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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 and families, to help them prepare for a new school year.

A Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your guidance as we begin this new school year.

Give us faith to make this year productive and courage to accept new challenges.

Guide us to open our student's minds to the new lessons that will be taught.

Guide us to open our hearts to all Assumption Family members and be a source of support to them. Lastly Lord, quide us to open our soul to the blessings You have prepared for us this school year.

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

ATHLETIC NEWS:

- <u>Sports Physicals</u>: Remember: All students in grades 4-8 participating in school athletics will need to their forms on file before practicing with their team.
- <u>Assumption Clothing:</u> Fall clothing orders, which include some athletic gear as well as school approved dress code items are <u>due: September 1st</u>, let us know if you need another order form.
- Sports schedule: For more information, contact our office
 - \circ **7/8 Volleyball**: Practice begins: Monday, August 22^{nd} 6:00-7:30 Durand Campus
 - o 4/5/6 Volleyball: Practice begins: Thursday, August 25th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Durand Campus
 - o **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 DHS high school office.

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: <u>assumptionathleticad@gmail.com</u>

DRESS CODE:

A goal of Assumption Catholic School is to develop in the student a respect for self and others, pride in one's appearance, and good manners. These traits aid in establishing a proper learning environment. Appropriate dress creates a feeling of modesty, belonging, ownership, and identification with a group. The mode of dress needs to promote our vision, mission, and education of our children. Here are a few reminders to the dress code (the complete policy is on our webpage)

- 1. **Mass Days**: On days students will be attending Mass, shorts/capris are not allowed. They may bring shorts/capris to change into after Mass.
- 2. **Pants:** All pants are to be cut to fit, skinny style, jeggings or brand named labels/logos **are not** allowed. Blue jeans can only be worn on designated days. Belts are required in grades 4-8.
- 3. Shirts: All shirts must be collared, solid colored and contain no logo other than ACS.
- 4. **Hair**: Clean and groomed. No outlandish hairstyles or colors allowed.
- 5. **Shoes:** All shoes must be neat, clean, and tied. No boots, backless shoes, clogs, crocs (puffy w holes), flip-flops, sandals, or open-toes allowed. Socks must be worn
- 6. Teachers will issue warnings and will notify parent of dress code issues and parent/guardian will be asked to bring proper replacement clothing for the student.
- 7. Thank you for your support in helping develop the virtues of modesty and respect in regard to clothing.

HANDBOOK: Our parent/student handbook along with polices and guidelines are now available on the school webpage: www.CatholicTriParish.orgPlease 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 which can be found at: https://diolc.org/safe-environment/training/ and it gives us permission to add your contact information to the class directory and to release photographs for the newspaper, webpage's, videos etc.

<u>Please return the pink colored signature form back with your family envelope</u>. Thank you. **If you need hardcopies of any of the aforementioned handbook/polices please let us know.**

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 31 6:00 @ the Durand Campus. Parents new to our school are encouraged to come. You will meet many new people and learn a lot.
- Our magazine sale will kick off on Friday, September 2nd with assemblies at both campuses. Lima Campus @ 8:30 and Durand 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. Gift item delivery will be in October! Students will be bringing home a packet of information home on Friday, September 2nd.

HOT LUNCH NEWS:

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 **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.

MENU AND CALENDAR: A new yearly calendar is enclosed as well as the September calendar and menu.

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL AND ASSUMPTION REGISTRATION:

Conferences for our 4K families will be Monday, 8/29 and our 3K conferences will be on Thursday, 8/25 and Tuesday, 8/30. Our 3K is full with both morning and afternoon sessions, and they will begin class on Thursday, September 1. Our 4K will join us on Wednesday, August 31st. We still have some openings in our 4K-8 grade classrooms. If you know someone who would like to join us, encourage them to come, "experience the Catholic School difference". For more information call Assumption Catholic School at 715-672-5617.

SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL - MASS DRESS CODE:

As you can see on the enclosed August/September calendar, on Friday, August 26th, the K-8 students will be celebrating Mass at Holy Rosary at 8:30 a.m.

Father Emmanuel and Father Reither are excited to see everyone! The Mass intention for will be for Larry Gruber.

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 and updates.

Students will eat lunch and end their day at each of their respective campuses.

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

STUDENT SAFETY:

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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 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 at: https://diolc.org/safe-environment/training/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/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.

TUITION GRANT APPLICATION:

If it is your desire to send your child to Assumption Catholic School, we are willing to work with you to help you make it possible regardless of financial ability. Thanks to recent alumni donors,

- We are now offering grants, and scholarship to help assist in tuition costs. Enclosed is an application.
- In addition to the enclosed, we have the Lois Bauer Memorial Scholarship available found online
- We also offer tuition assistance allied with the free and reduce lunch applications.

WHAT'S NEW!

- Thank you to Jim Whitwam and Roger Brott and parish building and grounds committee members for all their work this summer....the buildings/grounds look great.
- 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: Easton, in 3K last year, will be joining our (4K) and his brother Bentley Stambaugh will be joining us in grade 2.

YEARBOOKS:

Lifetouch sent us 7 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:

- Our teachers. May the Lord inspire them and allow them to share the gift of learning and the principles of faith with all students.
- Our students. May they grow to know Jesus more and grow closer to Him each day.
- Our parents, may God continue to bless them and give them the guidance needed to nurturing their families in the Faith, Hope and Charity.
- o For a successful, faith filled school year for all students, staff and parents.

With Blessings of Peace and Joy;

Mrs. Mary Lansing

Principal