group agreed to eliminate the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son events. An additional vote was held to determine if more family events should be held and it was decided that we currently have a healthy number of family events with great representation.

Looking for Other Ways to Contribute?

- Our amazing teachers at ASCA have put together Amazon Wishlists. If you are interested, please check out the google [spreadsheet here](#).
- Interested in Lunch or Recess Volunteering? Reach out to Cristine Shaw (cshaw@ascacademy.org) and Esmeralda Menchaca-Lopez (emlopez@ascacademy.org) for more information.
- Please remember it is everyone's responsibility to ensure you have met the DOJ Volunteer Requirements. Please refer to the information located on FACTS or reach out to ASCA (Maryanne Higdon) if you have specific questions.