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Dear Families;

Welcome! Whether you are new to our school or have been here for years we are excited to have you with us. As we approach the start of another school year, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for enrolling your child(ren) at Assumption Catholic School. The families truly are the heart of our school community and I anxiously await the first day of school when our Assumption Family reunites.

Below is a prayer we will be praying for your child(ren) to help them prepare for a new school year.

A Prayer for Student's New School Year

May you be blessed as you step forth on this wonderful new journey of learning and discovery.

May God open your mind to the treasure of your studies.

May God open you heart to the gifts that your teachers and classmates offer.

May God open your soul to the many blessing He has prepared for you this school year.

May you be blessed on this day of new beginnings with wisdom, faith, hope and love.

Along with our prayers, enclosed is information that may help in the transition back to school. God Bless!

ATHLETIC NEWS:

- Sports Physicals:
 - o Reminder: For student athletes, please return physical (alternate year) and concussion forms.
 - Although the participation fee was waived this year, please send a \$50 uniform deposit check; it will be held and given back upon returning your clean uniform at the end of the season. Also, the worker list sign up should have come out last week so please sign up for books, clock, line judges or concessions, your help allows us to be able to continue to host our games!
- Assumption Clothing Order Forms <u>Due: September 1st</u>
- Sports schedule:
 - **4/5 Volleyball:** Practice begins: **Thursday, August 26th** from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Durand Campus *** *Monday Aug 23rd, Tuesday, Aug. 24^{th,} and Wednesday, Aug. 25th* were optional practices.
 - **Volleyball pictures**: All players will have picture taken on Wednesday, September 8th 3:30; picture order forms enclosed.
 - Middle School (6-8) Cross Country begins on September 1st.
- *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

SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL - MASS DRESS CODE:



As you can see on the enclosed August/September calendar, Friday, August 27the K-8 students will be celebrating Mass at St. Mary's at noon.

Father Emmanuel and Father Tim are excited to see everyone! The Mass intention for Friday, will be for Jacob Gunderson and Gabe Sabelko as our prayers continue to be offered for two of our Assumption Families.

Students may change into shorts/capris after Mass as more formal wear is required to wear to Mass. Be sure to reference the Dress Code Policy (online) for clarification.

Students will end their day at the Durand campus on Friday, August 27th.

Please **note that starting August 31st**, Masses will be Tuesdays at St. Mary's and Thursdays at Holy Rosary as in the past – starting at 8:30AM. At the August 31st Mass at **St. Mary's**, our 6th graders will receive their Bibles.

HANDBOOK: Our parent/student handbook along with polices and guidelines are now available on the school webpage: www.CatholicTriParish.org Please review the handbook with your child(ren) and return the completed, signed form, 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 pink colored signature form back with your family envelope. Thank you. If you need hardcopies of any of the aforementioned handbook/polices please let us know.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

Our magazine sale will kick off on Friday, September 3rd 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, 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 on Friday, September 3. There is not a **postcard booklet** to fill out this year.

HOT LUNCH NEWS:

Although the USDA will be providing lunch at no cost to families this year, parents are <u>strongly encouraged</u> to fill out the forms for Free and /or Reduced lunch (sent in the last mailing). This is a federally funded program that not only helps alleviate the cost of hot lunch for your family (when the USDA funding falls short) **but also helps our school qualify for various grants and assistance.** You may return this to our office at open house. Please know that information **always remains confidential**. Also, we enclosed the Aug/Sept. Lunch Menu

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL AND ASSUMPTION REGISTRATION:

Conference for our 4K families will be Monday, 8/30 and for our 3K conferences will be on Tuesday, 8/31. We still have limited openings in our Noah's Ark programs. If you know someone who would like to join us, don't let them "miss the boat!" 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.

SCRIP: Have you ever wondered what the SCRIP program is all about? Enclosed is a great overview. 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; many additional vendors are listed there. 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), and 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 great snack items for the students to have with their milk/water; 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!

- Thank you to Jim Whitwam and Roger Brott for all their buildings and grounds work this summer....
- We attained some nice furniture from a neighboring school that no longer needed it!
- Welcome to our new students and families joining our K-8 Assumption School: Abigail, Joshua and Bridget Knutson, Treya Sorenson, Cora, Trey and Liam Spindler, Everett and Merritt Rotering-Watley; we also welcome back Warner Patnode and Clara Manor!

YEARBOOKS:

Lifetouch sent us 5 extra yearbooks as a "thank you". If you forgot to order one and would like a book, please let either office know. Hurry, first come first served!

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:

- o For the people in Haiti, that the Lord grace them with Faith and Hope as they recover from their recent devastations.
- o The families of Jacob Gunderson and Gabe Sabelko
- o Mrs. Balts who recently lost her sister
- o A successful, faith filled school year for all students, staff and parents.
- o 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