



K-3rd Grades

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# ASSUMPTION Catholic School

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Dear families:

Pope Francis said, "Advent is a time to let go of the worldly distractions that take us away from God, and focus on growing closer to him through prayer and concern for others." Advent wreaths are a favorite way to celebrate the month of December leading up to Christmas Day. Many are not aware of the rich meaning and symbolism embedded in the tradition. **SHAPE:** The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us. **NUMBER:** Four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Some traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. **COLOR:** Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. **WEEKS:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Hope** with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming. • The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Faith** with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. We pray that amidst the busy pace of the life, you find Hope and Faith this Advent Season.

## AFTER SCHOOL STUDY HALL

There is a change in December After School Study hall schedule: There will not be after school study hall on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you

## ATHLETIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

- Reminder: Brains & Brawn Hotel Reservations deadline is Friday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to call and reserve your rooms under the ACS block by this date. Phone 608-781-5100.
- Saturday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> is the Assumption 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball tournament. Come cheer on the Royals. Game times are 9:00 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. for the Royals.

## BOOK FAIR:



Today ended our week long Book Fair. Thank you to all for your help and support. Thank you to our helpers: Krista Albers, Rhonda Bauer, Julie Bower, Jeanne Brunner, Barb Heffernan, Monica Heitman, Amanda Manor, Izzy Manor, Kari Reckin, Sara Weber and to Ms. Julie Dierauer and Mrs. Tess Gunderson for their work. Total sales will be reported next week!

## CHRISTMAS SEASON – PLANNING

### *Christmas Concert dates:*

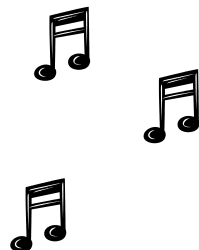
- 4K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade program – Lima Campus - Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00
- 4-8 grade concert – Durand Campus - Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

### *Dress rehearsal dates:*

- 4-8 grade – Durand - Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30

### *What to wear:*


- 4K-3 grades – K-2 - a nice Christmas outfit or their designated costume.
- 4- 8 grades – Their "Christmas finery" - Dress code or better, school appropriate, no jeans.



## FORENSICS (4N6)

The boxes of candy bars and popcorn that we ordered less than a month ago are going fast! What an awesome job to our forensic students and families. Please encourage your child to continue to turn in money as they go as we **ask that kids do not keep money in their lockers.**

**NON DRESS CODE FOR VIRTUE – MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY:**

 Our virtue of the month is Self-control. Our non-Dress code for Virtue will be **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will be paying it forward with a "Make a Difference Day" this month. 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 would 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 some peace and joy to your Christmas Season. There are no gimmicks! We just know it is such a busy time of the year for everyone and hope this has brightened your day." If your child would like to contribute to this charity, please bring in a dollar or more by **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Who knows, maybe your family will be one of the recipients!

**TECHNOLOGY NEWS:**

We are so proud of our school and parish families for providing funds for our SMART boards, iPads, computers and Chromebooks for our students. Please be aware that we do limit the use of our technology tools with **intentionality** as studies have shown risk factors involved with too much screen time including, depression, lack of sleep, and attention issues. By intentionally utilizing our technology tools, we cultivate the ability to sustain attention, develop concentration, and appreciate silence, which are the necessary dispositions to ponder truth, beauty, and goodness. KARE 11 news ran this story on "Electronic Screen Syndrome" <https://www.kare11.com/video/news/health/electronic-screen-syndrome-exposing-young-children-to-electronics-can-be-dangerous/89-8277007> I thought it was interesting and wanted to share it with you. Again, we love our technology tools but they cannot replace the human element of the teacher or person-to-person dialogue.

**PRAYER:** The students attending Assumption Catholic School are dear to our hearts; they become a part of our school family. Beginning this Advent season, 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. Starting next week, we will be praying for: Ethan Anibas and Paige Auth.



**CALENDAR REMINDERS AND UPDATES:**

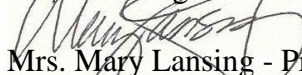
Sunday	12/9	Second Sunday of Advent 4K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Christmas Program @ Lima Campus	1:00 p.m.
Monday	12/10	Confessions Gr 4/5 7/8 BBB home vs Spring Valley	8:30 5:00 & 6:00
Tuesday	12/11	Mid Quarter School Mass @ St. Mary's Confessions following Mass (Gr. 6 & 7) After School Study hall	8:30 3:20- 4:30
Wednesday	12/12	Open Door @ Durand Campus Confessions Gr.8 Dress Rehearsal for 4-8 Christmas Concert	3:20-5:00 10:00 1:30 p.m.
Thursday	12/13	School Mass at Holy Rosary Confessions following Mass (Gr. 3) Mid quarter reports go home 4-8 Christmas Concert – Durand	8:30 7:00
Friday	12/14	Non dress code for Virtue 7/8 BBB home vs Glenwood City	5:00 & 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	12/15	ACS 4/5/6 <sup>th</sup> grade BBB tournament @ ACS	9:00-4:00



**PLEASE PRAY:**

For our High School Students, especially Ethan Anibas and Paige Auth that God will continue to bless them and keep them safe from harm's way.

With Blessings of Peace and Joy,

  
Mrs. Mary Lansing - Principal