



# ASSUMPTION Catholic School

10-29-20

Dear Families,

On this *Thankful Thursday*, I am counting my blessings, and you – my school families – are included in that count. I so look forward to seeing all of your children’s faces on Monday as we return to face to face instruction. We have received confirmation of two positive COVID-19 cases within the Assumption Catholic Schools and one within the Tri-Parish staff. It involves two students from the Durand campus and one Tri-parish employee. This brings the active positive case count to two at the Durand campus.

With the rise of Covid cases in the community, I am thankful we chose to be remote as these cases were contained within the household so only one student needed to be quarantined. Please continue to pray for the health and well-being of our staff, students and families.

I was sent a message earlier this week that I would like to share with you as the “noise” can be deafening:

***“Make sure you test positive for Faith, keep your distance from doubt, and isolate yourself from fear. Trust in God through it all! Amen.***

## **ALL SOULS DAY:**

How appropriate that our students return to face to face instruction on *All Souls Day*; they will be able to **celebrate not only their regularly scheduled weekday Masses but also celebrate All Souls Day Mass on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Holy Rosary at 8:30 and Noon at St. Mary’s.** We will commemorate the faithful departed by announcing their names, lighting a candle and praying for them. A list of names will be included in next week’s newsletter.

## **AR (ACCELERATED READER- RENAISSANCE LEARNING)**



Many of you are utilizing the AR testing at home, please note that due to a software upgrade, **AR will not be accessible between 8:00 pm Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 am on October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## **BUSSING:**

As stated in an earlier email, there **WILL BE** bussing service provided for us next week. The bus would pick you up at the same location however, pickup times may vary – the bus company will notify you of this change

- There will still be a bus at the High School to shuttle to both our Durand and Lima campuses.
- All buses (5) will drop off at St. Mary’s campus starting at 7:45 and the last one at 8:00-8:05. They will unload down below off Prospect (as normally done)
- A bus will still be at the High School to transport the city walkers that are used to getting on there and will be the last arriving bus at St. Mary’s.
- The Lima students who are bussed will arrive at the Durand campus and will wait in the library there before going to Lima.
- Once the last bus is unloaded, the Lima students from the Library will load the bus (down below on Prospect) and proceed to Lima – arrival approximately 8:15.
- If you are dropping your students off in the morning, if you could wait until 7:45 or 8:00, it will help with supervision.

Again, please contact Dan at [durandbus@gmail.com](mailto:durandbus@gmail.com) to confirm your transportation need.

### **IOWA TESTING:**

Due to the ever changing attendance and learning platform, the Diocese has issued us a waiver for the IOWA testing this school year. We will resume this annual assessment in the fall of 2021. 4K and our Kindergarten students will be conducting the PALS assessment tool this fall and spring, parents will be notified of that schedule by their homeroom teacher.

### **SURVEY:**

Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be sending home our “*Friday envelopes*” one of the items contained in it will be a survey for you to complete regarding remote learning. What did you think went well, how can we hone the process.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT:**



It's still a go! Thanks for supporting *TRUNK or TREAT!* If you would like to participate, it runs from 3:00pm – 5:00pm on Main Street. It will look a little different, but will still be a welcomed traditional outing! Thank you to Nancy Bechel and Brittne McMahan for designing our magnets (you will all receive one next week). And thank you to Erik Reuter and Amanda Manor for facilitating “our trunk”.

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,

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