



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE & FOREVER

"Always do your best under any circumstances, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret."
-Don Miquel Ruiz

Wednesday, March 28,



Our Lenten Journey

This is the fourth week of Lent and our Lenten Journeys of prayer, fasting, and giving alms are continuing. Your students are very focused on the true aspects of Lent. The teachers tell story after story where students remind them that "this is Lent". Thank you for your support of your students' faith development. Attending Mass, or the church service of your choice, the next few Sundays and during Holy Week, will help to strengthen that faith journey as well.



Spring Break & Holy Week

Our Spring Break for this year will be Monday, April 9 through Wednesday, April 11. We will be back in school for Holy Thursday and for the morning of Good Friday. Please plan to attend the Prayer in the Garden at 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday in the plaza area under the cross and then return for the Live Stations of the Cross in the church at 10:45 a.m. On Good Friday school will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m.

Preschool Schedule Change

Preschool Parents: Please mark your calendars. All preschool classes will be closed the entire week of Spring Break (4/9-4/13).



Class Picture Day Next Tuesday

All of the classes from preschool through grade 8 will have their class pictures taken on Tuesday, April 3. The PK/3 yr. old class will have their picture taken on Thursday. It is traditional for all of the classes except eighth grade to wear their uniforms. Be sure your student's uniform is in good shape and that your student is pre-

pared for a picture that day. The picture envelope can be brought back at any time to the teacher and definitely by Class Picture Day next Tuesday.

School Parents at Sacred Heart

Father Jay is committed to helping the school regain the subsidy of Sacred Heart from last year and this year. There will be an envelope designated for Assumption Catholic School in the pews, in the collection envelope mailings, and available in the back of the church. Sacred Heart parishioners are asked to use these envelopes to designate funds for the school's subsidy. The parents from Sacred Heart who send their students to Assumption Catholic School will also be doing a fundraiser at Sacred Heart. All school parents are asked to give support as the plans for this are unveiled. **Sacred Heart school parents are also asked to attend the Sacred Heart Parish meeting on Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00.**



Lenten Soup Supper on April 4

The school is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper for the church next Wednesday, April 4 in the gym. Bring your soup in a crock pot or a serving pot and labeled as to its kind, by 5:30 p.m. The

Next Mass

Regular Friday Mass
Friday, April 6– 8:30 a.m.
Grades 2-8

Mr. Mayer's sixth grade class will be doing the readings.






SPRING HAS SPRUNG!.....BUY SOME SCRIP!



bread can be brought in a basket labeled with your name. If you can help set-up please be in the gym at 2:30 to cover the tables and get the kitchen set-up for serving. If you volunteered to serve or clean-up please be in the kitchen at your designated time. Thank you to Sandra Pearsall who is calling all of you to remind you of your tasks and thanks to all of you for helping.

QUICK! We Need Your Fun Run Donations!


We've only had 81 out of 308 students turn in their donations! To qualify for any awards, students MUST have turned in their pledge money by March 30. This is our last, major fundraiser of the school year and it will be a success! Thanks for supporting our school....
Lori Reimer & Nancy Larson, Chairpersons.

Vice Presidents and Committee Chairpersons Still Needed

We are still looking for interested candidates to fill these positions: Co-Vice Presidents PTC, Scrip Chairpersons, Buddy Families, Commitment Hours Tabulation (computer at-home job), Grandparent's Day Reception, Disaster Preparedness and Christmas Program Cookie Reception. Please step up to the plate and help us fill these important vacancies! For information or to volunteer, call: Gabriel Vorenkamp 676-2735
Raquel Wheeler 371-2672

Please use the enclosed ballot to nominate yourself or another for Co-Vice-President (PTC) and/or the Scrip Program.

Missoula Children's Theater


 It is getting close! Soon the actors from Missoula Children's Theater will be arriving at Assumption Catholic School to audition students for the performance "The Wiz of the West." They will arrive on Monday, April 23 and conduct auditions beginning at 2:45 pm. in the gym. All interested students from grades K-8 should report to the gym for try-outs. Auditions are usually completed by 4:30-5:00. Fifty to sixty students will be selected and rehearsal will occur all week after school. Some students will begin rehearsals

immediately on Monday night. Not all acting parts require rehearsal every day of the week, but students must be prepared to devote as much time as necessary. Performances will be on Friday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m. We are actively looking for a piano player, so please call either Holly Telfer or Kathy Stambaugh if you know of someone. This is a paid position.


We need helpers for poster distribution in the community publicity, sign painting, ticket orders and sales at the door, set-up at the door, refreshments, chaperoning during rehearsals, program making (Kathy has print-ready artwork) the week of the performance, videotaping, food arranging the night of the first performance, and arranging borrowing and pick-up of the spotlight. Please call Holly or Kathy to confirm actor housing. Thank you.

Co-chairs: Holly Telfer 671-9872
Kathy Stambaugh 676-2704

Yearbook Time Again!

 We once again have a great yearbook full of great pictures and student artwork! Order forms are in this week's Wednesday Parent envelope and must be back in the office by April 6th to reserve your copies. Cost is just \$12 per copy! It is a wonderful memento for your children. This year we will be sending them home in the Wednesday envelope during the last week or so of school. REMEMBER to make your checks out to Assumption PTC and return with the Wednesday envelope as soon as possible. I would also like to have more pictures of the Multi-Cultural Fair, field trips, or just any great pictures from this school year that you have taken. You can send them to the office with my name on the envelope. I need color photos (not paper copies) by next Wednesday, April 4th. Thank you...Rita Maguire.

School Commission

 School Commission, which is an advisory board to the school principal, needs four new members.



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The three-year term begins in August and will end in June, 2004. The discernment process for membership was on a pink form in the Parent Envelope last week. A dinner, which is part of the process, will be on Wednesday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC. Please fill out the form or call Paula Mallahan (671-1374) or Rosemary Bolster (676-6002) if you are interested or know of a school parent who is interested.

Extended Day Program Survey

School Commission has enclosed a survey for every parent to complete about Assumption beginning an Extended Day Program. The program will only operate on school calendar days for before and/or after school care. It will also operate on early dismissal days. Be sure to fill out the form whether you will use the program or not. Every student in the school family who fills out the form and returns it by April 5th in the Parent Envelope will receive a FREE DRESS coupon good for Wednesday, April 18th.

Sisters of Bellingham Appreciation Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host a roast beef dinner at 6:30 p.m. on March 31 in the Assumption Gym to honor the nuns who are serving, and have served, in Whatcom County. Only 200 tickets are available. Adults will be \$8, under 12 yrs. Of age will be \$5 and under five will be free. Proceeds will benefit the Hope House. Tickets will be on sale after the Masses at Assumption.



Yard Work Done By Sonshine Ministry

If you know of anyone in your neighborhood who needs yard work done and is physically unable to do so please contact the Sonshine Ministry. They are having a Saturday Yard Work Day. One of our preschool parents and an Assumption parishioner, Paul Schaefer, has asked for referrals. Please call Paul at 756-1457.

Easter Sacraments

Please pray for our children from Assumption & Sacred Heart Parishes who will be receiving

Easter Sacraments. We have eight candidates who will receive Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. They have been preparing, with their catechists, sponsors and parents, since last Fall, through a process know as the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIC). We also have 54 children within our two parishes, who are preparing to receive First Eucharist in May. Their preparation period has also begun. **Please keep all of these families in your prayers.**



Harvest Festival Planning Meeting

Assumption Church is having the second Harvest Festival Planning Meeting. At the last meeting we had several people from the PTC Board, School Commission and other parishioners, but no one who could assume leadership of a part of the Harvest Festival for the church. If you have previously been involved or want this event to continue and can assume leadership, please attend on Thursday evening, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the LMC. Contact Donna Buechele at the Pastoral Center (733-1380 Ext. #11).

Bicycle Rodeo



Come join the fun at the Bicycle Rodeo on March 31, 2001 from 9 am.-1 p.m. in the Assumption School Parking Lot. Helmets and bicycles will be provided if needed. This is a Girl Scout Gold Award Project hosted by alumni Sarah Smith. Any questions see Mrs. Campbell.

No Hot Lunch on April 6

The Bellingham School District has a teacher workday on Friday, April 6. Hot Lunch will not be served that day. Please be sure you provide a lunch for your student here at Assumption for that day. Thank you!

Albertson's Shoppers



There are still plenty of cards remaining for the Albertson's Community Partners Program, a 2%-5% rebate program based on quarterly merchandise totals. The cashier simply scans your card at the time of purchase. To receive your



Volunteer of the Week!

Our Volunteer of the Week is Ellen Anderson, who is our sponsor for the Fun Run and known affectionately as "Grandma Ellen". Ellen Anderson has been a volunteer in our school for over twenty years. Ellen worked in the library for years and as a school volunteer in other capacities. Ellen Anderson truly understands the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. For the 92 years of her life Ellen has given to those around her and especially to organizations within Assumption Church and School. For this reason she is our model for the Ellen Anderson Volunteer of the Year Award. The very first award went to Ellen and has had her name on it ever since as it is presented to our Parent Volunteer of the Year. Help Ellen out by donating to the Fun Run in her name using the tin on the front reception desk. Thank you, Grandma Ellen, for all that you have done for the school.

card, drop a note in the Wed. envelope addressed to Carol Waugh or leave a message at 739-7848.

Math Olympiad Competition Saturday

The Math Olympiad Teams will be competing this Saturday at Blaine High School in the State Championship. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The awards will be presented at 2:15 p.m. Best of luck and congratulations!



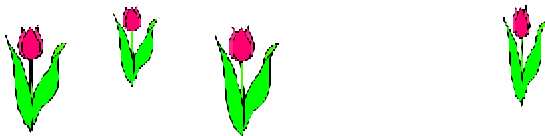
Custody Agreements Filed in Office

Divorced or separated parents must file a court-certified copy of the custody section of the divorce or separation decree with the office. The school will not be held responsible for failing to honor arrangements that have not been made known through a copy of the proper document.



Vacation Bible School

Plans are forming around our annual ecumenical Vacation Bible School for Children. Dates are June 25-29, 2001. You and your children are invited to be part of this wonderful experience. Is the Holy Spirit calling you? If so, call me!!!! **Registration begins April 1st.**



Pray for Us...



Understanding Lord, Who knows the power of a family's love, we ask that Jeff, Greg, Karen and Michael feel your presence at this time, we pray to the Lord.

Comforting Lord, Who helps those grieving the loss of a family member, we ask for special graces for the Plancich family as they mourn the loss of their mom and grandmother, Jeanne DeLorme Carlssen, we pray to the Lord

Helping God, Who gives care and concern to those with cancer, we ask that Frank Lang receive special help at this time, we pray to the Lord.

Compassionate God, Who understands the needs of those suddenly ill, we ask that Patty, sister of Carol Bobbink and aunt of Matthew and Brittany, receive the medical care she needs, we pray to the Lord.

Thank You!

A special thank you is extended to all those who have supported our family during this time of change and transition. Lisa, Mandy & Kacy are very grateful for your prayers, money and love. God bless you all.