

PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED!

The Yearbook Committee invites you to share your photographs of school events throughout the year. Help us make the yearbook more memorable by submitting your pictures from the first day of school and the Harvest Festival. Please submit photos by email to Sharon DeGrave at quilterdog@aol.com or bring your photos, on a disc or memory stick/jump drive or your printed photos to the school office.

“Called to Protect”

See www.seattlearch.org for Safe Environment “Called to Protect” classes. As of May 30, 2008, all volunteers are required to have this training. In addition, there is a one year follow-up. The next “Called to Protect” class (required to volunteer at school) is scheduled for

Thursday, October 15,
7 p.m.
Stafford Room.

You must sign up on the web site at <http://www.seattle.setanet.org/classes.php> to be registered for this class.



**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.

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

School Mass

Friday, September 11
National Day of Mourning and Remembrance 10:30 a.m.

Special Points of Interest

Traffic Loop
Coordinator
still needed.
\$2500 stipend.
See Mrs.
Goeres.

Look in this space each week for a message from one of three groups:

The PTC
Executive Board,
The School Commission,
OR
the Foundation Board.



Welcome Back Message from the Principal,

This week begins with the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and ends with the memorial of The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, our Mother, is our role model for fidelity to the Will of God. Nothing that happens to us is contrary to the will of Providence, and everything that is sent to us by God is for our good and the salvation of our soul. Even if it does not seem beneficial at the present moment, we shall understand later that it is what is willed by God, and not what we ourselves desire, that is useful to us. This is why we should offer thanks for all this to God. Thanks be to God for the lessons learned this week. Hail Mary, full of grace....

Blessings on your week! ~Mrs. Goeres

Curriculum Night for All Parents

All parents (PreK - 8) are asked to attend the Curriculum Night **TONIGHT**, September 9 at **6:30 p.m.** in the gym. After prayer and honoring of teachers, parents will go to their student's classroom. Teachers will give an overview of the curriculum and procedures. There will be time provided for families with more than one student. This night is for parents only.

Budget Note

We were committed to keeping the 2009-10 tuition increase low in solidarity with all of our families in these tough economic times. Please help us to increase our revenues in other ways. The Harvest Festival is a great opportunity. Bring your families and friends and help to pass the word that all profits from the entire Harvest Festival will go toward the school. In the past, the Spaghetti Dinner has been our fund raiser from the Harvest Festival. This year, not only the Spaghetti Dinner but all profits will go to the school. Thank you to Fr. Scott and the Church of the Assumption for supporting the school as the largest ministry of the parish!

Let Us Pray...

Jesus Christ took on the nature of a slave to set us free. To him let us pray:

Hear us and speedily rescue us!

For those who are enslaved by poverty and oppression:

~send people of wisdom and generosity to discover ways to set them free.

Hear us and speedily rescue us!

For those who are enslaved by prejudice and fear:

~send people of courage and self-forgetfulness to lead them out of darkness.

Hear us and speedily rescue us!

For those who are enslaved by addictions, recognized and unrecognized:

~send people enlightened by their own struggles to guide them along right paths.

Hear us and speedily rescue us!

God, you sent your only Son to set free a world laboring under the slavery of sin and death. Through the intercession of Saint Peter Claver, inspire many with zeal to lead to freedom all those still enslaved. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Curriculum Night...6:30 TONIGHT!

The Message Board

The PTC Executive Board would like to encourage all to come to Curriculum Night tonight!



Harvest Festival 2009

This fall's Harvest Festival will take place September 19-20. While this is still an Assumption Parish-sponsored community event, all profits will benefit Assumption Catholic School. Therefore, there will be a wide range of volunteer opportunities for completing fundraising commitment hours. Look for more details to follow in the summer packet. Any questions or offers to volunteer can be directed to Gina DePalma at gmd17@comcast.net. Thank you!

Books Needed!

The Harvest Festival Used Book Sale invites you to recycle books you've read, or no longer want. Donations can be left at the Parish Office, or in the box behind the kiosk in the Gathering Space at Church. Books for all ages are accepted.

Harvest Festival Food Booth Volunteers Still Needed!

Volunteers are still needed to work in the Harvest Festival food booths. The hours between 5 and 8 on Saturday the 19th are especially empty and we have no volunteers for the Pizza or Caramel Apple stands on Sunday. If you are willing to obtain a food handler's permit and help in the food booths to support our school, we would greatly appreciate it. The process for obtaining a food handler's permit is simple, short and available to anyone. The process involves a short computer course and a test at the end of the course. The Health Department offers the class and test between the hours of 8:30 and 3:30 every weekday on a drop-in basis. For more information please contact Melissa Brulotte at 733-9320 or rnbrulotte@hotmail.com.

Special Outdoor Mass for Harvest Festival at the Church of the Assumption

On Sunday, September 21 we will celebrate ONE, ALL-PARISH, OUTDOOR MASS at 9:30 a.m. There will be NO 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening masses.

Harvest Festival Ice Cream Booth

Celebrate with others and serve at the same time!!

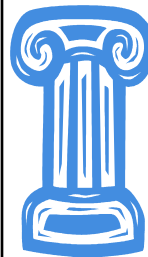
Needed: spirited, creative, quick, and strong Middle School students and parents to work in the Ice Cream Booth (needs a fun name) at the Harvest Festival September 18th, 19th and 20th. We will setup and decorate on September 18th. We will serve September 19th and 20th. Beyond the fun, parents get to count the

served hours toward their Commitment Hours, and students get to count the served hours toward their service hours! Please contact Mrs. Campbell ext 40 or rcampbel@school.assumption.org

Tennis

Starting next week we will be beginning our Middle School and 4th/5th grade USTA Tennis programs. TJ Tipton will be returning to run the program. The Middle School program will be a competitive program. We will be having matches with St. Paul's and Bellingham Christian. The 4th and 5th grades will be a developing program. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 15th in Mrs. Twining's room (#207). The first practice will be on Wednesday, September 16th at 2:45 to 4:00. (On the first day of practice an official schedule will be handed out). Sign-up sheets will be on the Co-Curricular bulletin board outside Mrs. Sponek's classroom. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Twining @ 733-6133 ext. 17.

Column of Thanks



Thank You! for all our families to a wonderful start to the school year.

Thank You! for our beautiful opening prayer service – thanks to Deacon Larry and our 8th grade leaders.

Thank You! to our hard working PTC Board: Sara van de Poel, Jill Sawicki, Mary Gassman, Shelley Simons, Barb

Zender, Karen Zuther, Sherri Minninger and Paul Schaefer.

Thank You! to all our PTC chairs and volunteers.

Thank You! to Jeff Ziels, Rod Lamb, Pat Buckley and especially Ted Goeres, for the fine job on the sidewalk on the northwest corner. You guys rock!



The Extended Day Program

Facts about the program:

Daily Rate is \$12.00 per child

Hours of Operation are 2:45-6:00 p.m.

Open on Early-Release days and we take fun field trips!

Homework help, care and fun provided by certified teachers and WWU education students

Program phone: 360-224-8071 (please write this down) Program e-mail: assumptionedp@comcast.net

Please call if you have questions! Thank you.

Trisha Lewis, Director

(224-8071)

Chess Club

At the present time our Chess Club has a waiting list and we are only registering current Chess Club members. Current Chess Club members will be receiving a registration packet in the Wednesday Parent envelope this week. If your student is interested in playing Chess, please call Angie King at 738-4689 to have your student placed on the waiting list.

All School Assembly

September 15 @ 1:50 p.m.

Middle School students can wear their Edge t-shirts to school to help welcome our guest speaker, Angus McDonell, Youth Minister. Please follow the dress code. ~ Mrs. Campbell

Math Olympiad

It's time to sharpen the pencils and check the batteries in the calculators! Math Olympiad is ready to begin. The information flyer and registration forms are included in today's envelope. Please complete the registration form, co-curricular form, attach the activity fee, and return in the Wednesday envelope.

Grade 8 – Coaches Anne Cody and Jared Spink - date and time of meetings TBA

Grade 7 – Coach Jill VonFeldt – date and time of meetings TBA

Grade 6 – Coach needed

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

Grade 4 – Coach needed

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 4 and 6. These responsibilities can be shared. All coaches and volunteers need to complete the Volunteer Background Check and the "Called to Protect" class. Please contact Grace Kolodychuk at 647-5170 or Kathy Goo at 527-3327 with any questions.

Fight the Flu

- ⇒ **Teach your student to wash their hands** often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
- ⇒ **Teach them not to share personal items** like drinks, food or unwashed utensils.
- ⇒ **Teach them to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues.** Covering up their coughs or sneezes by using an elbow, arm or sleeve (instead of the hand) is also appropriate when a tissue is unavailable. Every classroom has plenty of tissue.
- ⇒ **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- ⇒ **Keep sick students at home** for at least 24 hours *after* they no longer have a fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of students who are infected with the H1N1 virus.
- ⇒ **Do not send them to school if they are sick.** Any student who is determined to be sick while at school **will be sent home.**

