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ASSUMPTION Catholic School

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Dear Families,

Wow! What a tumultuous time! Our Assumption team is continuing to work on detailing our plan to provide the best situation for our “family” to return to school on August 27th. We will have a more in depth guide as the month progresses and will keep you up to date via our webpage at www.catholictriparish.org/catholic-school.html. The guide sent earlier this week was based on parent survey results and serves as our foundation moving forward. Thank you for your patience through this planning process, it has not been easy.

We always welcome prayers for our school, our families, and our staff. I feel so blessed to be part of this Assumption Family - God bless you all. I want to thank you for your commitment and dedication to Assumption Catholic School. Please know that we are working diligently to implement a plan that keeps the best interest of our students **Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical** health in mind.

We are so excited to see all of our students and families at Open House!

Welcome:


Ms. Joslyn Bower-Nelson: as our new second grade teacher. She is a new graduate from UW Stout with an Early Childhood Degree (birth-third grade). Some of you may remember her as she is a 2012 graduate of Assumption! Joslyn has a lot of experience as a new graduate working with Religious Education and Totus Tuus at St. Mary's Hammond, Teacher/Coordinator of Kid's Care Program in Roberts and Early Risers in Menomonie and as an assistant teacher in the Toddler Lab at UW Stout. Besides preparing for our second grade students, she is also teaching summer school this month. Mrs. Wendy Gruber resigned as she wants to be home with her family. We thank her for her years at Assumption.

Mrs. Lori Bauer: will be serving hot lunch to our students at the Lima campus. Lori comes to us with years of restaurant experience at the Mondovi Family Restaurant. Food will be prepared by Food Service Director, Rhonda Bauer and will be served with a smile from Lori to our K-3 students.

Please be sure to introduce yourself at open house and welcome all new and familiar faces in their new roles!

A note from Mrs. Mary McSweeney:

The fate of the Mabel Tainter, as well as most theaters in the area, is in question; with that in mind, my husband Jeff had been applying to other jobs in the area, and was interviewed and offered a job in La Crosse. The first I heard of this was when he told me he had received an offer! It is with great sadness that I resign my teaching position at Assumption Catholic School. I love my community of co-workers and parents, and the students are exceptional. I thoroughly enjoyed my one, brief year, and am saddened at the thought of missing out on the rising students that all show so much promise. I will keep Assumption Catholic School, and everyone associated with it, in my prayers.

 **Help wanted:** Mrs. McSweeney has offered to begin the school year and assist in the transition of the new teacher. We are looking for a 5th grade teacher with a passion for teaching to join our great team and warm Christian environment. Call the office if interested or visit WECAN for the listing.

ASSUMPTION SUMMER READING CLUB:



In May, our Kindergarten through grade 5 students were invited to join the Summer Reading Club! If you participated, make sure you return your completed log and **bring to your classroom on open house night!!!** There will be prizes and ice cream for those qualifying!

FAMILY UPDATES: Things may have changed since last school year...new address, new phone numbers, new email address...please let us know. We will be sending family envelopes just as we did last year unless you let us know differently.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

- **Athletic Committee meeting** August 19th 6:00PM. Bring a lawn chair; if it's nice we will meet outside to enjoy the weather. Thank you, committee members for all you do!
- **Sports schedule:** More information will be sent as decisions are made.
- **Sports Physicals:** We are not sure what the seasons will look like, but remember: All students in grades 4-8 participating in school athletics will need to have a physical form or alternate year form on file before practicing with their team. Forms available at our office.
- **Assumption Clothing** Order forms are enclosed. Orders are due! **Date: September 4th**

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – OPEN HOUSE:

On Monday, August 24th we will host a Back to School Night from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for parents and students at both campuses. Be sure to take this opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s), see their classroom and bring in school supplies; all helping to ease their first full day on August 27th. This night will also allow you to make tuition and hot lunch payments.

- **Noah's Ark parents are asked to please wait until their child's conference to bring in paperwork, snacks or extra clothes. More details regarding the conference are detailed in the enclosed letter.**

BUSSING: Pape School Bus, Inc. is the school district's school bus transportation provider. They are located at N6463 Commerce Lane, Arkansaw, Wisconsin 54721 and their phone number is 715-672-3636.



Website is <https://durand-pape-school-bus-inc.business.site/> Please go to the Durand Pape School Bus website, scroll down to update's and click on SIGN UP and fill out the online form. **This form needs to be filled out by 8/24/20.** Due to covid-19, students must ride the same bus route to and from school. Alternate stops will not be approved if it will require the student to ride two different bus routes. If all your information is the same as last year, you will not need to fill out this form, as we will use last year's information. A Pape Bus Service representative will be at each campus on open house night to answer any bussing questions you may have.

FALL FESTIVALS: Due to the Coronavirus, the Fall Festivals will be in different formats this year.



Holy Rosary: will be holding an **online auction** only. The auction site is www.seyforthauction.com. Online bidding will start **August 15th at 8:00 a.m. and continue through August 22nd closing at 6:00 p.m.** There will be instructions on the website for registering and bidding. www.seyforthauction.com. They will also have cattle, corn and hay auctions. They will also have their traditional **Cash Raffle**.



St. Mary's: will hold a **Mega Raffle** and **Cash Raffle**. Drawings will be held **September 26th - 10:00a.m.** with winners contacted directly and also posted in our weekly bulletin and on the parish Facebook page.



Sacred Heart: Plans are being made to have the Drive-Thru chicken dinner and three raffles: Cash Raffle, Gun Raffle and Meat Raffle. Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on September 20th, followed by the dinner.

Your support is appreciated and provides a significant, and much needed, financial boost to our parish. Please make every effort to sell, or purchase raffle tickets to both the Mega & Cash Raffle events.

NOAH'S ARK:



Registrations are still being accepted for children who, before September 1st, 2020 will turn three or four years old. If you know of a family who has a three or four-year-old, please let them know about our program and refer them to the school office.

HOT LUNCH NEWS - TUITION AND LUNCH BILLS:

Parents are **strongly encouraged** to fill out the enclosed forms for Free and /or Reduced lunch. This is a federally funded program that not only helps alleviate the cost of hot lunch for your family **but also helps our school qualify for various grants and assistance.** You may return this to our office or at open house.

Please know that information **always remains confidential.**

- Tuition statements are enclosed; they reflect your 2019-20 TRIP totals.
- Don't forget to buy SCRIP, it's easy and sure helps the budget!
- Your lunch account balance is reflected on the sticker to the right. *Unless your balance is zero.*
- We recommend you have **at least \$30.00/per child** in your lunch account to start the school year. You can make payments on "Back to School" night or beforehand if you prefer. **You can make online payments for hot lunch as well as tuition.** We have several parents using this option and they really like the convenience. Let us know if we can help you with the process.
- *The first semester milk and juice information for 4K –8th grades is enclosed as well. Be sure to return it with payment on or before Back to School Night.*

MUSIC NOTES FROM MRS. BULLARD:



I hope you've all been having a wonderful summer vacation! Now it is time to start getting excited about returning to school and participating in our band and choir programs!

Attention **fifth graders** - remember, you are now able to sign up for band in the music room, during "Back to School Night" **Monday, August 24th**. I will be available to answer questions about beginning 5th Grade Band. i.e. instrument rental/purchasing, band lessons, practice time, etc. A variety of band instruments will be on display during that time. If you have your own instrument already, or are using a relative's instrument, you can bring that in and we can look it over to discuss its condition. The fee to join band or choir is \$10 individual or \$20 family for each. Hope to see you during "Back to School Night".

PARTNERS IN FAITH – CALENDAR:

Are you running out of ideas to keep your child(ren) busy during this last month of summer? The attached calendar, from *Partners in Faith*, has some great faith and academic filled ideas - hope you enjoy them!



SCRIP: Online purchasing use is growing!!! Use SCRIP to purchase everyday items and reduce your tuition at the same time. An order form is included for your convenience. Confused about SCRIP or not sure how it helps reduce your tuition? Please call, we would love to answer your questions.

VACCINATIONS:

Attention parents of Kindergarten and 6th grade students: Information was included in student's report cards regarding the immunization requirements for your child. Please revisit these requirements. Please return on Back to School Night so our records are up to date.

YEARBOOK:

Yearbooks may be picked up at the Back to School Night - Open House at both campuses. It's fun looking back at the memories of 2019-20, I hope you enjoy it. Thank you to the 8th grade class and ACS teachers under the guidance of Mrs. Weber for putting this together.

I am anxious for the students to come back to school and I am thankful you have entrusted your child to us. Like you, we see them as a treasured, valued child, a blessing from God.

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