



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE & FOREVER

"It is not safe to rock the boat, but if you want good things to happen, you've got to speak up."
Donna Kinney Moffat

Monday, September 20, 2000

May God Bless You for Your Support

Your kind words, your praise, and your thanks for the work everyone on the faculty and staff did to move back into the school are truly appreciated. It makes it all worth it. Of course, you know we could not have done it without the hundreds of hours of volunteer help before school started. Father Jay encouraged all of us to support, compliment, and find each other's gifts this year. Many of you started doing that long before school even started and have continued through these first few days. Thank you for the encouragement and, as a faculty and staff, we will follow your lead. May God Bless All of You!

New School Families Welcome

Many thanks are extended to those of you who are Buddy Families and have gone out of your way to welcome your new families. At the reception in the LMC after the curriculum presentations I noticed that several new families didn't have others with which to socialize. Let's all go out of our way to welcome our many new families. If you were unable to get hold of your family try again. They may just have gotten moved to town. If you are new and haven't been welcomed don't hesitate to call Dru Morrow at 734-2703. She would be glad to connect you with a family.

Traffic Loop Update

By all accounts the traffic loop is going well. Keep these points in mind.

- Pull over to the right in the drop-off, pick-up lane for loading and unloading of students.
- Do not park in the traffic loop, even in the

middle stalls.

- Pull up parallel to the handicap parking by the gym and not over the lanes.
- If you need to wait for an older student either park in the large parking lot or go around the block.
- Please leave your dogs in your car when bringing or picking up your students.
- To buy SCRIP or go to the school office please park in the parking lot and walk onto the grounds.
- Enter from Virginia and exit by Kentucky.
- Give all guidelines to any driver who is picking up your students.
- Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Carpools Encouraged



In the summer newsletter was a carpool sign up sheet. These sheets are still available in the office. We encourage you to carpool. Feel free to sign up and then be given a list of school families in your area for possible carpools. The latest list is in this week's Parent Envelope if you signed up previously. A new list will be published if additional parents sign up. If you are the only one on your list, that means no one else signed up for your area.

Mass of the Holy Spirit

School Supply Collection

Friday, Sept. 22 – 8:30 a.m. in the gym.
Families are welcome to attend.



Washington Assessment of Student Learning Scores

As announced at Back-To-School Night our WASL scores from last spring for grades 4 & 7 have arrived. The graphs on the back of the newsletter give a clear picture of how we did in comparison to the state scores and the other scores in Whatcom county. The Archdiocese of Seattle averages are:

Grade 4 – Reading-85.6, Listening-81.0, Math-67.1, and Writing-62.8

Grade 7 – Reading-69.2, Listening-90.6, Math-52.9, and Writing-77.7

Assumption's scores are higher than the Archdiocese in all areas but fourth grade math & writing. Our faculty WASL Committee will study the results and devise a plan for this year to improve instruction and curriculum in these areas. If you had a student in Grade 4 or Grade 7 last year, your student's individual scores are enclosed. Riverside Publishing Company gives a very detailed description of what your student's strengths and areas of improvement are. If you have questions, concerns, or comments please contact me.....Anne Brand

Northwest Schools & Colleges Accreditation

With our self-study from last year completed the faculty and staff are preparing for the pre-visit of the Accreditation Visitation Team on Thursday, October 26. At this time the chairperson, Kathy Hicks of Spokane, and the other members of the team from Seattle and Mount Vernon will receive their self-study books and initially tour the school. We have some finishing touches to put on the books and we have some hall bulletin boards and tack strips to install. We will keep you informed if we can use your help. Assumption is a Washington state approved school as are all public schools and many independent schools. Both public and independent schools can work on Northwest Schools & Colleges accreditation. It shows the constituents of the school that all facets of a school operation including, in our case, out Catholic identity, have been studied and improved.

SCRIP

SCRIP is sold every day from 8:00-8:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:40 p.m. at the SCRIP door at the south end of the building. The new credit card percentage is 3.5. Any items on the order form with a percentage of 3.5 or less cannot be purchased with a credit card. Don't let the loop hold you back...park in the large parking lot and walk in at least once a week!

Disaster Preparedness "Comfort" Kits

The comfort kits can be made yourself or can be purchased pre-made for \$10 each (\$5 for pre-school). Enclosed is an order form for those wishing to purchase a kit. If you wish to add a letter and/or picture to your child's kit please take the letter to your child's teacher. Please check with your child's teacher if medications are to be added to your child's comfort kit. Every child is required to have submitted a comfort kit to their teacher by October 1st. After that date a kit will be ordered for your child and a fee of \$15.00 will be added to your tuition billing statement. If you have already purchased a pre-made kit from the PTC, it will be delivered to your child's room. Thank you, Heidi Elder, 671-1440

Attention All Room Parents!

Thank you for volunteering to help in your child's classroom this year. There will be an orientation meeting on Monday 9/25 at 2:45 p.m. in the new school Library Media Center. We will be discussing your role in the upcoming school year. Please call me in the evening at 671-9872 if you have any questions. Thank you. Holly Telfer, Room Parent Chair.

See's Candy Sale for Technology

This year our school will be kicking-off the See's Candy Sale for Technology at our first assembly on Monday October 2nd. Each student will receive two boxes of 24 candy bars with a maximum of four boxes per family. Our goal this year



is to raise at least \$10,000. All proceeds go to the technology program, so remind your students that this is an important cause and that we are soliciting great prizes to reward their hard efforts!

Library Media Center Volunteer Orientation

On Thursday, September 21, there will be a short orientation in the library for anyone interested in working in the LMC. Thank you! Margie Sawyer

Alumni Picture Holder

The Friends & Alumni Association has a flip picture holder on a stand. The pictures go all the way back to the opening of the original school in 1913. The pictures are falling and are in need of repair and in need of backing. Alumni, present students, and visitors really enjoy flipping through these picture holders. You may earn fund raising hours through the development office if you would like to work on this project. See or call Phoebe Vanderboom at school to help.

Grocery Receipt Rebate Program

Assumption School participates in the grocery receipt rebate program with James Street Red Apple Market and Fairhaven Red Apple Market only. Please save your receipts from these two stores. You may put them in the bin outside the school office or send them to school in your Wednesday envelope. One percent of total sales from these receipts will be returned to Assumption School.

Share the Joy with Music

The Pepsi Cola Company is sponsoring a program that can help our school acquire (for free) new instruments. The program consists of collecting "Pepsi Notes" from specially marked packages of Pepsi and Frito Lay products. The drive starts November 6th and runs through February 28th. Mrs. Perry is looking for someone to help her coordinate this program. If you are interested please call her at 733-6133 or e-mail her at jperry@school.assumption.org. Thank you!



United Way Contributions

Did you know you can choose Assumption Catholic School as the recipient of your United Way contribution? 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.

Development Office Help

The Development Office has started three separate fundraising tools in the last year. These are:

- schoolpop.com
- greatergood.com
- fundingfactory.com (recycling cartridges)

We are in need of a parent volunteer to take over the monitoring of these programs. All of these are quite simple. Contact Phoebe Vanderboom if you are interested.

Campbell's Soup Labels

Here is a job for you! Be the chairperson of the Campbell's Soup Labels! This can be an at-home job. Contact the office at 733-6133 if this is for you!

Prayer Intentions



Healing Lord, Who helps those recovering from surgery, we ask that Martin Doyle, father of Tricia Peterson, grandfather of Kelsey and Kevin Peterson, heals quickly, we pray to the Lord.

Kind Lord, Who asked children to come to Him, continue to mend the broken bones of our students Philip Renoud and Brandon Beshara, we pray to the Lord.

Loving God, Who gives gifts of healing, we thank you for Patty Plumley's continued healing and we ask you to help her with on-going needs, we pray to the Lord.

