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ASSUMPTION Catholic School

December 15th, 2023

Dear Families,

Each week, when another candle is lit on the Advent wreath, the teachers and I try to provide meaningful discussions about each of the candles, so the Advent Wreath doesn't become just another tradition without any meaning behind it! There are many resources available, but here is a synopsis of our reflections:

Week 1: The Prophets Candle: When this candle is lit, it symbolizes the **HOPE** of the prophets as they await their Messiah. This candle is a light of hope brought to a world of darkness.

Week 2: The Bethlehem Candle: When this candle is lit, it represents the light of **PEACE** to a world of chaos and it reminds us of the **FAITH** Mary and Joseph had as they journeyed to Bethlehem and of the peace their Son brought into this world.

Week 3: The Shepherds Candle: This Sunday is also called "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise. We are reminded how the Shepherds normal night was turned into something extraordinary and **JOY** filled, a night they would never forget. For this reason, the third candle of Advent color is pink, the liturgical color for **JOY**.

Week 4: The Angels Candle: During this final week of Advent we light the fourth candle on the Advent Wreath. This candle is sometimes called the Angel's Candle and it represents **LOVE**. We reflect on the good news of God's **LOVE** brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

As you prepare for Christ's coming, how will you bring hope, faith, peace, joy and love to your life? To others lives? To the world? If not today when?

Since this is the last newsletter in 2023, on behalf of the staff and students at Assumption Catholic School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:



Our students learned more about the virtue of **LOYALTY** this week. Loyalty is accepting the bonds in relationships and being faithful to them; defending virtues upheld by Church, family, and country. We discussed using positive speech whenever talking about a classmate, a friend, a teacher, a family member or the Church.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Girls Basketball Practice starts:

- Tuesday, January 2nd for Grades 7, 8 – 3:30 – 5:30
- Wednesday, January 3th for Grades 4,5,6 – 5:45-7:00
- The Durand Campus gym will be closed over Christmas break as new interior and exterior doors are being installed. Thank you Athletic Committee for funding and facilitating this much needed project.

DATE	TIME	Grade	Books	Clock	Concession
Mon Dec. 18	5:00	5 th	CJ Spindler	Curt Patnode	Jennifer and Brandon Hammel
	6:00	5 th	CJ Spindler	Curt Patnode	Jennifer and Brandon Hammel
	7:00	5 th	Brit Konsela	Mike Brenner	Rachel Patnode
Tue Dec. 19	5:00	5 th	Britany Konsela	Mike Brenner	Jennifer and Brandon Hammel
	6:00	5 th	Britany Konsela	Mike Brenner	Jennifer and Brandon Hammel
	7:00	5 th	Britany Konsela	Mike Brenner	Rachel Patnode



ALTAR SERVERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

We are still looking for students in grades 3-8 to be altar servers at: the **Midnight Mass**. **Contact the parish or school office if your child can help.** Thank you in advance for helping. If you have already volunteered, your schedule is enclosed.

BABY BOTTLES:



We delivered 97 Baby Bottles to Options for Women this week. Thank you all for your contributions. **Our Tri Parish and school raised \$1509.65 to help our moms choose life!!!** We know not all can contribute, so if you grabbed a bottle and are unable to put money in it, please return your empty bottles, we are missing 23 bottles.

BRAINS AND BRAWN

- We did not have enough interested and qualifying students to compete in the Brains section of the tournament, so unfortunately, we will not be competing at the Diocese Brains tournament this year.
- The T-shirt design is still being tweaked and order forms will be emailed next week. Thank you to all the 8th grade students for the design.
- Reminder... You will have until December 21st to book your room, Make your reservations today!

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- Thank you to all who bought Kwik Trip car wash cards! We Sold 382 cards profiting \$6,112!!! Thank you again Tara Dorwin for facilitating. Your fulfilled orders are enclosed. We do have a few extra if you forgot to order!
- All of our calendars have sold!!! The first raffle winners will be drawn **on Tuesday, January 9th**.
- The next Home and School meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:00. All are invited to join us in the Durand Campus Library.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

Plans are in the works for Catholic Schools... **save the dates as our students lead the liturgy for the Masses:**

- Saturday, January 27 – opening **CSW Mass at 6:30 at Holy Rosary**
- Wednesday, January 31st – Mission Carnival
- Saturday, February 3 – closing **CSW Mass at 4:00 at St. Mary's-Chili/Cinnamon Roll supper follow.**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:



This week, we enjoyed two wonderful Christmas programs; it is always good to see our parents, grandparents and alumni - thank you for coming. I want to extend a thank you to those involved in both programs. First, thank you to Mrs. Bullard for showcasing the student's talent at both campuses and Mrs. Jane Reineke and Mrs. Ann Turner for accompanying. Thank you to Mrs. Jill Gruber for directing the play, starring her third graders. Thank you also to all the staff and 8th grade students for their team effort in decorating the hallways and gymnasiums at both campuses. A shout out to our "sound guy" Jason Brunner and Jim Whitwam for all his help. THANK YOU.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve Mass times:

4:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's

Midnight @ Holy Rosary

Christmas Day Mass times:

8:00 a.m. @ St. Mary's

10:30 a.m. @ Sacred Heart

FORENSICS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our first Forensics meet is coming up on January 25th. We are so thankful for the parents who help Mrs. Heitman with this opportunity. Mrs. Gunderson is coordinating the concession stand for which we need help. **We are also in need of some volunteers to help with the meets themselves.** If you are willing to help, please contact Mrs. Monica Heitman joextemp@yahoo.com or Mrs. Tess Gunderson assumption4-8@nelson-tel.net * **Please complete and return the enclosed form to help the coordination.**

JANUARY CALENDAR AND LUNCH MENU:

2024 is upon us! We will send the full calendar and lunch menu with our next newsletter on January 5th.

The first week of January calendar of events is:

01-01 **No School**

01-02 **No School**

01-04 Blessing of Doors @ Lima after Mass

01-05 First Friday Mass followed by Adoration @ St. Mary's -8:30

Blessing of Doors @ Durand after Mass

Classroom Christmas parties

The first week of January menu is:

01-03 Popcorn Chicken, Tri Taters/Mixed Vegetables, Raisins

01-04 Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Corn, Mixed Fruit

01-05 Cheese Pizza, Baked Beans, Oranges

SECOND SEMESTER MILK INFORMATION:



Enclosed is information on second semester milk for 4K-8th grade.

Form and payment due **Wednesday, January 3rd**.

NON-DRESS CODE FOR SERVICE:



Our December service project will be held on Friday, December 22nd. We will be making cards and delivering them with carols, to various businesses around Durand. **Your child needs warm clothing (hats, mittens, boots, and snow pants, as we will be outside.** They can also wear school appropriate non-dress code on Friday, December 22nd

PRAYER:



The students attending Assumption Catholic School are dear to our hearts; they become a part of our school family. Starting in Advent, we continue a family tradition at Assumption – praying for our family members in High School. With the start of their high school career and as it nears its end, there is no better time to offer our prayers so each week we will pray for our Freshman and Senior Assumption graduates. The first week of Advent we prayed for: Isabella Auth; the second week we prayed for Mallory Bauer, next week we will be praying for Julian Bullard and the following week, we will pray for Dylan Jereczek. May God continue to bless them and keep them safe from harm's way.

ROYAL RALLY:

On Friday, December 22, our students will gather for a Royal Rally. This will include prayer, card making, caroling and games! All students should dress for the weather, as we will be outside while caroling. The Lima students will head to the Durand campus at 11:00, eat lunch there and **all students will end their day at the Durand campus.**

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

TUITION:

Your tuition statement is enclosed. The last day to pay tuition for 2023 tax credit is Friday, December 29th.

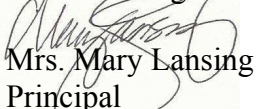
Thank you for choosing Assumption Catholic School!

Our faculty and staff are committed to working with you to fulfill our mission of **Faith • Academics • Service**

PLEASE PRAY:

- That we reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.
- That God helps us with the virtue of Loyalty.
- For our High School students, that God continues to bless them and keep them safe from harm's way, especially Isabella Auth, Mallory Bauer, Julian Bullard & Dylan Jereczek.

With Blessings of Peace and Joy,


Mrs. Mary Lansing
Principal

CALENDAR REMINDERS AND UPDATES THROUGH JANUARY 5TH:

Sunday	12/17	Fourth Sunday in Advent	
Monday	12/18	4/5 BBB Triangular Home	5:00
Tuesday	12/19	School Mass at St. Mary's	8:30
		Open Door	3:20-5:00
		4/5 BBB Triangular Home	5:00
		Middle School BBB @ St Mark's	5:00
Thursday	12/21	School Mass at Holy Rosary	8:30
		7/8 Girls Basketball Optional Open gym	3:30-5:30
		Middle School BBB @ Pepin	5:00
Friday	12/22	Non-Dress code for Service - all students end their day at Durand campus.	

<i>MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR! CHRISTMAS BREAK DEC 23rd – JAN 2nd</i>
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Sunday	12/24	Christmas Eve Vigil Masses 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Midnight at Holy Rosary	
Monday	12/25	Christmas Day Mass 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart	
Monday	1/1	NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday	1/2	NO SCHOOL	
		7/8 Girls Basketball Practice begins	3:30-5:30
Wednesday	1/3	Classes Resume	
		4/5/6 Girls Basketball Practice begins	5:45-7:00
		Home & School Meeting	6:00
Thursday	1/4	School Mass @ Holy Rosary	8:30 a.m.
		Blessing of Doors after Mass at Holy Rosary	
Friday	1/5	First Friday Mass at St. Mary's – Adoration follows	8:30
		Blessing of Doors after Mass at St. Mary's	
		Class Christmas Parties	

