



ASSUMPTION Catholic School

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Dear Families,

I bought a new sign for my office, it reads: **FAITH: Live it, Give it, Walk it, Talk it, Own it, Loan it, Grow it, Show it!** I just had to buy it as it is such a good reminder as to how we are called to live... sometimes we forget. As we prepare for a new school year, we are all using "knee mail" asking for the Father's wisdom, the Son's love and the Holy Spirits guidance for another Faith filled year! We are so blessed to have our Parishes support our Catholic School, our school like the Church is hard to market... *it just needs to be experienced!*

You will see new faces and familiar faces with new roles and new opportunities at Assumption!

Welcome:

Ms. Nancy Bechel will be teaching Religion 6 and 7. She holds a degree in Theology and Youth Ministry from Benedictine College. She has 8+ years experience working with teens as a youth minister and is a part time youth minister at the Tri-parishes.

Mrs. Sara Mack as our resource teacher/instructional coach. Sara has vast experience and knowledge in literacy and differentiation. She has volunteered at ACS for years and paved the way to our 6 Traits Writing.

Mrs. Heidi Michels will be teaching our Physical Education classes. Some of you may know her as Heidi Busch. Heidi has taught PE for nine years in Eleva, took a break and is now getting back into the field.

Mrs. Stacy Spindler who is our new 3 year old Noah's Ark preschool teacher. Some of you may remember her as Stacy Baurichter. She is a Durand-Arkansaw native and has worked as a lead teacher with 3 and 4 year olds at an Early Education Center near Ellsworth.

Mrs. Becky Sabelko will moving from the 4K classroom out to the Lima campus where she will be preparing and serving lunch with a smile to our K-3 students and staff.

Mrs. Jen Weber will retain her role as our K-8 computer teacher but will transition out of the gymnasiums to the Middle School Science classroom.

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

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Uniform handout: All Parents of 4-8 athletes are encouraged to attend the **all athlete uniform handout** night Wednesday August 22nd from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Durand Campus Gym-complete & return enclosed forms.

Committee and Coaches meetings taking place August 15th:

- **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 on file before practicing with their team. Forms are enclosed.*

Assumption Clothing order forms are enclosed. If you would like clothing, utilize the online tool: ONLINE ORDER INSTRUCTIONS: **Open Now!** Close Date: August 26th

Step 1: Go to chippewavalleysportinggoods.itemorder.com on or after the "Open Date" listed

Step 2: Choose items and add them to your cart

Step 3: Once shopping is complete, click "CHECKOUT". Follow instructions to complete order.

Sports schedule: For more information, inquire while picking up your uniform.

M.S. (6/7/8) Volleyball: Practice begins: Monday, August 20th - 6:00-7:30 – Durand Campus

4/5 Volleyball: Practice begins: Tuesday, September 4th from 3:30 – 4:30 - Durand Campus

M.S. Cross Country CC- 1st practice--August 30 after school

M.S. Football- Equipment handout- Monday August 20 – 6:00 -7:00 p.m. at DHS

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – OPEN HOUSE:

On Wednesday, August 22nd we will host a Back to School Night from 5:00 – 7:30 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 30th. 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: If your child is not picked up and/or dropped off at your house, or if this is your first school bussing experience, **you must fill out the enclosed form and bring it to the *back to school night*.**

A Pape Bus Service representative will be at each campus on open house night to collect your forms and answer any bussing questions you may have.

ECONO FOODS SLIPS:

Thank you to everyone who helped us collect Econo Food Slips. With the help of Kari Reckin pooling other resources, we earned \$543.00!!!

FALL FESTIVALS: Mark your calendars and plan to attend these parish events.



Sunday, August 26th -@ Holy Rosary – Lima after 10:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday, September 16th @ Sacred Heart – Mondovi after 10:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, September 29th @ St. Mary's – Durand after 4:00 p.m. Mass

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.

FILL A BOOK BAG: Enclosed please find information about the Durand Women's' Club "*Fill A Book Bag*" program. Applications are due August 14th.

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 2017-18 TRIP totals. If you did not purchase \$500.00 in SCRIP in 2017-18, your statement will reflect your choice of deferment by adding \$100.00.
- 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 before hand 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.***

NOAH'S ARK:



Registrations are still being accepted for children who, before September 1st, 2018 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.

MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS:

Review, complete and return the enclosed medical release form on Back to School Night. These forms are required before any student can go on a field trip and it also helps us inform staff of medical needs or allergies.

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" Wednesday, August 22nd. 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 band AND \$10 individual or \$20 family for choir. Hope to see you during "Back to School Night". Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

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!

7TH GRADE LUNCH SERVER WORK PERMIT: Enclosed in the 7th 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 our 7th and 8th grade students give our Assumption Family.



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: You received information via the kindergarten parent meeting or via your 6th grade student's report card 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.

WISCONSIN NEWS ON STATE TAX DEDUCTIONS AND PARENTAL CHOICE**Tuition Tax Deduction**

Parents with a child in a private school will be able to receive a tax deduction for tuition. Under the program, parents will be able to deduct up to \$4,000 per student in grades K-8. What constitutes "tuition" remains undefined, so it is still unclear if parents will be able to deduct registration fees and educational expenses as well as tuition. At this point in time, we are not a "voucher" school so we do not receive state funding for tuition. If you have any questions, please call.

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 2017-18, I hope you enjoy it. Thank you to the 8th grade class 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. We will receive them with open arms and 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