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ASSUMPTION Catholic School

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Dear Families,

We all have looked forward to the end of the pandemic and a return to normalcy, which we pray will remain. At this time there have not been mandates given to me from Bishop Callahan so this school year, masks will be optional. As awful as this pandemic has been, the "Covid course" has taught us something: namely, to evaluate the gift of time. How do we spend our time? Are we creating the space to be with God in private prayer, at Mass, and through gatherings with close friends and family? Have we or will we return to our rushed, overly scheduled way of life, or, be more in tune with God at work in our lives?

As we get older and little bit wiser, we develop a different relationship with time, we more fully appreciate it as precious gift, focused more on the quality time with God and the people we love. But, alas, we don't have to wait until we are older to make this change. Like most things, we can get better through practice. My prayer for you is to be present in all you do – in prayer, at work, with family. Form the space to experience the special moments God creates for us each day but we are sometimes too busy to recognize.

We are so blessed to have our Catholic School, where we practice and develop our relationship with God each and every day. I hope your children know what a special gift you have given them by entrusting them to our care. With you, we hope to help them be more in tune with God; our world needs that now more than ever.

Welcome:

- **Rev. Fr. Timothy Reither** to our Tri Parish communities as the new associate pastor! Fr. Reither (pronounced "Rider") comes to us from the Chippewa Falls area by way of IHM Seminary in Winona and The North American College in Rome. He was ordained on June 26th, 2021. Enclosed, please see Fr. Reither's letter from the bulletin.
- **Ms. Ashley Meland:** to our Assumption Family's our new 7th grade teacher. She earned her education degree at UW River Falls and has been teaching at St. Francis de Sales Catholic School Spooner where she was the middle school science teacher. She is excited to be closer to home and is looking forward to teaching Math.

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!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – OPEN HOUSE:

On Tuesday, 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 Thursday August 26th**.

- This night will also allow you to make tuition payments return *Medical release form, Milk form and free and reduced lunch forms*
- **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.**

NOAH'S ARK:



Welcome letters are enclosed for all registered 3 and 4 year olds from Mrs. Spindler and Mrs. Tulip. Registrations are still being accepted for children who, before September 1st, 2021 will turn three or four years old. If you know of a family who has "little ones", please let them know about our program and refer them to the school office.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Committee and Coaches meetings taking place August 11th:

- **6:00** - Athletic Committee meeting. Thank you committee members for all you do!
- **7:30** - Coaches meeting Thank you to all who are coaching this year

Sports Physicals:

Remember: All students in grades 4-8 participating in school athletics will need to have a physical form or alternate year form and other enclosed forms on file before practicing with their team.

Assumption Clothing

Order forms are enclosed. **Due: September 1st**

Sports schedule: For more information, contact our office.

M.S. (6/7/8) Volleyball: Practice begins: Monday, August 23rd - 6:00-7:30 – Durand Campus

4/5 Volleyball: Practice begins: Thursday, August 26th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. - Durand Campus

*** Monday Aug 23rd, Tuesday, Aug. 24th, and Wednesday, Aug. 25th will be optional practices from 3:30-5:00 p.m. for our 4th and 5th grade girls. These are optional practices as we haven't started school yet so understand some may have prior commitments.

The first triangular is Tuesday September 7th

M.S. (6-8) Cross Country CC- 1st practice--August 24 at DHS 3:30-5:00

If anyone is interested they should pick up the information packet at the high school office which includes the physical form and other forms that would need to be filled out along with the cross country information sheet from Coach Bryan Bauer.

M.S. (7-8) Football- Equipment handout- Thursday, August 12 – 5:30 -7:30 p.m. at DHS

Practice begins Monday, August 16th – 3:30 – 5:30

Reminder: *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 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 and we'll help you.

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.



Please find below, information from Pape Bus Service regarding bussing to and from school, this was emailed to you earlier in the week; however, in case you missed it.

Please complete the Student Transportation Form found at:

<https://durandpapeschoolbus.business.site/> Forms should be completed **before August 11th**.

The form must be completed ONLY if one or more of the following apply:

- STUDENT DID NOT RIDE THE BUS LAST SCHOOL YEAR
- NEW TO THIS SCHOOL OR REGISTERING A NEW STUDENT
- ATTENDING SAME SCHOOL AS LAST YEAR, BUT MOVED TO A NEW ADDRESS
- ATTENDING SAME SCHOOL AS LAST YEAR, BUT NEED TO UPDATE PICK-UP/DROP-OFF
- NEED TO UPDATE CONTACT INFO
- NEED TO CANCEL TRANSPORTATION

FALL FESTIVALS:



Holy Rosary: will be holding an **online auction**. The auction site is www.seyforthauction.com. Online bidding will start August 14th at 8:00 a.m. and continue through August 21st closing at 6:00 p.m. There will be instructions on the website for registering and bidding. www.seyforthauction.com.

Holy Rosary will also have a cattle and corn auction August 21st. Contact Don Weiss for donating and bidding information, 715-495-6827. Our traditional **Cash Raffle Tickets** with cash prizes are available in the back of each church. Your support is appreciated and provides a significant, and much needed, financial boost to our parish. Drive up beef dinner will be Sunday, August 29th, 11:00a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Fall Festival proceeds help support ACS.**

FAMILY UPDATES:

Enclosed, please find The Diocese of La Crosse, Comprehensive Medical Release and Permission Form, please fill this out in its entirety and return at Open house. This form helps us with various things:

1. Updates our data base with your email, phone numbers and addresses.
2. Gives us alternate emergency contact information in case you cannot be reached or cannot pick up your child.
3. Provides us with some helpful medical history.
4. And allows us to use a "short form" for our fieldtrip permission slips.

We will be sending family envelopes just as we did last year unless you let us know differently.

HOT LUNCH NEWS:

Although the USDA will be providing lunch at no cost to families this year, 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 (when the USDA funding falls short) **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.**

- Your lunch account balance is reflected on the sticker to the right unless your balance is zero. If you have a credit on your account, since USDA will be providing free meals again this year, you have a choice to:
 - Leave funds where they are
 - Transfer funds to your milk account or tuition account.
- *The first semester milk information for 4K –8th grades is enclosed as well. Be sure to return it with payment on or before Back to School Night. Due to cost, juice will not be a choice this school year.*

LUNCH SERVER WORK PERMITS: Enclosed in the 7th and 8th grade student's envelope is a form to complete to issue work permits for our students that help in the lunch room. It is part of the service (not able to do last year) our 7th and 8th grade students give our Assumption Family.

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" Tuesday, 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".

TUTION:

- Tuition statements are enclosed; they reflect your 2020-21 TRIP totals. If you did not purchase \$1000.00 in SCRIP cards in 2020-21, your statement will reflect your choice of deferment by adding \$200.00.
- Don't forget to buy SCRIP, it's easy and sure helps both yours and the school budgets!
- You can make payments on "Back to School" night or beforehand if you prefer. **You can also make online payments as well!** We have several parents using this option and they really like the convenience. Let us know if we can help you with the process.

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 is fun looking back at the memories of 2020-21, 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 excited 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!

We always welcome prayers for our school, our families and our staff.

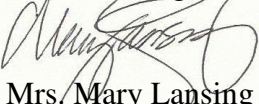
Our faculty is committed to working with you to fulfill **our mission of Faith • Academics • Service**

PLEASE PRAY:



- For the Kris and Becky Sabelko family, who recently loss their son, may the Lords loving arms hold them during this time of loss.
- For our staff, students and families that Faith, Hope and Love continue to grow in their hearts.

With Blessings of Peace and Joy,


Mrs. Mary Lansing
Principal