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# ASSUMPTION Catholic School

December 8, 2023

Dear families:

Dr. Deb Bauer, Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi, our Assumption Catholic Middle School Religion teacher, shared with me some Advent reflections; this one is called:

## Creating Space for Christmas

- o Can we find time in our busy lives to step out of the chaos of Christmas commercialism and create calm in our homes, to reflect on this awe-inspiring mystery? Our souls and our families will thank us.
- o The Lord is yearning for our attention; He desires to be known by you. It is in slowing down and fighting to slow down, and intentionally finding time to reflect on Him so we can find Him.
- o My prayer for each of us is that we all find ways to slow down, quiet ourselves, and take some time to be present to the ultimate meaning of this season. The reason this school exists is to know Him, to live like Him, to bring others to Him, and ultimately to meet Him in heaven.

So this Advent, slow down, keep searching, and help bring Him to places He is not found.

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:



This week our students learned about the virtue of sincerity. Sincerity means being honest in your words and actions. We practiced paying attention when others are speaking and demonstrated giving eye contact when complimenting someone or telling them you are sorry. Learn more from the saints! St. Anthony of Padua, St. Peter Claver, and more!

## ASSUMPTION FAMILY:



The students attending Assumption Catholic School are dear to our hearts; they become a part of our school family. As Advent begins, we will be continuing the 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 we will pray for our Freshman and Senior Assumption graduates. This week we will begin by praying for: Mallory Bauer. May the Lord bless her and keep her from harm.

## BRAINS AND BRAWN:

- We are still in the process of building a Brains Team, but we have registered our Girls Brawn Team for the Tournament on Saturday, January 27.
- Some families prefer to stay in La Crosse for the Brains/Brawn Tournament. There have been hotel rooms blocked off for ACS @ Country Inn & Suites, Friday night January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and Saturday night, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. You do NOT need to book for two nights. Just give the hotel the exact dates you are staying when you call to book your room(s). Hotel contact information is listed below.
  - o **HOTEL INFO:** Call and book your room no later than December 21, 2023.
  - o **HOTEL:** Country Inn & Suites 2110 Rose St, La Crosse, WI 54603
  - o **RESERVATIONS:** 1-608-781-5100 Check-in 3:00 pm - Check-out Noon
  - o **ROOM PRICE:** \$129 + tax (tell them you are with Assumption Catholic School Durand to get this rate)
  - o **ROOM OVERVIEW:** 2 queen Beds
  - o **ACCOMODATIONS:** Indoor Pool & Hot Tub... Includes A Free Kick Start Breakfast

## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- Thank you to Jennifer Hammel and our Home and School committee for coordinating St. Nicholas' "visit" – it was enjoyed by all.

## **CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS:**



We sure appreciate the opportunity to *share the Good News of our Savior's birth* via our Christmas programs. The **4K-3 program is Sunday, December 10 at 12:30** and our **4-8 concert is - Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00** at the Durand Campus.

### ***Dress rehearsal for Programs:***

- 4-8 grades Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – 1:00

### ***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 or boots.***

### ***What time should I arrive?***

- 4K-3 program is Sunday, December 10 at 12:00, and go to your homerooms
- 4-8 concert – arrive at 5:30-5:45 and go to your homeroom. Band members, report to the band room.

## **OPEN DOOR TUESDAYS:**

Open door Tuesdays will continue throughout the basketball season. It is a time offered through Youth Ministry to have the Religious Education Room open from 3:20-5:00 p.m. for students in grades 4-8 to stop in, use as study time, a time for practicing 4N6, or to hang out before or after basketball practices or a game. It's held every Tuesday that we have school. Students will need notes if they plan to stay.

## **OPEN GYM OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **Pickle ball:** For all those interested in learning and playing Pickle ball, join us on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5-8 pm in the Lima gym; this will resume in January.



**\$CRIP:** Use \$CRIP for holiday gift-giving and reduce your tuition at the same time. Are you incorporating GIFT CARDS into your Christmas shopping? Now is the time to buy SCRIP...give a gift and reduce your tuition all in one stop!

## **TUITION:**

Last day to pay tuition for 2023 tax credit is Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

<b><u>Calendar Reminders and Updates</u></b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>K-3 Christmas Program – Lima gym</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>12:30</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/12</b>	<b>NO School Mass at St. Mary's due to 40-hour adoration</b> <b><i>Confessions follow rosary @ 8:30</i></b> Open Door @ Durand RE Room 4/5 Boys Basketball @ St Mark's Middle School Boys Basketball @ St Mark's	 3:20 -5:00 5:00 6:00
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/13</b>	4-8 Christmas Concert Dress rehearsal	1:00
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/14</b>	School Mass at Holy Rosary <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <b>4-8 Christmas Concert- Durand gymnasium</b>	 8:30 <b>6:00</b>



### **PLEASE PRAY:**

- For our High School students, especially Mallory Bauer, that God continues to bless her and keep her safe from harm's way.
- That we create calm in our homes to prepare ourselves for Christmas.
- That we stay focused on our greatest gift at Christmas – our Savior's birth.

With Blessings of Peace and Joy;

Mrs. Mary Lansing  
Principal