

# Let Us Pray...

To God who is enthroned upon the seraphim, we pray:

*We give you thanks and praise!*

Through the power of Michael, leader of the heavenly armies in the war against evil:

*~ protect your people, Lord! We give you thanks and praise!*

Through the word of Gabriel, message-bearer of the Gospel:

*~ save your people, Lord! We give you thanks and praise!*

Through the intervention of Raphael, companion and healer:

*~ comfort your people, Lord! We give you thanks and praise!*

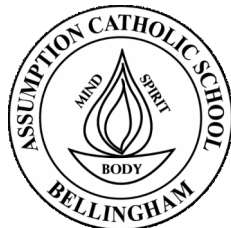
*For the sick in need of healing, we pray for Grandma Ellen Anderson, Nic Willis, Melissa Marteny, Karina Lukner, Fred Dickhaus, John Allen, Joan McIntyre, and Pat McIntyre. For those out of work and needing jobs.*

*O God, in your great wisdom you have given to your angels and to your people each their proper tasks. Grant us their protection, who serve ever in your presence, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.*



*All Edge Nights are Mondays 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the gym unless otherwise noted. The next Edge night will be October 5.*

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## 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 30, 2009

### Next School Mass

**Friday, October 2**  
Guardian Angels  
10:30 a.m.  
Mrs. McClurg's  
1st grade is  
serving this  
Mass.



### Special Points of Interest

*Individual Pictures to be taken on Wednesday, October 21 (pk4, K-8) and Thursday, October 22 for pk3.*

### Message from the Principal...

Part of our mission is to encourage each child to develop his or her own positive attitude toward others. At Assumption Catholic School, every child is treated as an individual. Our students come to understand that each person makes a difference in the world and they learn to value the opportunity to serve humankind. Our ultimate task is to imbue each student with the message of Jesus; "Love one another".

Assumption Catholic School offers a rigorous curriculum that challenges each student to strive to excel in an atmosphere that fosters Catholic Christian values of respect for the dignity of every individual. The development of Christ-centered children is a direct result of our outstanding faculty.

*"Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, you obey his word and heed the sound of his voice." (Ps. 102: 20)*

*Blessings on your week! ~Mrs. Goeres*

## St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day and Animal Blessing

**Monday, October 5**

Prayer service begins at 8:00 a.m., right outside the gym; classes will be arranged by grade.

- **All animals are to go home immediately after the blessing.**
- All animals are to be on a leash or confined in a suitable container.
- Clean up after your animals.
- Pictures of pets are welcome, especially of ones that can not be brought.
- Please leave aggressive animals at home.
- Pray for good weather!
- **DUE TO ANIMAL BLESSING, THE TRAFFIC LOOP WILL CLOSE AT 7:50 A.M.**

The Prayer Service is being prepared by Mr. Costanza's 7th grade class.



### Thanks for the Extra Work

"I wanted to say Thank you to Gina De Palma and the kind person who placed our lost purchase from this weekend in the lost in found. My husband was so sad that we couldn't find our little purchase. Gina was called and sure enough she found it. I know everyone was tired that weekend, but going that extra step for someone was very kind. Cindy Sofka"

### Column of Thanks



**Thanks!** To Stacy Johnson. The planter boxes are wonderful!

**Thanks!** To all our playground angels. Thanks for all you do to keep our kids safe!

**Thank you** to all of our office staff! You make the school run smoothly! Thank you Sue Manchester, Phoebe Vanderboom, Claudia Maeda, and Jennifer Rick!

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from 11:45-12:15 on these days. **Without the help we will discontinue the hot lunch program.** Please contact Mrs. Goeres if you can help.

### Garden Club

We will have a planning and information meeting for the garden club on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in Ms. Sponek's classroom. Parents and students of all ages who are interested in gardening are welcome to attend. Please bring ideas for the future of our school garden, as well as topics you would like to see covered by guest speakers. We will collect and share information as

well as begin planning how our garden club and garden itself will develop. If you are interested in participating, but can't attend this meeting, please contact Ms. Sponek (733-6133 ext. 15 or [lsponek@school.assumption.org](mailto:lsponek@school.assumption.org)) with name, phone number and e-mail address so you can be informed about decisions and upcoming events.

### Cross Country News

On a gorgeous Thursday afternoon, the Assumption Team met 126 other athletes in a battle royal for Berthusen Park in Lynden. Meghan Lowry (5) and Erin Gibson (12) carried the girl's team on their worthy shoulders to an astounding finish. Simon (Team Captain) Maguire (8), Ellis Thomson (24), Ian Witecki(33), Nathan Pearsal (35), and Alex Van de Poel (46) just laughed at the competition and sprinted in style. Awesome Job ACS! Coaches Campbell and Costanza

### Math Olympiad

Math Olympiad meetings will be starting soon. Questions can be directed to Kathy Goo (527-3327), Grace Kolodychuk (647-5170) or the respective coach.

**4th grade**---Coach Bill Baader, Wednesdays (start date 10/21/09), 2:45 to 4pm, Room 210

**5th grade**---Coach Carol Bird-Terrell, Fridays (start date 10/2/09-this Friday), 2:45 to 4pm, Mrs. Twinning's classroom

**6<sup>th</sup> grade** --- stay tuned

**7th grade**---Coach Jill Vonfeldt, Thursdays (start date 10/8/09-next Thursday), 2:45 - 4pm, Mrs. Vonfeldt's classroom

**8th grade**--Coaches Anne Cody (Juntilla) and Jared Spink, Thursdays (start 10/1/09-this Thursday), 2:45 - 4pm, Mrs. Coolidge's classroom.

### Facebook Fans!

Join the Assumption Catholic School page on Facebook. Tell your Facebook friends too! Questions? [jrick@school.assumption.org](mailto:jrick@school.assumption.org)



### Calling All Saints!

On Friday, October 30, we will celebrate the Feast Day of All Saints. In honor of this feast day we would like all students from kindergarten through grade eight to dress up as their favorite saint. You have a month to do research on the saint of your choice. This will help you know how to dress, gather the garments and props needed, and then be able to tell a short synopsis of that saint. Our library has a very full collection of Saints' books. The internet is a great place to look. There are links on the school's website [www.school.assumption.org](http://www.school.assumption.org). Enjoy your preparations for All Saints' Day.

### Individual Picture Day

Picture Day is coming! Polish up those smiles! Individual Picture Day is **Wednesday, October 21**. The 3 year old preschoolers will have their pictures taken on Thursday, October 22. Please find in this week's Parent Envelope, an order form for each student in your family. If you did not receive enough for your family, there are more outside of the office. Fill in all parts of the form and enclose the proper payment. Each student should have their own envelope and payment to avoid mistakes and confusion. Thanks for your understanding.



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

**Name:** Marc Costanza

**Birthplace:** Concord, California

**Hometown:** Antioch, California

**Job title:** Middle School Teacher

**Education:** B.A. English, teacher preparation; Teacher Certification

**Experience:** 1 year Antioch School District; 2 years Assumption Church Youth Minister, High School; 14+ years Assumption Catholic School

**What brought you to Bellingham?** Fiancée's grad school at Western

**Why are you at Assumption?** After 12 years of Catholic School, I felt called to continue in such a setting and environment

**School Days Memory:** One of my favorite teachers, Sister Cabrini in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade would throw erasers at students who were talking. She could do this without turning around while writing on the board; she could even hit you anywhere in the school. To this day, I truly believe the hand of God guided that eraser around obstacles.

**Family and pets:** Alison (wife), Sammie (dog), foster dog(s)

**Favorite place in the world:** Redwoods National Park in Northern California with Yellowstone as a close second.

**Dream vacation:** still looking....

