



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL **PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE & FOREVER**

Today, Creator, help us to be just like You are. Thank you for everything that we receive this day, especially for the freedom to be who we really are.
Amen.

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11!



We are planning festivities for this week and need many volunteers to help make it a memorable time for all of our terrific teachers! Please call Gabriel Vorenkamp 676-2735 if you are able to help out with anything, We will have many ways to help available including baking treats, serving at a teacher breakfast, luncheon etc. Thank-you, Gabriel Vorenkamp and Raquel Wheeler.

Teacher Leadership Project Winners



Congratulations to Sarah Case and Marc Costanza for being accepted to the Teacher Leadership Projects. This Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded statewide network of public and private teachers has them working and learning together. Both Sarah and Marc will attend a week long summer institute where they will receive a Hewlett Packard 2302 laptop computer. This institute is a curriculum based project where participants will explore the use of technology to help students meet the Washington State Essential Academic Learning Requirements. Use of technology within a curriculum framework is central to the Project. The school will also receive approximately \$9,000.00 in hardware for use within each of Marc and Sarah's classrooms. Sarah and Marc spent hours writing the paperwork necessary for the grants. Many of the people on the Technol-

ogy Committee helped along with Linda Wilson who did a beautiful job of formatting the final applications. Once again, congratulations to Marc and Sarah.

Technology Committee Meeting Thursday



As you may know by now two of our teachers, Sarah Case and Marc Costanza, won the Teacher Leadership Project grants from the Bill Gates Foundation. In addition to a week long workshop and mini workshops next year Sarah and Marc will receive in excess of \$9,000.00 in hardware for their classrooms. There are choices in the packages that they order. We would like the Technology Committee's input on this in relation to what we already have for the school. Our Technology Plan for the e-rate services was also approved in early April. We have one applicant for the Tech Position for next year. It is also necessary to address electrical needs with the addition of this hardware. Let's meet this Thursday to review our status of where the school stands. The meeting is Thursday, May 3, at

All School Mass

Friday, May 4

8:30 a.m.

Ms. Hakanson's third grade class is doing the planning and readings.





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



5:30 p.m. in the LMC.



A New Baby

Jennifer and Brian Zimmermann had their baby boy, Blake Michael, on Sunday evening at 6:05 p.m. Blake is 8 pounds and 15 ounces. He is 20 inches long and joins his sister, Emma. May God's blessings be bestowed on the Zimmermann family.

Walk For Life

Come celebrate the gift of life and join the 11th annual Walk for Life which benefits the Whatcom County Pregnancy Center on Saturday, May 12, 2001 at Cornwall Park (Meridian entrance). It's a family affair. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the Walk at 9:30 a.m. Sponsor forms and more information about the Pregnancy Center are available in the school office. The Whatcom County Pregnancy Center is a non-profit, pro-life, Christian organization with a three-fold purpose: abstinence education, crisis pregnancy help, and post-abortion support. For more information call Kathy St. Hilaire at 671-4836.

Eighth Grade San Francisco Science Trip



A large majority of the eighth grade class will be attending Nooksack School District's San Francisco Science Trip from May 3 through May 6. The students fly to San Francisco and tour many museums and sights involving science and technology in the bay area and the coast south of San Francisco. Please keep these students, Ms. Gottschalk, Mr. Nunamaker, and all of the parent chaperones in your prayers.

Principal of the Day Assembly

Our Principal of the Day for Friday, May 4, is Jared Spink. Jared has chosen to have an

all school assembly. Jared invited his cousin, Mark Spink, to give all of us a motivational talk on being all that we can be in life. Mark is one of our alumni and will graduate from Gonzaga University later in May. Many of you may have seen him playing basketball for Gonzaga. Jared has scheduled his assembly for 2:00 p.m.

Missoula Children's Theater Success

The play, "The Wiz of the West", was performed twice last weekend and a great success. Many thanks are extended to the student actors, the many students who attended, and to the many parents and friends who helped and attended the plays. Kristie Rolape and Craig Mathews, the actors from the Missoula Children's Theater company, did a great job of inspiring and working with all of the students in the school. Kathy Stambaugh and Holly Telfer, the chairpersons for the play, once again handled every detail. Their committee of Sandy Matheson, Patty Knight, Lorri Beshara, and Carol Waugh worked very hard to make this experience possible for the whole school. Next year will be "Treasure Island". The excitement continues.

Missoula Children's Theater

The "Wiz of the West" was spectacular! A round of applause to the actors and assistant directors. Several lost clothing and personal items left in the St. Cecelia room by the actors were placed in the Lost & Found bins in the stairwell. We would like to thank our committee members, especially Carol and David Waugh, Patty Knight, Sandy Matheson, Lorri Beshara, and all of our parent chaperones and sign distributors. It was a success!
~Holly Telfer & Kathy Stambaugh



May 2, 2001



Summer Tuition Payments

For those of you who indicated that you would make Summer Tuition Payments and selected the twelve month tuition plan it is imperative that your payments begin on June 1. Parents registered for next year who would like this option may call Carol Patterson to spread tuition payments for next year over twelve months. If you have or do sign up for this twelve month option, you are committed to beginning in June.

First Time Ever Full Tuition Discount

If you would like to pay your tuition for next year in full before August 1 there will be a \$50.00 per student discount for students in kindergarten through grade 8. The \$50.00 discount cannot apply to preschool tuition due because that tuition barely covers the cost of the preschool program. Preschool parents may pay for the year if they so wish. The discount only applies if the tuition is paid before August 1. You may also deduct the \$80.00 estimated SCRIP tuition credit purchase. Contact Anne Brand if you would like to take advantage of the Full Tuition Payment Discount.

PTC Executive Board Meeting

The PTC Executive Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, in the LMC. Plans for the final meeting of the year will be made.

Last PTC Meeting of the Year

On Monday, May 14, we will have the last PTC Meeting of the Year. At this time officers will be installed, chairpersons will be recognized, a classroom presentation of learnings will happen, and all of the parents may vote on where the extra funds raised during this year will be spent. The meeting will be in the LMC. Any class that has 50%

or more of the parents there will have FREE DRESS the following Thursday, May 17.



First Eucharist

Twenty of our Assumption students are among the fifty students receiving First Eucharist on Saturday, May 12, at 10:00 a.m. The Mass will be at Assumption Church and be followed by a reception in the gym hosted by first grade parents of the school and parish.

Fifth Grade DARE Graduation

All fifth graders and their families are invited to the DARE Graduation on Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The fifth graders have been working hard with Officer Beckley of the Bellingham Police Department for many weeks.

Junior Ski to Sea Parade

The Junior Ski to Sea Parade is late Friday afternoon on May 18. All students are invited to be part of Assumption's float. Watch the Parent Envelope for more information on how to participate.



Lynden Skateway Party

It's Skating Party time again. On Tuesday, May 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. all kindergarten through grade 8 students are invited to Assumption Catholic School's Skating Party. Assumption's alumni students and parents are also invited to participate in this evening of fun and skating. See you there!

Kindergarten Visit & Assessment Days

Kindergarteners for next year who are registered and accepted will have a visitation in the morning and be assessed for kindergarten readiness later in the day on either



Volunteers of the Week!

Our Volunteers of the Week are Richard and Sharon Williams. Richard and Sharon are parents of Lauren, one of our graduating eighth graders for this year. Richard and Sharon have been a part of Assumption Catholic School for the last four years. Sharon quickly joined in to help with many school events and needs. Sharon is always available to the teachers for classroom and field trip help. Sharon has been a permanent co-chairperson for the Wednesday Hot Lunch Program for over three years. Sharon's dependability and ability have helped to keep this beloved program going along with the help of Kathy St. Hilaire. Most recently Sharon also signed up to help with the Monday/Friday Hot Lunch Program with the Bellingham Public Schools. Both Sharon and Richard have worked hard to keep the education at Assumption a top priority in Lauren's life. The Williams family is truly treasured and will be missed at the school.

Friday, May 11 or Monday, May 14. Parents of next year's kindergarten class should call the office to sign up for the visitation period and for an assessment time.

No Kindergarten on May 11 and 14

This year's kindergarten students will not have class on Friday, May 11 or Monday, May 14. During these two days next year's kindergarteners will have a visitation period and individual assessment time.



Jump for Heart!

All first through seventh grade students will participate in our Jump Rope for Heart program in P.E. on May 14 and 15. Each student is encouraged to raise \$15.00 to contribute to the American Heart Association. This is an opportunity to learn more about our healthy heart and to give service to a national organization. Please return the enclosed pledge envelopes. If you can help on one of these days or have questions please contact Mrs. Campbell.



Pray for Us....

Healing Lord, Who gives graces to those recovering from surgery, we ask that You especially help Joyce Pitsch as she recovers from heart surgery, we pray to the Lord.

Understanding God, Who knows what it is like to lose a loved one, we pray especially for Michael Eberle, Jennifer Zimmerman's grandpa who died on Saturday, April 28, to rest in peace with You in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

Loving Jesus, Who especially loves children, we thank You for the gift of new life, Blake Michael Zimmerman, who was born on Sunday, April 29, we pray to the Lord.