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ASSUMPTION Catholic School

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Dear Families,

Advent and Christmas Seasons are packed full of excitement, since the last newsletter we have celebrated:

- Lima Christmas Program, and Virtual Concert (both to be viewed on our webpage):
<https://www.catholictriparish.org/acs-christmas-2020.html> password: Holly*Jolly*Christmas*2020!
- Live Nativity: Thank you to the fourth and eighth grade students and all of the teachers for helping orchestrate. Thank you to Joel Brunner Dairy for the sponsoring the live animals. Thank you to Jason Brunner for supplying sound, Jim Whitwam for his help, and to WRDN for livestreaming.

The Church also has many celebrations over the Christmas Season to remind us that Christmas is not just one day; here are just some of the highlights:

- **December 26** – we celebrated *Feast of Saint Stephen* to remember the first Christian martyr.
- **December 27** – we celebrated the *Feast of the Holy Family* to honor Jesus, Mary and Joseph's life together, that serves as a model for all Christians' families, placing God at the center of their family.
- **December 28** – We celebrated the *Feast of the Holy Innocents* in memory of the small children of the neighborhood of Bethlehem put to death by Herod
- **January 1st** – we celebrated, *The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*, a holy day of obligation, honoring Mary as the Mother of God and reminding us of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in our salvation.
- **January 3rd** – we celebrated Epiphany reminding us of the Magi's journey to pay homage and offer gifts to the Christ child.

One of the traditions we have at Assumption is to celebrate Epiphany as we "Bless Our Doors". It is a sign and symbol asking God's blessing upon those who work, or visit our school throughout the coming year.

In Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in this service, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we have invited God's presence and blessing into our school.

This year we invite you to take part in an old tradition of "blessing the door" to celebrate the Epiphany, enclosed please find the prayers and chalk needed for your own celebration!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

Catholic Schools Week is in the planning stages. The week will begin with a "Durand Brawn" Tournament on January 30th and end the week on Saturday, February 6th with a Catholic School Mass and drive through Chili/Cinnamon Roll supper. The complete calendar will come home January 22nd but for now a few pleas for help and general information.

- **Saturday, January, 30th** – Durand Brawn Tournament @ ACS vs. Regis and McDonnel. To stay with tradition, Brains and Brawn T-shirt order forms enclosed! Thank you Allie McMahon.
- Mission Carnival will unfortunately not be held this year. We are working on other "Covid approved" charitable activities.
- **Saturday, February 6th** – **Catholic Schools Week Closing Mass at St. Mary's** volunteers needed!



HELP wanted: we are looking for someone to help organize our Chili/Cinnamon roll "Drive" through Supper Saturday, February 6th which will coincide with our Catholic Schools Week Closing Mass at St. Mary's- Students will help with liturgy (signup sheets will come home next week). Buy Bowls or Buckets of Chili to prepare for "Souper Bowl" Sunday!

Proceeds will go into the School Maintenance fund (both campuses) and the community Food Shelf.

More details will follow.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

Sporting events/protocol for next week: Tickets for fans vary depending on school. (see enclosed tickets)

- Fans need to hand in their ticket at the door to maintain attendance to be compliant to occupancy limits.
- **Face masks will have to be worn by all fans, players, coaches and refs.**

• **Reminder: 4th-8th grade pictures on Monday January 11th after school order forms enclosed**

- **Monday January 11th** Home vs Colfax
 - 8th grade girls. 5:00. Doors will open at 4:30 and lock at 5:15 (4 tickets per player)
- **Thursday January 14th** @ IC
 - 4th/5th grade girls. 5:00 game. No fans
 - 6th grade girls. 6:00 game. Doors open after prior game is done. No fans.
- **Thurs January 14th** Home vs Altoona
 - 8th grade girls. 5:00 game. Doors open at 4:30 and lock at 5:15 (4 tickets per player)
- **Friday January 15th** Home vs Alma/Pepin
 - 6th grade girls. 5:00. Doors open at 4:30 and lock at 5:15 (4 tickets per player)
 - 8th grade girls. 6:00. Doors open after clearing and sanitizing from first game and sanitize. Estimating Approx. 5:50. Doors lock 6:15 (4 tickets per player)

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:



Durand Area Knight of Columbus congratulates the following kids for the hard work and the fine drawing that they did for the "Keeping Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Listed below are the first place winners that will receive \$25.00 for the hard work that they did. Congratulations. Thank you, Ms. Dierauer, for facilitating.

- 4th Grade first place **Kayna Sabelko** 5th Grade first place **Samantha Tulip**
- 6th Grade first place **Josephine Mehling** 7th Grade first place **Landen Slater**
- 8th Grade first place **Elizabeth Menting**

SECOND SEMESTER MILK INFORMATION: Enclosed is information on second semester milk. Your second semester milk information and payment is due by **Monday, January 11th**.

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

TUITION STATEMENTS:

Current tuition statements **reflecting all tuition paid in 2020 – for tax purposes** will be sent next week

CALENDAR REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

Monday	1/11	4-8 Girls Basketball Pictures	3:30
		8 th Grade Girls Basketball home vs. Colfax	5:00
Tuesday	1/12	School Mass at St. Mary's	8:30
Thursday	1/14	School Mass at Holy Rosary	8:30
		4/5 th Grade Girls Basketball @ IC No Fans	5:00
		6 th Grade Girls Basketball @ IC No Fans	6:00
		8 th Grade Girls Basketball home vs. Altoona	5:00
Friday	1/15	End of 2 nd Quarter	
		Non dress code for Technology	
		6 th Grade Girls Basketball home vs. Alma/Pepin	5:00
		8 th Grade Girls Basketball home vs. Alma/Pepin	6:00
Monday	1/18	NO SCHOOL- In Service	
Tuesday	1/19	NO SCHOOL- In Service	

PLEASE PRAY: That God continue to bless our school and to help us keep Faith as our core foundation.



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