

Upcoming Meetings

School Commission

School Commission will hold their first meeting for the 2010-2011 year on Wednesday, August 18 in the LMC at 7:00 p.m. John Purdie is the chairperson this year. The members are Carol Frazey, Justin Iverson, Todd Russell, Elsa Finkbonner, Mark Bagley, Kelly Jeffrey, Anne McGreevy, Audrey Jabborra, Chris DePalma, Larry Ziels, Jerry Finkbonner, Kerry Thomas, Father Scott Connolly, and Rose Goeres, Principal.

PTC Executive Board

The first meeting of the PTC Executive Board will be on Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the LMC. The PTC Officers are Shelley Simons, Tami Neuser, Ann McQuade, Karen Zuther, Angie King, Barb Zender, Laurie Bills and Rose Goeres, Principal.

More Information You Need to Know!

Curriculum Night / PreK- 8th

Please mark Wednesday, September 8, 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 will want to attend this important curriculum focused evening. This is a parent event.

Class Placement for Students

For those of you who have a sixth grade student and/or an eighth grade student, please check your envelope for a slip stating the homeroom placement of your student.

- ◆ Preschool - Mrs. Cheryl Hardesty/Mrs. Lorri Beshara
◆ Kindergarten - Mrs. Laurie Bills
◆ First Grade - Mrs. Paige McClurg
◆ Second Grade - Ms. Liberty Sponek
◆ Third Grade - Mrs. Sue Roland
◆ Fourth Grade - Mrs. Kerry Thomas
◆ Fifth Grade - Mrs. Lisa Twining

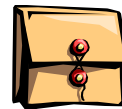
Box Tops for Education

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 2010

Coming Soon ... Harvest Festival 2010--September 18 & 19! What better way to kick off the school year than with a weekend of fun, frolic, and some good-natured competition for the whole family while raising money for the school at the same time?! We're working hard to make this year's Festival a successful community event and fundraiser but we need many adults to achieve those goals. Please 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, and a few other special volunteer needs. Remember all hours count toward your Fundraising and/or Church commitment hours. If you would like to volunteer please contact Lisa Diefel at 647-3581 or at diefel@msn.com. Please contact Gina DePalma at 647-8757 or gmd17@comcast.net with any other questions. 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 \$3.00.

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 24, 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 THE TWELVE GARDENS OF STEWARDSHIP

~ GOOD DECISIONS, CITIZENSHIP, MONEY/POSSESSIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, BODY & EMOTIONS, HISTORY, SOUL, CREATION, TECHNOLOGY & MIND, AND ART

Thursday, August 4, 2010

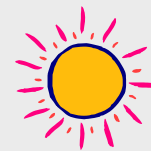
First School Mass

Friday, September 10

Fr. Scott will celebrate Mass for the starting of the school year at 10:30 on Friday, September 10, 2010. All parents are welcome to celebrate with us. This Mass concludes with Classroom Blessings.

Special Points of Interest

- => Uniform Sale (New & Used) August 11-12, 2010 NEW DATES!
=> New Family Orientation August 10, 7:00 p.m.
=> Back-to-School Dessert Social, August 30 @ 5:30 p.m.
=> First Day of School! Tuesday, August 31 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
=> No School, September 3-6 for 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 Mrs. Goeres at rgoeres@school.assumption.org if you have questions or concerns.

A Message from the Principal,



I pray this letter finds you relaxed and rejuvenated! You have a few weeks left to rest, relax, and travel. Take advantage of this beautiful Northwest weather. I look with eager anticipation for the beginning of the school year.

Returning Theme for 2010-2011: The Twelve Gardens of Stewardship

We want to learn to share because we want to, not because we need to. There should be no controls, no strings attached, and no guarantee when we give unconditionally. That doesn't mean that in retrospect we do not question our decisions; it simply means that we've tried to look at it as a growth experience, always keeping in mind the life of Jesus Christ. I personally see stewardship as a nurturing process. It is, in a sense, an invitation to reassess our priorities. It is ongoing and often painful, but most of all it brings a personal sense of happiness and peace of mind as I continue my journey through life.

The Twelve Gardens of Stewardship is part of an Archdiocesan-wide initiative to focus on how Catholic Stewardship can be our way of Life. Using the image of a garden, we ask ourselves how well we "cultivate" and "tend to" these various areas of our lives:

September: The Garden of Decisions: make well-informed decisions, exercise prudence, understanding and collaboration, always mindful of the mission of Jesus. October: The Garden of Citizenship: be politically aware, involved and active. Stay well informed. Vote.

November: The Garden of Money: Control your money. Deliberately set and keep a budget. Honestly and regularly assess your use of your financial resources.

December: The Garden of Relationships: Nurture relationships with family, friends and those important to you.

January: The Gardens of Body and Emotions: Get proper nutrition, exercise and rest. Avoid smoking and chemical abuse. Strive for emotional growth, development, and balance. Make good humor your priority.

February: The Garden of History: Know and value our history and traditions, especially in regards to making decisions.

March: The Garden of the Soul: cultivate your spiritual life through Mass, prayer, meditation, and study.

April: The Garden of Creation: Care for the environment, recycle, don't waste natural resources.

May: The Gardens of Technology and the Mind: Use technology for good and not for evil; for gaining knowledge and benefitting others. Make learning a lifelong vocation. Continue to develop your knowledge and intellect.

June: The Garden of Art: Appreciate and use the fine arts to expand your knowledge and lift up your spirit.

While these areas may overlap and intersect, each has an important place in the development of our personal vocation. Nurturing these gifts requires prayerful allocation of our time and resources in many areas of our lives.

Blessings on the rest of your summer! ~Mrs. Goeres

Psalm 8: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

A Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption, August 15

Gracious God, we rejoice on this holy day that you gave us Mary as our model and that you have received her into the glory of heaven.

In our time of need, let us ask the prayers of Mary, mother of all the living:

We turn to you for protection, holy Mother of God. Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. Save us from every danger, glorious and blessed Virgin.

Remember, most loving Virgin Mary, never was it heard that anyone who turned to you for help was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, though burdened by my sins, I run to your protection for you are my mother. Mother of the Word of God, do not despise my words of pleading but be merciful and hear my prayer. Amen.

Congratulations and Bon Voyage!

We wish Mrs. Shellie Pulliam the best as she moves on to a full-time position with St. Joseph's Catholic School in Issaquah. She will be joining an outstanding staff in a growing school. Best wishes and many blessings to Mrs. Pulliam!



First Day of School

Tuesday, August 31

Parents will meet in the gym and students meet their teacher on the plaza at **8:30 a.m.** on Tuesday, August 31 for our opening prayer. All parents are invited to join us. After prayer, the Parent-Teacher Club will have coffee, tea and fruit 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 2010-2011. Note the first day of school is Tuesday, August 31. 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 Wednesday, September 1, 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 1-16. 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 Monday, September 20. First through eighth grade students will follow full day schedules starting Wed., September 1.

Where Do I Purchase Uniforms?

New Uniforms

August 11-12 in the School

Sue Manchester from School Days Uniforms, will be in the school on Wednesday, August 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 12 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, fleece vests, and sweatshirts will be available for sale. SCRIP can be used for these purchases. School Days Uniforms telephone number is 676-2417.

Used Uniform Sale

August 11-12 in the Library (different hours)

On Wednesday, August 11 (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) and Thursday, August 12 (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. The cost is very nominal. The t-shirts, uniform sweatshirts and middle school sweatshirts can be purchased at the Uniform Sale on August 10-11. These items are also great to wear at out-of-school related activities such as on the Ski-to-Sea float. Students can wear any of the past years of "Untucked T-Shirts" if it fits properly and is good condition. 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 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the LMC. The New Parent Orientation is a parent event. At this time Mrs. Goeres 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 do not hear from your Buddy Family by August 1.

Preschool Open House

Tuesday, 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.

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. 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 2010-2011 school year. I am very excited to announce that all of our staff will be returning. Our entire staff consists of certificated teachers and Andy Bishop is completing his degree this 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 pre-school room. We will be taking fieldtrips on early-release days again this year. You will find the registration form in the packet. Please make sure the completed form is returned to the office by August 26, 2010. Upon registration, every family will receive a program description to review, sign, and return by the first day of school. The first day is an 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. For more information call Trisha Lewis at 224-8071 or email: assumptionedp@comcast.net

Extended Day Program Open on Tuesday August 31st

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 grass green 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. 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 \$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 one WWU student who is currently completing certification
- ◆ 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)

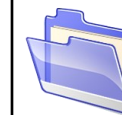
Tuition Payments

Yearly and Twelve Month—Tuition Payments

Those of you who chose to pay on a twelve month payment schedule have been doing a great job of getting your payments to the school. For August, 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 Wednesday, September 1. You may send your payment back on Thursday, September 2.

Turn in Your Forms



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 26. 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.

Carpooling Option

In this mailing please note that there is a form to fill out if you would like to be part of a carpooling option. Either mail the form back or bring it into our office. You will be notified of the other people in your area (if there are any) that would like to share carpooling. Remember, it is up to you to form your own carpoos.

Physical & Immunization Records

Remember, 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 26.

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.

Student Information Forms

Student Information forms for all new K-8 students need to be in the office by August 27. If you need a form please call Sue at the school at 733-6133.