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## ASSUMPTION Catholic School

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Dear Families;

As each year passes, and society saturates us with the “what’s trending now”, I grow stronger in affirming the important job our Assumption teachers are charged with: *Not only are they preparing our children for life in this world but more importantly preparing them for the life after - eternal life!* We pride ourselves in being able to talk about the things that matter – God, Faith, Prayer, Scripture, Hope, and other virtues. The sign in town states it well. “It’s important to teach our children how to count, but more importantly we need to teach them what counts.” Thank you for all of your support and confidence as we gather together again, our families truly are the heart of our school community and I anxiously await the first day when our Assumption Family reunites. Enclosed is information that may help in the transition back to school. Our September calendar is enclosed also.

### **ATHLETIC NEWS:**

Like it has for everything, Covid has put a wrench in our Athletic Program. Our Athletic Committee along with Athletic Directors Loren and Kari Reckin are working hard to make our Athletic Program as close to normal for our students as possible. With that being said, know plans change every day.

#### **Volleyball News:**

- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> girls first practice will start Monday Aug 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> girls first practice will start Tuesday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- **Reminder:** All the girls need their physical/alternate cards, along with other forms turned into office or to the coach by the first night of practice.

*\*If you have not yet signed into a Google account or if you have not signed your athlete up for a sport, contact Athletic Director: Loren/Kari Reckin at: [assumptionathleticad@gmail.com](mailto:assumptionathleticad@gmail.com) All of our athletic games and practices are on a Google Calendar that is easily downloaded to a cell phone or computer. The family newsletter has a calendar each week as well, but using the Google calendar, you would be notified immediately of last minute changes. This opportunity is available for all families. A Gmail account does work best with the Google Calendar...just email [assumptionathleticad@gmail.com](mailto:assumptionathleticad@gmail.com) and we'll help you.*

**Middle School (6-8) Cross Country** begins on September 1<sup>st</sup>. More information in our school office

### **SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL – MASS DRESS CODE:**



Friday, August 28 the K-3 students will be celebrating Mass at Holy Rosary @ 8:30.  
Grades 4-8 will have Mass that same day August 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at St. Mary's

Father Emmanuel is excited to see everyone again! Students may bring shorts/capris to change into after Mass, as more formal wear is required to wear to Mass. Be sure to reference the Dress Code Policy (online) for clarification.

Please **note that starting September 1**, Masses will be Tuesdays @ St. Mary's and Thursdays at Holy Rosary as in the past – starting at 8:30.



**HANDBOOK:** Our parent/student handbook along with policies and guidelines are now available on the school webpage: [www.CatholicTriParish.org](http://www.CatholicTriParish.org)

Please review the handbook with your child(ren) and return the completed form signed stating that you agree to follow the handbook guidelines, including the respect (anti bullying) policy, tuition payment policy, the dress code, internet, medical, athletic and school bus regulations. Your signature also indicates you have reviewed the sexual abuse policy and procedures; it gives us permission to add your contact information to the class directory and to release photographs for the newspaper, webpage's, videos etc.

Please return the cherry colored signature form back with your family envelope. Thank you.

**If you need hardcopies of any of the aforementioned handbook/policies please let us know.**

**EMERGENCY AID:** I don't like to bring up politics, however, there is Emergency Aid available during this pandemic, and Bishops across the country are asking you to write to Congress, asking them to Include Non-Public Schools as Recipients of Emergency Aid. Several U.S. Bishops co-signed an Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> letter to congressional leaders, which reads in part: "As you consider additional aid to help Americans through the [pandemic] crisis, we implore you to ensure that the education needs of all children are met, including children in Catholic and other nonpublic schools ... The most effective way to help struggling families stay attached to their schools is to fund emergency tuition scholarships for low-income families to use at Catholic or other non-public schools." The U.S. Bishops ask the faithful to urge their U.S. Senators and Representatives to support this emergency assistance. For the contact information for Wisconsin Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin and your U.S. Representative, visit [www.govtrack.us](http://www.govtrack.us).

### **HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:**

Our magazine sale will kick off on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> with assemblies at both campuses. Durand Campus @ 8:30 and Lima campus at 10:30. As introduced last year, in addition to magazine subscriptions, customers will be able to choose from gift items, gadgets, wrapping paper, gourmet cookie dough and bread mixes, and a whole lot more. For added convenience, customers can order and pay online and have the option to have products shipped to school to avoid paying extra shipping costs. Gift item delivery will be in October! Your child(ren) will be bringing home a packet of information that night; the **postcard booklet** will be **due on Tuesday 9/8**. You can get an early start by starting to look through your address book and email lists.

### **HOT LUNCH NEWS:**

Parents are **strongly encouraged** to fill out the 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 in a concealed envelope. Please know that information **always remains confidential**.


**MENU:** The August/September menu is enclosed;  
2020-21 prices are: 4K-8 \$2.70/meal Adult meal \$3.50

### **NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL AND ASSUMPTION REGISTRATION:**

We still have limited openings in our Noah's Ark 3-year-old and 4K programs. If you know someone who would like to join us, don't let them "miss the boat!" Mrs. Angie Tulip, Mrs. Stacy Spindler and Mrs. Sandy Wayne will be the smiling faces greeting 4K and preschoolers this year! For more information, call our office.

### **STUDENT SAFETY:**

For the safety of your children, **all entrance doors at both campuses** will be **locked** in the morning and will continue to be locked during the school day. Also, by everyone following the traffic pattern laid out on the enclosed sheet, it will help alleviate any pedestrian accidents. Any questions or concerns please call.

**\$CRIP:** Have you ever wondered what the SCRIP program is all about? Use SCRIP to purchase everyday items and reduce your tuition at the same time. We will include an order form each week for your convenience.  A lot of families are using SCRIP online/ Still confused about SCRIP or not sure how the online ordering works? Please call! **We would love to answer your questions.**

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT:**

The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating safe and sacred places in parishes and schools so that children, young people, and vulnerable adults will be protected from any harm, including physical and sexual abuse. These efforts require us to distribute the Policy and Procedures booklets on Sexual Abuse and Misconduct to all parents; you may view the diocesan policy on Safe Environment on-line or pick up a hard copy in the school office. **Again this year, we are asked to have a basic background check on ALL VOLUNTEERS AND FIELDTRIP CHAPERONES, so if you think you may like to chaperone or volunteer in the classroom, please let us know and we will send all necessary forms home.**



**SNACKS:** Per our wellness policy, we are urging our teachers to incorporate more wholesome snacks in the classroom. Whole grain crackers or cereal that are low in fat and sugar; low fat dairy (yogurt or cheese) nuts (trail mix), fruits and vegetables (apples, bananas, applesauce, veggie sticks and dip) are all good examples. Peanut butter sandwiches, or peanut butter with celery would also be a great snack items for the students to have with their milk/juice; Cookies and sugary treats can surely be brought in for birthday treats or special occasions but our everyday snacks should be something that will help curb their afternoon “hunger”. Serving healthy snacks to children is important to providing good nutrition and supporting healthy eating habits;

Parents, you are key when it comes to providing snacks for our students and we thank you for helping us.

### **WHAT'S NEW!**

- We say goodbye to Ms. Joslyn Bower, who we just introduced to you earlier this month, she accepted a position in the St. Croix Central public school – her home town.
- It is with joy that we welcome Mrs. Stephanie Beyer and Mr. Damian Overby who will be teaching our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students respectively.
- Mrs. Beyer has years of experience teaching Daily 5, Guided Reading and 6 traits of writing. She hails from Elmwood, where she and her husband farm, and will glide into second grade with ease.
- Mr. Overby is a 4 year graduate from UW Madison with a degree in psychology and criminal justice. Though not a teacher by degree, with all of his years of experience coaching, running camps and helping with swim lessons he will transition well. He is very excited to join us for a year.
- Thank you to Jim Whitwam and Roger Brott for all their buildings and grounds work this summer....


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 FOR:**

- A successful, faith filled school year for all students, staff and parents.
- The Holy Fathers intention for this month:  
*Heavenly Father, we pray for our family and every family. May they all be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.*

With Blessings of Peace and Joy;



Mrs. Mary Lansing  
Principal