



*Mind, Body and Spirit*

## **ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

***“Celebrate the Arts through Mind, Body & Spirit”***

"Good, better best.... Never let it rest until your good is better and your better is best!"

Wednesday, September 12, 2001

### **SCRIP CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

The general chairpersons of SCRIP, Denise DesHarnais and Hali Garnaas, are way beyond their period of leadership. They have done a more than commendable and laudable job of running the SCRIP program. During their period of leadership they have organized the program so that many workers are doing many different tasks. We need is a general chair to oversee these workers and tasks. There are thirty workers in place to do the tasks involved in this program. This is an urgent need. Please step forward now to be the general chairperson. Call Phoebe Vanderboom at school if you will do this task or encourage one of your fellow parents to do it.

### **FATHER STEVE ROWAN WAS IMPRESSED**

Father Rowan told the students and staff over and over that he was very impressed with them and the school. The students were very polite and respectful. Father Rowan was very sincere in his approach to Catholic schools. He definitely wants to increase the foundation set up in the Archdiocese for tuition assistance. He wants the foundation to not only provide more tuition assistance to more families but he wants the foundation to help schools increase teacher salaries. Father Rowan asked many questions, took many notes, and was a pleasure to have at Assumption Catholic School.

### **CURRICULUM NIGHT REVIEW**

It was a very pleasant and welcoming atmosphere last Thursday night for the Back-To-School Curriculum Night. This is due to all of the wonderful parents and teachers that we have. We do realize that getting nametags on was a back-up and we have plans to improve that. Thank you for the stupendous attendance. If you have any specific ideas for what you really like or would like to see improved next

year please feel free to write a note, call, or email me. – Anne Brand

### **THANK YOU, SECOND GRADE PARENTS**

The second grade room parents, Rose Biggins, Anne Nelson, Roxanne Kuliner, and Rita Maguire organized and executed a great reception for the Back-To-School Curriculum Night. They not only readied the gym but they prepared the Library Media Center. They had great treats for all parents. When the evening was over they took down over 409 chairs in the gym and cleaned up the Library Media Center. Thank you so very much for all of your work and all of the second grade parents who helped in any way in this endeavor.

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS REVIEW**

We have had several Back-T-School Events in the last three weeks. Most of them are traditions that we keep doing assuming that they are helpful and meaningful to you. We had a New Parent Orientation, Middle School Orientation, First Day Prayer Service, Back-To-School Picnic, and Back-to-School Curriculum Night. If you have ideas that you would like to see continue, ideas of how to improve any or all of these events, or other event ideas that you think would be helpful and meaningful please send me a note, give a call, or email me. The Back-To-School Picnic attendance wasn't as large as in previous years and we ran out of main dishes. I would especially like to know how to improve or if we need to continue the picnic. Thanks for your time in this matter. –Anne Brand

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE REVIEW & THANKS**

It is a sacrifice on your part to have childcare on the days school is not in operation. Therefore, we plan days for conferences and early release as infrequently as we can. Friday was a day like this for you, but it was a

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requirement from the Archdiocese Schools Department for us. As faculty we appreciate the time that was allowed for us to attend the Catholic Educators Conference in Seattle. The faculty was on the road by 7:00 am or earlier for some. Every teacher attended the Mass concelebrated by the Archbishop, Bishop, and Father Rowan. The keynote speaker was excellent and a true boost in the arm for every educator. The break-out sessions were of top quality. Most teachers were not back before 4:30 or 5:00. Thank you for the opportunity for professional development. All other workshops not held on the few early release days we have will be after school hours.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR THE SPAGHETTI SOCIAL & RAFFLE**

Make sure and mark your calendars for Saturday, September 29th for the Spaghetti Social and Raffle. This will be held in the gym from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is sure to be a fun family night for all, with all proceeds going back to the school. We would love to see every school family there. You can still get your tickets. They are sold in the office. The price is: \$6.00 adult, \$5.50 senior, and \$4.00 children. Of course, tickets will be sold the night of the event at the door. Please return the proceeds from the raffle and the stubs as soon as possible. Be sure to come to this fun event, that will be full of new and old friends, good food, music, and so much more. Hope to see you all there.!!!

**SPAGHETTI SOCIAL WORKERS**

The response for volunteers for our spaghetti social and raffle was overwhelming. At this time all committees have been formed. You should have been notified or will be shortly. If you do not hear from someone, that means all committees have been filled on a 1st signed up basis, and your name is on a back up list. If you don't get to volunteer at this event, remember there are many other fund raising events coming up this year such as the auction and the Fun Run, so be sure to participate.

**TRAFFIC LOOP CONCERNS**

Once again I do want to thank you for the easy flow and following of directions.

1. Do follow the guidelines and be polite to our Traffic Loop Supervisor, Mrs. Sandra Pearsall.

She has been a real help with the flow of traffic in the afternoon.

2. For the **mornings**, make sure there is no double parking. **Use the total traffic loop to let off your students.** Come all the way around and let off students in front of the gym as well. There are sidewalks all the way around the loop for letting off and picking up students. Never let off a student in the drive thru lane.
3. Have your students ready to get out of the passenger side of the car as you stop so that it will go quickly and students will not be walking around cars.

**EIGHTH GRADE STUDENT & PARENT MEETING**

All eighth graders and their parents are to attend the Eighth Grade Student & Parent Meeting on Monday, September 17, at 7:00 pm in the LMC. At that time we will make a timeline of activities for eighth grade which includes a Fall Retreat, an Eighth Grade Retreat in the spring, a theater trip, the San Francisco Science Trip, and all of the fund raising activities that will make all of this possible. Mrs. Brand and Ms. Gottschalk would like you to call them if it is impossible to attend.

**JAZZ FOR YOUTH**

Craig Bueler and his band, Jazz for Youth, will be at Assumption for our students all day Wednesday, September 19. It will begin with a Jazz Festival Concert at 9:00 am in the gym. Every class will have a half hour session with the Jazz Band in the music room sometime during the rest of the day. This is the first major event of our "Celebration of the Arts Through Mind, Body, and Spirit". After the committee meets tomorrow after school we will give you a more complete timeline of events. If you want to be enriched with jazz music come and listen to the concert at 9:00 on Wednesday of next week.

**STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP MEETING**

For all 6th to 8th grade students interested in student council for 2001-2001 come to a discernment on Thursday, September 13, in Mr. C's room from 2:45 to 3:30. Positions will be chosen then as well. For more info contact Mrs. Roland or Mr. C.

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### **TUESDAY TUTORING**

Tuesday Tutoring is every Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:30 after school in the LMC for grades 4 through 8. We help students who need extra help with homework and review. Talk to your student's teacher if you would like your student to be in Tuesday Tutoring. We do need tutors. If you have talents in this area, a relative who could do this, an alumni in your family wanting to give service to the school, or a community member you know who could tutor please call Mrs. Brand. Of course, commitment hours count for this. Your relatives could earn hours for you as well.

### **ASSUMPTION UNTUCKED T-SHIRTS**

Every student is to have an untucked t-shirt for our "Untucked" t-shirt days. The first day is Thursday, September 27 and the succeeding days will be announced. The shirts are \$6.00. Call Susan Johansen at 671-5278 for questions.

### **MATH OLYMPIAD**

It's almost time for Math Olympiad! Students in grades 4 through 8 are eligible to represent Assumption at the county math competition. Grades 5-8 compete at the county and state competitions. If you are in grades 4-8 and are interested in signing up or learning more about this great academic competition, ask your teacher for an application. Weekly practices will begin in mid October and continue through March when the county and state competitions are held. Parents, I could use help with proctering and organizational tasks. Please call me, Eileen Turk, at 715-0053.

### **INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PICTURES**

Individual student pictures will be held on Tuesday, September 25, beginning early in the school day. Students are in FREE DRESS for that day. Uniforms are always worn on class picture day held in early spring. Do remember that FREE DRESS guidelines are in the Parent/Student Handbook, which is in the front of the planner or a separate handout for the kindergarten families. Students should be dressed appropriately for a school picture. Picture Envelopes will be sent home soon. Follow the directions on the envelopes as to payment and return.

### **SEE'S CANDY SALE FOR TECHNOLOGY**

By now your students will have received the boxes of See's Candy to sell to help our technology program. Thank you so much for your enthusiastic response to the sale. Parents or students can bring back the money collected from the sales in the form of a check on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as school begins. Please call either Mary Chambers (398-2963) or Jody Omta (733-2981) if you would like more candy or where you can sign up to sell the candy at a store.

### **SCRIP CONTRACT OPTION FORM**

The SCRIP Contract Option Form came in last week's Parent Envelope. If you haven't returned it be sure you get that back. It was on bright green paper. Some have wondered why all SCRIP purchases have to be completed by April 5, 2002. As the SCRIP committee explained at the Parent Meeting after the First Day Prayer Service the SCRIP committee itself has to streamline the amount of volunteer hours they do. To have the accounting done and into the school's main office in time for the school's books to close it has to be completed by April 5. All SCRIP purchases from April, 2001 are counting for this contract year. It is twelve months of SCRIP purchases. Once again, be sure the green SCRIP Contract Option Form is in the office. Thank you!

### **UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Did you know you can choose Assumption Catholic School as the recipient of your United Way contribution? Last year we received over \$5,000. If you wish to have your contribution directed to the school, please list Assumption Catholic School on your United Way pledge card under the United Way Agency section.

### **ALBERTSON'S SHOPPERS**

Last year Assumption School was enrolled in Albertson's Community Partners Program, a 2%-5% rebate program in which a card is used similar to that at Haggens. The cashier simply scans your card at the time of purchase and once each quarter, a rebate check is sent to Assumption based on merchandise totals. To receive an Albertson's Community Partners Card, drop a note in the Wednesday envelope addressed to Carol Waugh or call 671-4527.

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### **RED APPLE MARKET SHOPPERS**

Please continue to save your grocery receipts from James Street and Fairhaven Red Apple Markets and deposit them in the appropriate bin outside the school office. A 1% rebate is given to Assumption School based on total sales.

### **CUB SCOUTS**

Assumption Parish Cub Scout Pack will be having a new Boy Scout recruitment night September 25 at 7:00 pm in the Assumption gym. Boys grades 1 through 5 who are interested in Cub Scouts should plan to attend with their parents. The meeting will help parents and boys learn more about this great youth enhancement opportunity.

### **YOYO ASSEMBLY "Becoming a Champion"**

There will be a YOYO Assembly on Thursday, September 27, at 9:00 am. Yoyos will be for sale at lunch recesses September 27 through October 4. To buy a yoyo you may order from the enclosed letter or buy the days listed above. To buy a yoyo the students must bring their money in an envelope marked yoyo with their name on it. At recess they will be able to buy a yoyo from the gym area and practice their tricks with the assistance of a video.

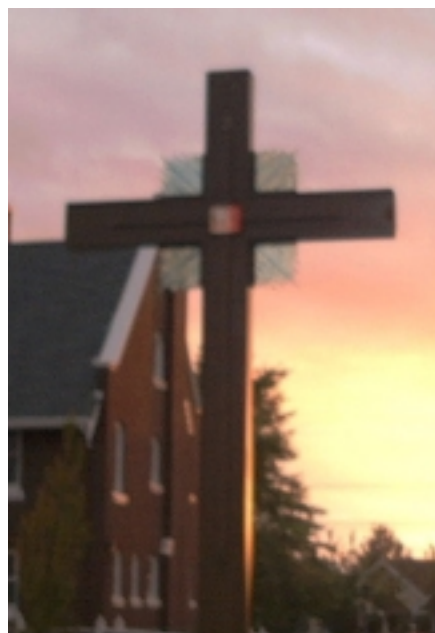
### **ASSUMPTION REMEMBERING MASS FOR DEATH OF CHILDREN**

On Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm Assumption Catholic Church is holding a special remembering mass for all children that have died. If you have experienced a miscarriage, abortion, still born child or death of a child please come. We welcome you and your family to come and honor your child or children at the mass. We will release them into Jesus' caring hands to love and care for them in Gods' Kingdom. A suggestion is that you write a letter to your baby or children and present the letter at the mass to help with your grief and forgiveness process. PLEASE tell a friend - "All are welcome in this place."

### **HOLY CROSS MASS**

School Supply Collection

Friday, September 14 - 8:30 a.m. in the gym  
The eight graders are planning this Mass. Families are welcome to attend. Also, girls are to dress in jumpers or skirts and no one is to wear shorts on Mass days.



### **Prayers**

Loving God, Who especially loves children, we ask for special blessings for all babies born to our school families over the summer, we pray to the Lord.

Compassionate Lord, Who knows what it is like to learn, we ask that all students adjust well to the rigors of the school day, the homework they have, and the activities that accompany a new school year, we pray to the Lord.

Understanding Lord, Who helps those in the world experiencing grief and fear during this time of chaos, we ask for a sense of peace and trust, we pray to the Lord.