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School Subsidy for Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart did not give all of the subsidy that they had promised the school from last year. So far this year we have not received any subsidy either. It is the desire of the school to have families have a choice of where they would like to attend church. But, as a school, we do need the subsidy. We are asking families who attend Sacred Heart to be a part of the all parish discernment meetings in March that will give direction and guidance for the church. It is the school's hope that Sacred Heart wants to continue to help support the school. Your voice as a school family will make a big difference.

In-Parish Tuition & Sacrificial Giving Pledge

For the families who did not return their Sacrificial Giving Pledge Cards during January, there is another pledge card in this Parent Envelope. Please fill it out as directed on the memo and return in tomorrow's envelope. If this is not taken care of, these families will have their tuition rate changed to the out-of-parish rate. Thanks to all of you for taking care of supporting the church.

Catholic Schools Week Thanks

Ice Cream Social– Many thanks and kudos are extended to Tricia Peterson and her committee of parent volunteers for the great Ice Cream Social. It is a fun event for our school families. Tricia goes out of her way to make it a treasured Catholic Schools Week tradition.

Talent Show – Nancy Whyte, Carol Bobbink, and Chris Mura share of their energy, time, and fantastic gifts to put on one the greatest school talent shows around. The quality is high, the range of talents covers many areas, and the fun for performers and audience couldn't be greater. Thank you performers, as well as these three very giving volunteers.

“Souper Teacher Appreciation” Luncheon – Many parents made wonderful soups, salads, and desserts for the teachers and staff. All of us could not have enjoyed it more. Gabrielle Vorenkamp and Raquel Wheeler organized a great group of parents to put on the luncheon. Raquel also organized some volunteers who provided a sack of lico-rice for every student at the Talent Show. Thank

you to everyone.

Cards, Flowers & Gifts for Teachers & Staff

Wow! We have the kindest students and parents ever. Thank you so much for all of the cards, e-mails, flowers, and gifts showing your appreciation to us. Thank you so much!

Children First Tuition Assistance Applications Due Feb. 15

The Children First Foundation received a “thumbs up” from the editorial board of the Bellingham Herald for their work in helping families seeking an education at an independent school. I have heard that several of our families have already submitted applications to Children First. Please do this if you meet the criteria and have concerns about paying tuition next year.

PTC Executive Board

The Parent/Teacher Club Executive Board will meet on Monday, Feb. 12, in the LMC at 7:00 p.m. Plans for the remaining meetings and end of the year activities will be covered. All officers are to attend.

Next Year's Budget Committee Decisions

The Next Year's Budget Committee has made some decisions about the school budget for next year. The results of the budget survey were carefully followed. The greatest majority of parents wanted an increase in tuition and an increase in fundraising efforts along with trying to keep teachers' salaries closer to the state scale. Along with this, the budget committee made cuts in the expense areas, but had to increase the natural gas and electricity portions of the budget. The subsidy from Sacred Heart is also very worrisome at the present time. The tuition increase will be 7%. SCRIP and the Auction will have more participation by each family in the school. This was done so that no parent would have to pay more for fundraising out of their pockets. Participation in these two existing fundraisers can be done *without out-of-pocket expenses* unless the family chooses to just give the donation instead. The greatest need is for every family to consider leadership for SCRIP and/or the Auction. Specifics about these will be shared at the February 26 Budget Presentation in the gym fol-

lowed by in-house registration. Please talk to Tim Spink, Joe Deacon, Bob Ibach, Chris Mura, Anne Brand, or Carol Patterson if you have any questions.

Another Middle School Athletics Sweatshirt Order

The Assumption Catholic School Athletics hooded sweatshirts were a huge success. Many middle school students who didn't order them, would now like one. **Parents** of any age student may order them for themselves, also. We need orders for at least twenty-five sweatshirts before we can place another order. There is an order form in the Parent Envelope. This sweatshirt will showcase all three sports – volleyball, skiing, and basketball. Even though the sweatshirts are only for middle school students, all parents and teachers may order them no matter what age of student you have.

Valentine's Day Early Dismissal

Next Wednesday, Feb. 14, there will be an early dismissal (11:45) for a teacher inservice. The faculty will be working on the Essential Learnings for Science, the Crisis Management Plan, and the Technology Plan. Students will be dismissed before they have lunch at 11:45. It is a FREE DRESS day emphasizing red and white in recognition of Valentine's Day.

Wednesday Hot Lunch Cancellations

The Wednesday Hot Lunch Program will not run on Feb. 14 due to Early Dismissal for teacher inservice and Feb. 21 due to Mid-winter Break. Please note the flyer in the Parent Envelope requesting chair people for next year.

Scoliosis Screening Program

State law requires that each school provide scoliosis screening for students, with qualified personnel to conduct such screening. Scoliosis is a curvature of the spine and can affect the function of parts of the body. Dr. Bob Baker, a chiropractor and former parent here, will conduct the screening for the boys in fifth and seventh grades on Friday, Feb. 15 at 8:30 a.m., in the Science room. Dr. John Weaver, a current parent, will

screen the girls, on Feb. 14 at 8:30 a.m. In the past, we have had a female chiropractor do the exams. No female volunteer could be found this year. PLEASE make sure your daughter comes to school wearing her bathing suit under her uniform on that day. There will be two female volunteers present for all screening of the girls. If you DO NOT want your child screened, fill out the "Permission Not to Screen" form in this week's envelope. Any questions, please call Sue Weaver, 398-9474.

Talent Show Thanks

Our warmest thanks to the many people who helped make the Talent Show a wonderful evening. We wish to thank Leslie Wilson and Steve and Donna Edquist for the beautiful programs; Ginny Sherif for having the piano tuned; Gina Campbell for all her help and allowing us to wreak havoc with her schedule! Stanley Bronisz for help with the sound system and Mike Pullman for running the sound; Mrs. Brand for coaching the Masters of Ceremony; Margie Sawyer, Katie Bennett, Tina Bervar, Rosemary Bolster, Mary Cardoza, Kathy Delbecq, Kim Erchinger, and Leslie Wilson for helping students on and off stage and in rehearsal; Marc Smith for all the technical work back stage; our Masters of Ceremony, Rachel Ferguson, Jon Kingman and Elizabeth McCarter; Mr. Pope for invaluable help in set-up; all the participants, and their families. If we have inadvertently not thanked you in this note, please accept our thanks for your help!

Thank you one and all!

Nancy Whyte, Carol Bobbink and Mrs. Mura

Ice Cream Social

A great turn out for the Ice Cream Social netted \$260 for our PTC! Thanks to our many servers; Ginny Crump, Edye Colello-Morton, Jeva Morton, Dennis & Dianne Mulligan, Kim Nakatani, Tricia, Brad & Kelsey Peterson, Lori Ramsey, Marilyn Romaker, Delora Ferguson and Michael Smith.

Volunteers of the Week

Our Volunteers of the Week are Liz Gabay and Stephen Liu, parents of fifth grader, Maggie Liu, and alumni, Katie Liu. Liz Gabay and Stephen Liu came to Assumption over five years ago from California. Liz is a medical doctor who has given of her time to Interfaith. Stephen works for Arco and was transferred to Bellingham. Both Liz and Stephen have freely given of their time, talent, and resources to our school and church community. Liz has been an involved parishioner at Assumption in many areas and is presently a Eucharistic Minister and works with the Children's Liturgy of the Word program during the Sunday Masses. Liz has spent hours at school in almost every event and program possible. Liz is a volunteer who gives of her energy and talent to the fullest. The task is completed without any question. At present, Liz has been involved with the Auction Committee working on procurement of items. Her thorough approach to the task has truly helped with the amount and quality of the items. Liz and Stephen have two beautiful daughters who are, and have been, a credit to our school. We truly appreciate the whole family.



Pray for Us...

Merciful God, we ask You to bring peace and comfort to Eva Stambaugh, loving grandmother of Jacqueline and Jordan, cherished elementary teacher of many, who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. We pray that her wonderful gifts live on in her family, we pray to the Lord.

Understanding God, Who knows the needs of families whose parents are busy with projects, we ask for special help and love for all parents, students, and staff involved with the auction, we pray to the Lord.

Comforting God, Who gives strength and help to those suffering from natural disasters, we ask that all the people in San Salvador and Ahmedabad, India suffering from the effects of earthquakes get all the help and resources needed, we pray to the Lord.

Loving Lord, Who gives healing graces to those in need of help with their health we ask for special help for Kevin Porter, Jim Zender, Jeff Reed, Deborah Taylor, Faye Storey, and anyone who is ill, we pray to the Lord.

Compassionate Lord, Who understands the loss of a father and grandfather, we ask for the soul of Gary Rodenspiel, father of Renee Quintieri and grandfather to Brianne and Britnee, to rest with You in heaven, we pray to the Lord.