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ASSUMPTION Catholic School

January 5th, 2024

Dear Families,

Since our last newsletter we have: sang Christmas carols for local businesses as part of our Royal Rally; celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord with Father Zweber by blessing our school entry doors, classrooms and students; and brought the three kings to the manager and discussed why they were "Wise Men." We hope you all had and will continue to have a blessed Christmas season and Happy New Year. Did you know, contrary to popular belief, the Christmas season actually continues right through to Candlemas (The Presentation of our Lord) on February 2nd? Enclosed are a couple of flyers that we hope add to your celebration as a family:

- A flyer to invite you and guide you to bless your doors at home!
- A prayer card of the nativity, to stir our hearts like that of St. Francis of Assisi and the Wise Men.

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK:

As we continued learning about the Cardinal Virtue of Justice, we had lessons and discussions before Christmas about the related virtues of Generosity and Gratitude. This week, we focused on Prayerfulness.



Generosity is giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others.



Gratitude is a thankful disposition of mind and heart.



This week, our students learned about Prayerfulness.

Prayerfulness is being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

- Thank you to the Athletic Committee for supplying the funds to have a new gym door installed. It looks so nice and it locks!!! They also had Durand Builders put a new exit door (blue door) with a panic bar to match the other side and ensure the safety of our building.
- Girls 4-8 basketball photos (*order envelope enclosed*) after school Monday, January 8th followed by practice
- Next meeting, Wednesday, January 17 – 6:00 p.m. – all are welcome.
- Below is the worker schedule - thanks for volunteering! We have a couple open slots, can you help?

DATE	TIME	Grade	Books	Clock	Concession
Tuesday January 16	5:00 PM	5 th	AJ Bauer	Lucas Reckin	Joel/Carrie Brunner
	6:00 PM	5 th	AJ Bauer	Lucas Reckin	Lynn/Cora Rinholen
	7:00 PM	5 th	AJ Bauer	Lucas Reckin	Joel/Carrie Brunner
Thursday, January 18	5:00 PM	8 th	Sara Mack	Lucas Reckin	Sheila Fedie
	6:00 PM	8 th	Sara Mack	Lucas Reckin	Sheila Fedie
	7:00 PM	8 th	Sara Mack (or clock)		Sheila Fedie

BINGO:



All are welcome to join us for Bingo on Fridays, January 26th and February 9th from 2:15-3:00, at the Holy Rosary Church Basement. Our K-3 grade students will be joining in on the fun! What a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors!

CONSERVATION SPEAKING CONTEST:



Good luck to our 6th and 7th grade contestants of the Pepin County Speaking Contest; they are busy preparing for the competition. Thank you to Mrs. Wayne for facilitating this opportunity. The finalist will be chosen next week and permission slips will be sent home then for the contest on January 19th.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

Catholic Schools Week is in the planning stages. The complete calendar will come home January 19th but for now a few dates to save!

- **Saturday, January 27th - Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass Holy Rosary 6:30pm. (signup sheet enclosed)**
- **Movie Day:** Monday, January 29th afternoon
- **Mission Carnival:** Wednesday, January 31st afternoon Durand gymnasium-ALL end day at Durand

Mission Carnival items needed

- Trinkets/prizes for the Fish Pond game
- All families please start looking for gently used toys, books and games for the toys/book/game sale appropriate for ages 3 up

- **Saturday, February 3rd - Catholic Schools Week Closing Mass at St. Mary's - 4:00pm. (signup sheet enclosed)**

Chili Supper to follow

HELP wanted:



- Students to help with liturgy (signup sheet enclosed).
- Help with **Chili Supper** - Tickets and information for the *Drive Thru Chili Supper* are enclosed. Here is the link to the Home & School Event Volunteer Sign Up Form, please sign up here or let the office know how you can help! Thank you.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10L31BptwYyG7hpingMwgU_6KA4LMUr1FuV3o7jzfr-M/edit?usp=sharing

FORENSICS:

- Practice opportunities available next week! – See enclosed note from Coach Heitman
- **Volunteers needed:** Our first Forensics meet is coming up on January 25th. Thank you to the parents who have returned the gold colored sign-up sheet offering to help! **Please return this form if you have not turned it in as additional help is still needed to facilitate our home meets. Lost the form?** If you are willing to help, please contact Mrs. Monica Heitman joextemp@yahoo.com or Mrs. Tess Gunderson assumption4-8@nelson-tel.net

HOME AND SCHOOL:

- Calendar raffle: Our first calendar raffle drawing will be on Tuesday, January 9th at 8:00 a.m. Winners will be announced at both school campuses and at St. Mary's Mass. The winners will be notified. Good luck. Thank you to Rachel Patnode, Britany Konsela and Julie Dierauer for their work on this. We profited over \$20,000.00 for our school.
- Chili Supper: as stated above in the Catholic Schools week section, help is needed.
- Kwik Trip car wash cards: Did you miss the preorder sale? We have 16 available in the school office; let us know if you wish to purchase any; \$36/card.

NON-DRESS CODE FOR "TECHNO":



Again this year, Home and School is sponsoring "*Non-dress for Techno*" days for our students and staff at the end of each quarter. For \$1.00 your child can wear school appropriate non-dress code to school, all money raised goes into a technology fund. The non-dress code for technology will be **Wednesday, January 10th.**

OPEN GYM:

Starting **Tuesday, January 9th** there will be open gym at the Lima campus for K-3 students who are interested. It will run from 3:10-4:30 on Tuesdays; come for part or all of the allotted time. **Remember to fill out and return the form enclosed.** Please send a note **EACH** Tuesday you want your child to stay.

PARTNERS IN FAITH:


Aligning with the Virtues we teach, there is a good article titled *Shape Children's Hearts with Virtues* and "*If the Saints Had Social Media, What Would They Post?*" I hope you enjoy them.

\$CRIP: Use \$CRIP for personal use, gift giving, and reduce your tuition at the same time.

SERVER SCHEDULE:

Enclosed is the server schedule for January and February, thank you for honoring this important service.

SERVICE PROJECT FOR JANUARY: MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY:


 This month we will be paying it forward with a "Make a Difference Day". We ask your child(ren) to bring in funds to help buy SCRIP cards to pay for random drive through orders at McDonalds. The recipient will receive a note stating, "You may not know me, but my classmates and I at Assumption Catholic School chipped in to help make a difference in your day. I hope this small gesture will help bring you some joy. There are no gimmicks! We just hope this has brightened your day." If your child would like to contribute to this charity, please bring in a dollar or more by **Monday, January 29th**. Who knows, maybe your family will be one of the recipients!

THANK YOU AND WELCOME:

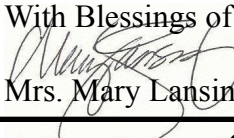
Our sincere thank you to Jim Whitwam who retired December 22nd. We appreciate all the time he spent at our school and Tri-Parishes maintaining the buildings and grounds. We wish him the best. We welcome Connor Johnson, who started as our new maintenance person on Tuesday, January 2nd. He is still learning the ropes and we welcome him to our school and parish families.

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**

PLEASE PRAY:

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- That God will help us give of ourselves in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others.
 - That God will help us have a thankful disposition of mind and heart.
 - That God will help us to be still, to listen, and be willing to talk to God as a friend.
 - For our High School students, that God continues to bless them and keep them safe from harm's way, especially Dylan Jereczek.

With Blessings of Peace and Joy,


Mrs. Mary Lansing Principal

CALENDAR REMINDERS AND UPDATES FOR 2 WEEKS:

Monday	1/08	Girls 4-8 Basketball photos after school followed by practice	
Tuesday	1/09	School Mass at St. Mary's	8:30
		Open Door- StM	3:20-5:00
		Open Gym-HR	3:10-4:30
Wednesday	1/10	End of 2 nd Quarter	
		Non dress code for Techno	
Thursday	1/11	NO SCHOOL- In-Service	
		Forensic practice as signed up	
		24- Hour Adoration	
		Mobile Food Pantry	
Friday	1/12	NO SCHOOL- In-Service	
Monday	1/15	Report Cards go home	
Tuesday	1/16	School Mass at St. Mary's	8:30
		Honor Roll following Mass	
		Open Door- StM	3:20-5:00
		Open Gym- HR	3:10-4:30
		4/5/6 GBB Triangular Home	5:00
		7/8 GBB @ McDonnell	6:00
Wednesday	1/17	Athletic Meeting	6:00
Thursday	1/18	School Mass at Holy Rosary	8:30
		7/8 GBB Triangular Home	5:00
Friday	1/19	Conservation Speaking Contest	9:00