



ASSUMPTION Catholic School

K-3rd Grades

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Dear Families,

As the new school year is approaching, we are preparing for a Faith filled year! We welcome Father Emmanuel, to our Assumption Family as well as Ms. Sabrina Norte and Mrs. Mary McSweeney (see information below). Earlier this summer I attended the Department of Justice School Threat Assessment Team Course Training and a few days ago Ms. Dierauer and I attended Adolescent Mental Health Training at CESA 11 in Turtle Lake. These trainings, as well as the ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and TIC (Trauma Informed Care) trainings our staff had during in-services last school year, has helped increase our awareness of the extent of trauma, provide guidelines for assessing threats and given us the basic principles of trauma-informed care - all contributing to creating a safer environment for all. The trainings were part of the school safety grants which we received last year.

With the stamp of approval from Father Bosco and the Education Committee we were able purchase a new Math Series – Go Math. Our teachers are very excited about rolling out this new curriculum. They have attended one training in June and another will be during August in-service.

We are so excited to see all of our students and families at Open House!

Welcome:

Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kofi Asamoah-Bekoe is our new priest at our Tri Parishes. His bio from the bulletin reads: “I am fine to be called *Father Emmanuel*. I was ordained a priest to the Catholic Diocese of SekondiTakoradi, Ghana, West Africa on December 4th, 2010. I am the first child of a family of five; three girls and two boys. I am only one year and two months in United States... you can see I am working on my American accent! Any help? lol... I love to cook, though I may not be the best cook! I go with any recreational activity but my favorite is soccer. I love flowers and animals because they reveal to me the mysteries of God’s creation. I am ever smiling and enthusiastic priest who is easy to go with to create friendship to promote the Kingdom of God. My faith conviction is: A LIFE WITHOUT CHRIST IS FULL OF CRISES; WITH JESUS MERCY AND GRACE ARE IN ABOUNDANCE. What is yours? I hope when I meet you next time you will tell me! Lol.... I am already excited to serve you in Father”

Ms. Sabrina Norte as our new Kindergarten teacher. She is a new graduate from UWEC. Ms. Norte won’t be Norte for too long as she is getting married in October to Jake Berger. Sabrina has a lot of experience as a new graduate working with Kinder Care, teaching summer school in Eau Claire and substitute teaching.

Mrs. Mary McSweeney as our new teacher for Fifth Grade teacher. Mary has vast experience in both public and Catholic Schools in Illinois, Indiana and Georgia. Her husband has been in Menomonie starting his job at the Mabel Tainter as she finished her school year in Illinois. She is so excited to be back in a Catholic School and anxious to be part of the community as she and her husband bought a house in Durand.

Mrs. Becky Sabelko has taken a position at Sundstroms, so we **are still looking for someone who** will join us at the Lima campus to prepare and serve lunch with a smile to our K-3 students and staff.

Please be sure to introduce yourself at open house and welcome all new and familiar faces in their new roles!

ASSUMPTION SUMMER READING CLUB:

In May, our Kindergarten through grade 5 students were invited to join the Summer Reading Club! If you participated, make sure you return your completed log and **bring to your classroom on open house night!!! There will be prizes and ice cream for those qualifying!**



FAMILY UPDATES: Things may have changed since last school year...new address, new phone numbers, new email address...please let us know. We will be sending family envelopes just as we did last year unless you let us know differently.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Committee and Coaches meetings taking place **August 14th**:

- **6:00** - Athletic Committee meeting. Thank you committee members for all you do!
- **7:30** - Coaches meeting Thank you to all who are coaching this year

Uniform handout: All Parents of 4-8 athletes are encouraged to attend the **all athlete uniform handout** night Wednesday August 21st from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Durand Campus Gym-complete & return enclosed forms.

Sports Physicals: *Remember: All students in grades 4-8 participating in school athletics will need to have a physical form or alternate year form on file before practicing with their team. Forms are enclosed.*

Assumption Clothing order forms are enclosed. Samples of clothing will be available at both campuses at Open House, which is also when the orders are due! Date: August 21st

Sports schedule: For more information, inquire while picking up your uniform.

M.S. (6/7/8) Volleyball: Practice begins: Monday, August 26th - 6:00-7:30 – Durand Campus

4/5 Volleyball: Practice begins: Tuesday, September 3rd from 3:30 – 4:30 - Durand Campus

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – OPEN HOUSE:

On Wednesday, August 21st we will host a Back to School Night from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. for parents and students at both campuses. Be sure to take this opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s), see their classroom and bring in school supplies; all helping to ease their first full day on August 28th. Parents of Middle School students, Mrs. Retzloff will not be available during open house as she will be in Greece! Ms. Bechel will be assisting in showing the 6th graders "the ropes". This night will also allow you to make tuition and hot lunch payments.

- **Noah's Ark parents are asked to please wait until their child's conference to bring in paperwork, snacks or extra clothes. More details regarding the conference are detailed in the enclosed letter.**

BUSSING: Pape School Bus, Inc. is the school district's school bus transportation provider. They are located at N6463 Commerce Lane, Arkansaw, Wisconsin 54721 and their phone number is 715-672-3636. Website is <https://durand-pape-school-bus-inc.business.site/> Please go to the Durand Pape School Bus website, scroll down to update's and click on SIGN UP and fill out the online form. **This form needs to be filled out by 8/16/19.** A Pape Bus Service representative will be at each campus on open house night to answer any bussing questions you may have.



FALL FESTIVALS: Mark your calendars and plan to attend these parish events.



Sunday, August 25th -@ Holy Rosary – Lima after 10:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday, September 15th @ Sacred Heart – Mondovi after 10:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, September 28th @ St. Mary's – Durand after 4:00 p.m. Mass

FILL A BOOK BAG: Enclosed please find information about the Durand Women's' Club "Fill A Book Bag" program. Applications are due August 14th.

NOAH'S ARK:



Registrations are still being accepted for children who, before September 1st, 2019 will turn three or four years old. If you know of a family who has a three or four-year-old, please let them know about our program and refer them to the school office.

7TH GRADE LUNCH SERVER WORK PERMIT: Enclosed in the 7th grade student's envelope is a form to complete to issue work permits for our students that help in the lunch room. It is part of the service our 7th and 8th grade students give our Assumption Family.

HOT LUNCH NEWS - TUITION AND LUNCH BILLS:

Parents are **strongly encouraged** to fill out the enclosed forms for Free and /or Reduced lunch. This is a federally funded program that not only helps alleviate the cost of hot lunch for your family **but also helps our school qualify for various grants and assistance.** You may return this to our office or at open house.

Please know that information **always remains confidential.**

- Tuition statements are enclosed; they reflect your 2017-18 TRIP totals. If you did not purchase \$500.00 in SCRIP in 2017-18, your statement will reflect your choice of deferment by adding \$100.00.
- Don't forget to buy SCRIP, it's easy and sure helps the budget!
- Your lunch account balance is reflected on the sticker to the right.
unless your balance is zero.
- We recommend you have **at least \$30.00/per child** in your lunch account to start the school year. You can make payments on "Back to School" night or beforehand if you prefer. **You can make online payments for hot lunch as well as tuition.** We have several parents using this option and they really like the convenience. Let us know if we can help you with the process.
- *The first semester milk and juice information for 4K –8th grades is enclosed as well. Be sure to return it with payment on or before Back to School Night.*

MUSIC NOTES FROM MRS. BULLARD:



I hope you've all been having a wonderful summer vacation! Now it is time to start getting excited about returning to school and participating in our band and choir programs!

Attention **fifth graders** - remember, you are now able to sign up for band in the music room, during "Back to School Night" Wednesday, August 21st. I will be available to answer questions about beginning 5th Grade Band. i.e. instrument rental/purchasing, band lessons, practice time, etc. A variety of band instruments will be on display during that time. If you have your own instrument already, or are using a relative's instrument, you can bring that in and we can look it over to discuss its condition. The fee to join band or choir is \$10 individual or \$20 family for each. Hope to see you during "Back to School Night".

PARTNERS IN FAITH – CALENDAR:

Are you running out of ideas to keep your child(ren) busy during this last month of summer? The attached calendar, from *Partners in Faith*, has some great faith and academic filled ideas - hope you enjoy them!



SCRIP: Online purchasing use is growing!!! Use SCRIP to purchase everyday items and reduce your tuition at the same time. An order form is included for your convenience. Confused about SCRIP or not sure how it helps reduce your tuition? Please call, we would love to answer your questions.

VACCINATIONS:

Attention parents of Kindergarten and 6th grade students: You received information via the kindergarten parent meeting or via your 6th grade student's report card regarding the immunization requirements for your child. Please revisit these requirements. Please return on Back to School Night so our records are up to date.

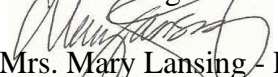
YEARBOOK:

Yearbooks may be picked up at the Back to School Night - Open House at both campuses. It's fun looking back at the memories of 2018-19, I hope you enjoy it. Thank you to the 8th grade class under the guidance of Mrs. Weber for putting this together.

I am anxious for the students to come back to school and I am thankful you have entrusted your child to us. We will receive them with open arms and like you, we see them as a treasured, valued child, a blessing from God.

Thank you for choosing Assumption Catholic School! Our faculty and staff are committed to working with you to fulfill our mission of Faith • Academics • Service

With Blessings of Peace and Joy,


Mrs. Mary Lansing - Principal