



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL THE TWELVE GARDENS OF STEWARDSHIP

September: The Garden of Decisions: make well-informed decisions, exercise prudence, understanding and collaboration, always mindful of the mission of Jesus.

September 23, 2009

Next School Mass

Friday, September 25

St. Lorenzo Ruiz

10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Coolidge's

8th grade is

servicing this

Mass.



Message from the Principal...

Harvest festivals are the earliest and most universal form of prayer. There is nothing as powerful as the sight of food gathered from the earth to turn our thoughts to God, our Creator. Like the bountiful earth, God is generous with us. Harvest time reminds us to say "thank you!" Harvest time also reminds us to pay attention to the beauty of growing things, from the rough brown potato to the brilliantly colored zinnia. The stunning beauty of the earth reminds us of the importance of caring for it.

Loving God, all that we have comes from your goodness and the work of those who love us. Bless us and the food we have. Watch over those who care for us. Open our eyes to the needs of the poor during this time of harvest. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessings on your week! ~Mrs. Goeres

Special Points of Interest

St. Francis

Animal

Blessing is

Thursday,

October 5

at 8:00 a.m.



Uniform Reminders

The uniform shorts & skorts are allowed through September 24. The date was extended due to warmer weather. Beginning Friday, September 25, shorts/skorts are not permitted. The date that pants will be allowed for girls will be announced later in the fall or winter. No pants on Mass days.



The Message Board

School Commission

As we begin a new school year we welcome our newest members of the School Commission. They include Mark Bagley, Anne McGreevy and Kelly Jeffrey.

Our purpose for the school commission is to offer advice to our pastor and principal, to encourage strategic planning, to serve as a positive public relations source, to support the established policies, and to provide parents/guardians with a voice in their children's education. May the Holy Spirit teach us to serve in unity.

Important Paperwork

Enclosed in last week's Wednesday envelope was your student's "Emergency Information Sheet". Thank you to everyone that completed these forms (one per student) already. Those that haven't turned in your forms please review the content and make corrections where needed and return the forms tomorrow, September 24. This form is kept and used in the event of an emergency so please complete as many of the blanks as possible so we have the information on file. We would like to get the new family directory published with everyone in it. If you have questions please contact Sue Manchester via email suemanch@school.assumption.org or at 733-6133 ext. 13. Thank You!

We look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Cor 4: 18)



Column of Thanks

Thanks! To Gina DePalma and all of the Harvest Festival volunteers! What a great time that was had by all!

Thanks! To Fr. Scott and the pastoral council for supporting our school with the proceeds from the Harvest Festival!

Thanks! To all of our chairpersons and coaches that have stepped forward to bring our students the best!

Hot Lunch Angels Needed

The hot lunch program through the Bellingham School District is on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The only way this program works is if we have volunteers to supervise the lunch while the teachers are on their duty-free lunch time. We need volunteers on the 3rd floor from 11:45-12:15 on these days. Please contact Mrs. Goeres if you can help.

News from the LMC

During the summer and up to September 15, the library has received donations through the Birthday Club honoring the following students: Shane Davis, Mark Frazey, Maria Frazey, Francis DePalma, Emmanuel DePalma, Dylan Harper, Alice Brulotte, James Schoenecker, Jordan Castro, Erin Gibson, and Michael Bernard. The Birthday Club has enabled the library to add many books to our collection through many years. Thanks to all who have contributed to this program. ~Mr. Allen

Development Office News

"Thank you" to the parishioners in our faith community who have stepped forward with tuition assistance donations totaling more than \$15,000 since July 1, 2009. Included in that total are three \$1,000 scholarships from the communities of St. Anne's, St. Joachim's and St. Joseph's. These gifts are over and above the subsidies that those parishes already provide to our school.

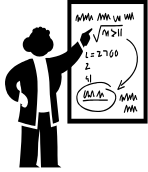
The Annual Fund is gearing up for an October 1 kick-off. Our goal is to have 100% participation from school families. Pledges should be made by December 31, and installment plans are available. All gifts are due by May 31, 2010. The budgeted goal is \$50,000 for this year's operational needs. You will receive more information next week.

It's not too early to start recruiting students for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know families who are considering Assumption Catholic School, please provide their name, phone number and address to Jennifer Rick (jrick@school.assumption.org) so that we can send them information about our school.

Harvest Festival 2009

A big THANK YOU to all the parents, students, and staff who helped make this year's Festival a fun event by working at it this past weekend and/or behind the scenes. It was a great community gathering and we appreciate your efforts.

Hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (cf. Ps 27: 14)



Math Olympiad

Math Olympiad is almost ready to begin. Please complete the registration form, co-curricular form, attach the activity fee, and return in the Wednesday envelope if you haven't already done so.

Grade 8 – Coaches Anne Cody and Jared Spink are looking forward to an outstanding year. We will be meeting in Mrs. Coolidge's room after school on Thursdays, starting on October 1st, from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. See you there!

Grade 7 – Coach Jill VonFeldt – Tentatively on Thursdays, date of first meeting TBA

Grade 6 – COACH NEEDED!

Grade 5 – Coach Carol Bird-Terrell – will meet Fridays after school, date of first meeting TBA

Grade 4 – Coach Bill Baader – date and time of meetings TBA

The Bishop Blanchet High School Math Contest (for Grade 7 and 8 only) will be held on a Saturday in November. Dates for the County and State Competitions have not been released yet – stay tuned.

Coaches are still needed for Grade 6. These responsibilities can be shared. All coaches and volunteers need to complete the Volunteer Background Check and the “Called to Protect” class. The form for the Volunteer Background Check is available at the office. The next “Called to Protect” class will be on October 15, 2009 at 7 p.m., Stafford Room. Registration can be done online at www.seattlesearch.org. Please contact Grace Kolodychuk at 647-5170 or Kathy Goo at 820-3629 with any questions.

Staff Interview - Check out this week's special person!

Name: Stacy Sjolund

Birthplace: Fort Lawton Hospital, Seattle, Washington

Hometown: Olympia, Washington

Job title: K-8 Music teacher

Education: Graduate of Western Washington University with K-8 certification and an English minor.

Experience: 23 years as a mother, 20 years teaching piano privately, and 10 years teaching music in the classroom.

What brought you to Bellingham? Both of my parents are originally from Whatcom County, so I have roots here.

Why are you at Assumption? Because Joanne Bellefeuille was prayerful and obedient.

School Days Memory (good or bad, happy or sad, from youth or not): I lived next door to my elementary school, and one day my pony got out of his pasture and came over and started eating the (much greener) grass on the school playground. The school secretary announced over the PA system, “Stacy Sjolund, will you please go catch your pony and take him home before he makes a mess on the playground?” That was my most embarrassing school moment ever! Most students had dogs who followed them to school, or occasionally a cat would wander to school. I had a pony who followed me, and it was not cool.

Family and pets: I have four wonderful kids: three boys, ages 23, 22 and 15, and a daughter, 18.

Pets? We have two horses, a pony who thinks he's a horse, four dogs, three pygmy goats, a lazy old cat, and a couple of fish.

Favorite place in the world: Home



Let Us Pray...

Let us pray to the Lord who is the origin, companion, and goal of our life's journey.

Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus, you accompanied your doubting disciples on the road to Emmaus:

~ sustain your Church in our daily journey of faith. *Stay with us, Lord.*

You do not disappoint those who hope in your mercy:

~ remember that we are slow to believe, and strengthen our faith. *Stay with us, Lord.*

You guide those who walk in darkness:

~ teach your paths to all those who seek the road to life. *Stay with us, Lord.*

For the sick in need of healing, we pray for John Allen, Nic Willis, Joan McIntyre, and Pat McIntyre. For those out of work and needing jobs. For Mrs. Goeres while she is on the annual Principal's Retreat September 23-25.

O God, you are our guide and guard along life's paths. Lead us in the ways of justice and love, righteousness and peace, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

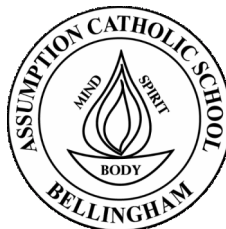


EDGE[®]

Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry

All Edge Nights are Mondays 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the gym unless otherwise noted. The next Edge night will be September 28.

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