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More Information You Need to Know!

Curriculum Night / PreK- 8th

Please mark Wednesday, September 14, for our curriculum night. We will meet in the gym at 6:30 p.m. It is also our first Parent/Teacher Club meeting. Each teacher from preschool through grade 8, will give a presentation in their classroom about the curriculum and expectations for their grade level. All parents should plan to attend this important curriculum focused evening. This is a parent event.

Teachers for the 2011-2012 School Year

- ◆ Preschool - Mrs. Cheryl Hardesty/Mrs. Lorri Beshara
- ◆ Kindergarten - Ms. Jordan Carrier
- ◆ First Grade - Mrs. Paige McClurg
- ◆ Second Grade - Ms. Liberty Sponek
- ◆ Third Grade - Mrs. Sue Roland
- ◆ Fourth Grade - Mrs. Kerry Thomas
- ◆ Fifth Grade - Mrs. Chris Mura/Mrs. Karen Finkbonner
- ◆ Sixth Grade - Ms. Mardi Hardwick
- ◆ Seventh Grade - Mr. Marc Costanza
- ◆ Eighth Grade - Ms. Betsy Gottschalk
- ◆ Health & Fitness - Mrs. Regina Campbell
- ◆ Music & Lab - Ms. Stacy Sjolund

Box Tops for Education

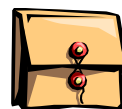
Please save your Box Tops for Education throughout the summer. Please ask your friends and relatives to do the same. Remember, there is nothing extra you have to do. Just tear the top off of items you already purchase and bring them to school in the fall. This is another excellent way to be a good steward by replenishing resources.

Harvest Festival 2011

You're invited ... to be a part of a fun-filled family weekend highlighted by good food, good-natured competition for all ages, and an excess of good times!! Get an early jump on satisfying some fundraising or Church volunteer commitment hours! We need lots of adults to maintain the momentum of this successful community-building and school fundraising event so pitch in by signing up to work with us that weekend--we have several areas to choose from: Food Booths, Spaghetti Dinner, Children's Games and Arts & Crafts, Used Book Sale, First Aid Station, Decorations, the all-parish Mass, set up and clean up, and a few other special volunteer needs. Help will also be needed on Friday, September 16 (there is no school that day). Please contact Lisa Diefel at harvestvolunteer@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

Supply List Item Available!

The **Document Carry-All** that is on the supply list for grades 3 - 8, proved to be hard to find in previous years. There will be a limited amount available again this year for purchase in the school office for \$2.00.



Check List of Forms to be Returned

- ⇒ **Emergency Situation Release Forms (1 per student)**
- ⇒ **Field Trip Form (yellow, 1 per student)**
- ⇒ **Driver Information Form (peach, 1 per driver)**
- ⇒ **Wednesday Parent Envelope/Email (green)**
- ⇒ **Comfort Kit Order Form (pink)**
- ⇒ **Allergy Alert Form (salmon)**
- ⇒ **EDP Forms (Blue)**
- ⇒ **8th Grade Fall Retreat Permission Forms (8th gr. only)**
- ⇒ **Sports Sign-Ups/Fees**
 - Tennis (Grades 4-8)**
 - Cross Country (Grades 7-8)**
- ⇒ **Middle School Sweatshirt Pre-Order Form/Payment**

Come and work with us!

Assumption Catholic School
Extended Day Program-Now Hiring!
For 2011-2012 School Year
EDP Assistant



10-15 hours a week
Program Hours M-F 2:30-6:00 pm
Apply with Archdiocese at
www.applitrack.com/seattlearch
Questions? Trisha Lewis, Program Director 360-224-8071 or
assumptionedp@comcast.net

"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 Tuesday, August 10, 7 p.m. in the 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
We Are Called by Name...

...to Academics, to be an active global citizen, to be an effective communicator, to be an engaged active life-long learner, to be an active faith-filled Catholic, to be a person of integrity, to faith and to service.

Thursday, August 4, 2011

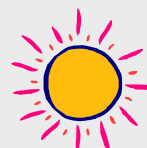
First School Mass

Friday, September 2

Fr. Scott will celebrate Mass for the starting of the school year at 10:30 on Friday, September 2, 2011. All parents are welcome to celebrate with us. This Mass concludes with Classroom Blessings.

Special Points of Interest

- ⇒ **Uniform Sale (New & Used)**
August 16-17, 2011
- ⇒ **New Family Orientation**
August 16, 7:00 p.m.
- ⇒ **Back-to-School Social,**
August 31, 5:30 p.m.
- ⇒ **First Day of School!**
Thursday, September 1
8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- ⇒ **No School, September 5**
Labor Day



Summer Office Hours

The school office is open and the hours are 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please call or email Ms. Des Jarlais at mdesjarl@school.assumption.org if you have questions or concerns.

A Message from the Principal



I am so excited about this year. I have been in Catholic education for over 34 year (no guessing my age), and I can honestly say I have never been in such a loving positive environment than at Assumption School. I have been here since mid-June and this is what I know so far. Assumption Catholic School is a school with a rich heritage and a school that is faith-filled with God's love. This school has wonderful teachers who care about their students. This is a school of excellence. I have been researching and reading, WOW! I have never seen such excellent scores. More important than scores on standardized tests, what I see is growth. Each child is viewed as a gift from God and I want to be part of this welcoming community, I want to share in educating your child.

I firmly believe that you as parents and guardians are the primary educator of your children. We are working in partnership with you. We together will help educate the whole child, Body, Spirit and Mind. What I want is for every mom, dad, and guardian to be able to feel so wonderful inside knowing with full confidence that their child is in a safe environment during the day, a happy place were they are being challenged and expected to do their best. It's a place that believes in the same values as you do. Assumption School is like an insurance policy, where you can rest knowing that you have given and done the best for your child. After all, what gift other than life, can you give to your child that will be with them forever other than education? We are not just talking about educating their mind. We want what you want, that your child will be loving, kind, and globally aware of the wonderful God-given gifts, and for them to give back someday.

This year you are going to be hearing a great deal about Accreditation. Accreditation is a licensing program that all of the archdiocesan Schools go through. We are accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA). This is an opportunity to do an in-depth study of all the aspects of the student's life. The new protocol is focused on students learning. We need your help with this process. There will be several surveys and meetings that the parents will be asked to attend. Please help us with this process. Please note that this year in order to accommodate all the extra work the school will need to do, that there will be more early release days. Please see the flyer regarding this on the back of the annual calendar.

Again I look forward to working with you and your child,

Aloha and God Bless,

Monica Des Jarlais
Principal

First Day of School

Thursday, September 1

Parents will meet in the gym and students meet their teacher on the plaza at **8:30 a.m.** on Thursday, September 1 for our opening prayer. All parents are invited to join us. After prayer, the Parent-Teacher Club will have refreshments for parent's enjoyment while renewing friendships and welcoming new families into our community. There will be sign-up sheets for all the possible activities that you can use for your commitment hours.



School Calendar for the Beginning of School

Please find enclosed a copy of the school calendar for 2011-2012. Note the first day of school is Thursday, September 1. Classes begin at **8:30 a.m.** with a First Day Prayer Service in the gym and early dismissal at **11:45 a.m.** Students will not be eating lunch at school that day. On Friday, September 2, the regular school day begins at 7:45 a.m. for grades 6 through 8 and 8:10 a.m. for kindergarten through grade 5. School is dismissed at 2:25 p.m. for K-5 and 2:35 for 6-8. Kindergarten is an exception for September 2. Their schedule is 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. The kindergarten schedule is set up for an easy shorter day so that these students can adjust to school life and make school entry pleasant for them. All kindergartners will start their full five-day schedule on Tuesday, September 6. First through eighth grade students will follow full day schedules starting Friday, September 2.

Where Do I Purchase Uniforms?

New Uniforms

August 16-17 in the School

Shelley Simons (the new owner) from School Days Uniforms, will be in the school on Tuesday, August 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to help you with all your uniform needs. **Remember that Middle School students who choose the option of wearing khaki pants or shorts must purchase them from School Days Uniforms.** At that time, "untucked" T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for sale. SCRIP can be used for these purchases. School Days Uniforms telephone number is (360) 592-9057.

Used Uniform Sale

August 16-17 in the Library

On Tuesday, August 16 (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, August 17 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.), there will be a Used Uniform Sale in the Library Media Center. This is a time to model being a good steward by preserving more resources by purchasing renewed and usable uniforms.



Untucked T-Shirts, Uniform Sweatshirts and Middle School Sweatshirts

"Untucked" T-Shirts are worn on "Untucked" T-Shirt Days throughout the year. We are all wearing the navy t-shirt with the white school logo on it. The previous years' t-shirts with different designs are outdated. The cost is very nominal. The t-shirts, uniform sweatshirts and middle school sweatshirts can be purchased at the Uniform Sale on August 16-17. These items are also great to wear at out-of-school related activities such as on the Ski-to-Sea float. School Days Uniforms will be handling the sale of these items as well as the new uniforms. Also, if middle school students choose to put their name on the back of the hooded sweatshirts, the lettering must be in white. No nicknames. First or last name only.

Orientations & Open Houses

New Parent Orientation for K-8 Grades Parents

If you are a new K-8 parent to our school, and there are many of you from kindergarten through eighth grade, please attend the **New Family Orientation** which will be held on Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the LMC. The New Parent Orientation is a parent event. At this time Ms. Des Jarlais and the Parent-Teacher Club Executive Board will orient new parents to the inner workings for a successful first year for you and your student. Also, each new family was offered a Buddy Family to help orient them to the school. Please call Amy Bernard (380-6810) if you requested a Buddy Family and have not heard from them by now.

Preschool Open House

Wednesday, August 31, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

There will be an Open House for new preschoolers and their parents. This will allow the new students a peek at the room and to meet their teachers. The preschool is a bright and cheerful place...come and check us out!

Traffic Loop & Dismissal Times

Every teacher (K-8) will walk their students to the traffic loop. All students will stand in Last Name Alphabet Groups. Parents can choose to drive through the traffic loop and stop to allow their students to load or, parents can park and walk to the alphabet group and walk their students back to the car. Do not stop or park in the loop unless your child is present. **No student, from preschool through grade 8, will be allowed to walk to their parked car unescorted.** Once again, we ask that you do not drop-off or pick-up in front of the school on Cornwall. K-5 students will be dismissed at 2:25 p.m. and 6-8 students will be dismissed at 2:35 p.m. At 2:45 p.m., if a student isn't picked up, they will be taken to the office. If you know you will be later than the 10 minute grace period, please call the school to leave this message. Please make every effort to be on time to pick up your student. According to state law, no one is to smoke on school grounds (including parents). A Traffic Loop map is enclosed.

Note new alphabet sign placement!

Please remember to be a good neighbor and drive carefully through the neighborhood.

Extended Day Program

Assumption's Extended Day Program will return for the 2011 - 2012 school year. I am looking forward to working with each of you throughout the school year. We had a successful year and will be located in the library and the new additional preschool room. We will be taking field trips on early release days again this year. You will find the blue registration form in the packet. Please make sure the completed form is returned to the office by August 19, 2011. We will be offering care for kindergartners on Friday, September 2nd at 11:30 when they are released. The first day is a early release, so please pack a sack lunch for your child(ren). We will be taking a field trip in the

afternoon to Broadway Park. Please include the completed permission slip with your registration forms by the first day of school. All necessary EDP forms (blue) are in this packet. For more information call me (Trisha Lewis) at 224-8071 or e-mail me at assumptionedp@comcast.net.

Extended Day Program Open on Thursday, Sept. 1

The EDP will be open on the first day of school and will be taking a field trip to Broadway Park. We will walk to the park, eat lunch and play. All children that are registered for the program and have turned in a field trip form are welcome and encouraged to join the fun!

Before School Care

Before-school care is available for siblings of middle-school students from 7:45 until 8:00 a.m. This program is only for siblings of middle-schoolers. All other students can be dropped off after 8:00. All students are required to bring a book to read with them. In order to have your child participate in this program, please fill out the **hot pink** form that can be found in the packet. Questions? Call Trisha Lewis at 224-8071

After School Playground - For Extended Day Use Only

The playground is reserved after school for students enrolled in the Extended Day Program. New mandates from the Archdiocese require specific staff to student ratios. By restricting access to the playground we can ensure compliance. Students entering the playground, for example after tutoring or while waiting for a parent, will be charged Extended Day rates and registration fees (if applicable). Thank you for your cooperation.

The Extended Day Program

Facts about the program:

- ⇒ Daily Rate is \$14 (\$17 on field trip days) 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!
 - ⇒ 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 (360-224-8071)

Tuition Payments

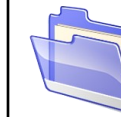
Yearly and Twelve Month Tuition Payments

Most all of you have been doing a great job of getting your summer payments to the school. For August, we are back in the office so you can either bring the payment into school during the summer office hours or mail the payment to the school. Please call Sue Manchester at 733-6133 to make these arrangements. Thank you!

September invoices will be in the first Parent envelope on Thursday, September 1. You may send your payment back on Friday, September 2.

Turn in Your Forms

Please turn in by **August 19** to leave time for processing before the first day of school. See the back page for list of school provided sheets to be returned.



Life Threatening Food Allergies

As a new year starts, we need to identify any students who might have a potentially life-threatening allergy and could need to be administered medication with an EpiPen. Please let Sue Manchester know if you need and an **Emergency Action Plan**. Please fill it out and return it to the school by August 19. Your student's teacher will be notified and trained on the use of an EpiPen.

Custody Plans On File

For every student whose family has a custody plan, there should be a copy on file at Assumption Catholic School. Some families have fulfilled this obligation. Many families have not submitted a copy of their most recent custody plan. The Parent/Student Handbook states that all custody plans are to be on file. Mail or bring the custody plan into the main school office.

Physical & Immunization Records

According to Washington State Law, all students entering school (including preschool) are to have their vaccinations current. Kindergarten and sixth grade students are requested to have a physical. **All** middle school students are to have a current physical on file in order to play Assumption after-school sports and to participate in the Middle School Ski Program. Sports physicals are good for 2 years. Physical and vaccination forms are to be completed and sent to the office by August 19.

Birth Certificates

Parents of all new students need to furnish a copy of their students' birth certificate to the school office. It must be a State Certificate and not a hospital copy. Please keep the original birth certificate handy as you will need it for your students to cross into Canada for any possible field trips.

Please fill out as many of the enclosed forms and return to school as soon as you are able. The sooner we get them the faster we can process them.

Upcoming Meetings

School Commission

School Commission will hold their first meeting for the 2011-2012 year on Wednesday, August 24 in the LMC at 7:00 p.m. Mark Bagley is the chairperson this year. The members are Carol Frazey, Kelly Jeffrey, Anne McGreevy, Audrey Jabbora, Chris DePalma, Larry Ziels, Ron Delbecq, Catherine Streeter, Sheri Culwell, Dan Kamkoff, Father Scott Connolly, and Monica Des Jarlais, Principal.

PTC Executive Board

The next meeting of the PTC Executive Board will be on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the LMC. The PTC