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ASSUMPTION Catholic School

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Dear Families,

In July, Mike and I traveled to the shores of Lake Superior. We so enjoyed the sound of the crashing waves against the shore and seeing all the beauty God created for us. As I was watching the waters of "Gitche Gume" (Ojibwe, meaning "big water") I was reminded of an excerpt from Edward Sri in his book titled: *The Art of Living*. "It's hard to stand up against the flow of a powerful river. Similarly, it's hard to stand up against the current of our culture. There is not a lot of support from our secular world for living a virtuous life, the life God intended us to live. There is not a lot of encouragement from our world on how to grow in faith and friendship with Jesus, in fact many forces in today's culture are constantly working against us."

We are so blessed to have our Catholic School, where we help you lay a strong foundation to "stand up against the current culture." We learn about virtuous living, and 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 give them the vision of the life God intended us to live and grow in virtue so to be able to stand up against the current of our culture; our world needs that now more than ever.

Welcome:

- **Mrs. Jessica Segerstrom to our Assumption Family.** Mrs. Segerstrom is our new Kindergarten teacher. She earned her education degree at Cameron University in Lawton Oklahoma. She has been a Headstart teacher as well as Lead Teacher at Creative Beginnings Early Learning Center. Mrs. Segerstrom and her family live in Strum. She is excited to join us as she was "drawn by our philosophy that a child's spiritual, physical, mental, emotional and social growth are all interconnected".
- **Mrs. Jane Reineke to our Assumption Family.** Mrs. Reineke will be teaching our 2nd grade students. She hails from Antigo, Wisconsin, where she taught 7th and 8th grade students at Peace Lutheran School. She and her husband are relocating between Alma and Durand, and she is so "excited to be able to share the love of Jesus in all subject areas." She earned her education degree at Concordia College in St. Paul and has taught various grade levels in Christian Schools since 1991.
- **Mrs. Amanda Manor to our Assumption Family.** Mrs. Manor is not a new face to Assumption or the Tri-Parishes, but will be assuming a new role – teaching 5th grade and 6th grade Social Studies. Mrs. Manor earned her Bachelor of Science from UW Stout and has had a lot of experience at Assumption as a parent, volunteer, mentor and subbing in various grade levels. She has experience in Special Education, Adult Education and Family Education. She is very excited to have her own classroom, "to create an atmosphere to foster a love of learning."

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 it to your classroom on open house night!!!** There will be treats for those qualifying!

CALENDAR:

Enclosed please find another school calendar in case you misplaced the one sent earlier.

NATIONAL CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM:

Enclosed, please find an ID kit with items to complete and store at home if ever needed.

FINGERPRINTS



ATHLETIC NEWS:

- **Athletic committee meeting:** Tuesday, August 9th - **6:00** at St. Mary's campus Library. Thank you Athletic directors Loren and Kari Reckin and the committee members for all you do!
- **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:** There is a fall clothing order again this season - order forms are enclosed. The order includes some athletic gear as well as school approved dress code items. **Due: September 1st**
- **Sports schedule:** For more information, contact our office
 - **7/8 Volleyball:** Practice begins: Monday, August 22nd - 6:00-7:30 – Durand Campus
 - **4/5/6 Volleyball:** Practice begins: Thursday, August 25th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. - Durand Campus
 - **M.S. (6-8) Cross Country CC:** 1st practice--August 24th at DHS from 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 11 – 5:30 -7:30 p.m. at DHS
Practice begins Monday, August 15th – 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 Directors: 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – OPEN HOUSE:

On Tuesday, August 23rd 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 25th**.

- 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.**
- Parents of 6-8 grade students can meet with Mrs. Heitman to learn about our Forensics (4N6) program.

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.



Please complete the Student Transportation Form found at:

<https://durandpapeschoolbus.business.site/> Forms should be completed **before August 16th**.

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- Lima Fall Festival: will be Sunday, August 28th beginning with Mass at 10:00 a.m. Our students will be helping with the liturgical roles at Mass, so please complete and return enclosed form – and thank you in advance. Other highlights at the Festival will be:

- An **online auction**. The auction site is www.seyforthauction.com. Online bidding will start August 20th at 8:00 a.m. and continue through August 27th. If you want to view the online items in person, stop in at the Lima gym – see dates/times in the Tri-Parish bulletin.
 - Beef dinner will be from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (It's very delicious!)
 - Cash raffle, gun raffle, basket raffle, cattle and corn raffle
 - Booths and games
- Come join in the fun and fellowship!



Sacred Heart – Mondovi Fall Festival: will be held on Sunday, September 18th – more to follow.



St. Mary's Durand Fall Festival: will be Saturday, September 24, 2022. **Save the date!**

Our students will be helping with the liturgical roles for this Mass also at 4:00 p.m. with the festival to follow. More information will be shared as the planning process unfolds.

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 alternate emergency contact information in case you cannot be reached.
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 to households just as we did last year unless you let us know differently.

HOT LUNCH NEWS:

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 you and our school qualify for various grants and assistance**. You may return this to our office or at open house in a sealed, marked confidential envelope. Please know that information **always remains confidential**.

- Your lunch account balance is reflected on the sticker below unless your balance is zero. Meals cost will remain as they were pre-pandemic at \$2.75.

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.

LUNCH SERVER WORK PERMITS:

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.

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! *Enclosed is a form for you to fill out and return if you are interested in Band and/or Choir.* Attention **fifth graders** -

remember, you are now able to sign up for band in the music room, during "Back to School Night" Tuesday, August 23rd. 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.

New this year: all 4th grade students will be in choir – Free of fee. There will also be a fee reduction for 5th grade musicians, see enclosed letter for details! Hope to see you during "Back to School Night".

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, 2022 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.

PARTNERS IN FAITH:

Enclosed please find a calendar with ideas to help stay focused on faith and family during your summer countdown. Some great ideas!

TUTITION:

- Tuition statements are enclosed; they reflect your 2021-22 TRIP totals. If you did not purchase \$1000.00 in SCRIP cards in 2021-22, 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 and return on Back to School Night so our records are up to date.

YEARBOOK:

If you ordered a yearbook, they will be on your child's desk at Back to School Night. It is fun looking back at the memories of 2021-22, I hope you enjoy it. Thank you to the 8th grade class and ACS teachers under the guidance of Ms. Meland for putting this together. Extra copies available to purchase if you did not order - \$35.

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.

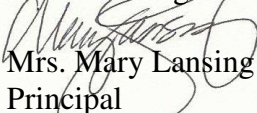
Our faculty is committed to working with you to fulfill **our mission of Faith • Academics • Service**

PLEASE PRAY:



- For our families who have lost loved ones over the summer or over the course of the year. May God grant them the virtues needed to bear suffering without being broken by sorrow.
- 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

Enclosures to return and things needed at back to school night:

- Medical release forms
- Milk form
- Payments for tuition and hot lunch