




ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE & FOREVER

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you!"

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Father Jay's Encouraging Compliments

At our Back-To-School Night in September  Father Jay encouraged all of us to focus on each other's gifts and actually tell or compliment each other on these. It is very evident that this is happening. Many students stop me to tell me something they like that is happening at school (and, of course, how they would like it to continue). I hear parents telling the SCRIP committee how much they appreciate the work the committee does to make SCRIP easily available. Parents have complimented the See's Candy Sale for Technology Committee on the work they have done to get the sale off to a stupendous start. Teachers and staff are continually talking about how much they appreciate the new school building and all the many extras that we now have. This creates the positive atmosphere that is happening at school. Thank you for hearing Father Jay's words and doing them. Our quote for this week is, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you." Our Catholic school community is doing what Our Lord has told us. Thank you!

Dedication of the Church, School, Gym Grounds, & Multi-Service Center of Assumption

Archbishop Brunett will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00 p. m. in the newly renovated Church of the Assumption. The Archbishop will be here to dedicate and bless the church, school, gym, grounds, and the multi-service center. It will be a grand celebration in culmination of the all the work that has been done through the Building Project. All of the school community is invited to the Mass and the blessings, tours, and receptions following the Mass. There will be no homework that evening in anticipation that all will attend. The school will be blessed by the Archbishop, allow all to tour, and offer a small re-



ception in the Library Media Center. Everyone is also encouraged to tour the rest of the buildings and grounds and end in the gym for the grand reception.

Tuition Payments

Tuition payments are due on or before the first of every month with the tuition for the year being paid in full by May 1. There are late notices in some of your Parent Envelopes if you have not paid October's tuition as of the preparation of this week's Parent Envelope. Some have not paid September's tuition either. Next month these names are turned over to the Delinquent Tuition Committee of the School Commission for collection. Please keep current with payments. We do understand the sacrifice and priority you make on a Catholic education for your students and appreciate it.

Grandparent/Grandfriend Day

There are fundraising hours available to work on the invitations for Grandparents/Grandfriends Mass and Reception. In the past, an invitation was designed for the students to color and personalize. The invitation was then sent to those special grandparents or "grandfriends" that we would like to invite to our celebration. The development office would keep track of the addresses and mail the colored invitations out. This is a job that could be done at home. Please contact Phoebe Vanderboom in the office.



St. Paul the Cross Mass

All School Mass –October 20th
Gym—8:30 a.m.

Mr. Costanza's Seventh Grade Students are preparing for this Mass and have planned a dramatization.



BUY SCRIP.....BUY SCRIP.....BUY SCRIP.....BUY SCRIP....BUY SCRIP!!!

What a Success!

The Skate Party was a great success! Everyone really enjoyed themselves! Please drop the Sportsplex a note and let them know how much fun you had! They were very generous with us and all the



money we made (\$641.00) went directly back to the school. Their address is:

The Bellingham Sportsplex
1225 Civic Field Way
Bellingham, WA 98225

Library Media News

Margie Sawyer spent an extended weekend at Bellevue attending the Washington Library Media Association's conference. She networked with other library media teachers sharing their knowledge for making our students effective users of ideas and information. Margie heard reviews of the best new books and had the chance to meet several award winning authors. Our faculty continues to keep updated in their fields.

Middle School Progress Reports

This Friday your middle school student will bring home a mid-term Progress Report in a large envelope that they will insert into the front of their planner. Please ask your student for this Progress Report. Do remember that it is a mid-term progress report and that there is time to study and work towards improving any grades that may need improvement. The first person to contact and ask if you have any questions is your student. If they are unsure then email or phone the teacher. Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences are on Nov. 21 and 22 right before Thanksgiving for everyone in kindergarten through grade 8. Contact the teacher if you are unsure about anything before that time.

Middle School Ski Program

Enclosed in today's Parent Envelope is a very comprehensive packet about the ski Program for all middle school students. Read through it and respond as directed. The mandatory meeting for all students and their parents will be on Sunday evening, November 19, at 6:00pm in the Library Media Center. Jerry Smith and Bill Harrison do a great job of chairing this program for our students.



See's Candy Sale for Technology

The See's Candy Sale for Technology is doing very well. Angela Franulovich and her committee have worked hard to provide the incentive, the organization, and the candy for all of you to sell. Keep up the good work. Thank you for all of the work that this entails for each school family.

Auction Procurement/SCRIP Purchase Contract Agreement

Remember that part of your registration contract was an agreement to support our two major fundraisers, SCRIP and the auction by raising at least \$100.00 for the school. This can be accomplished by procuring or donating a \$100.00 item for the auction or generating \$100.00 in profit for the school through your SCRIP purchases. This can also be done by combining SCRIP purchases and auction procurement.

Math Olympiad

We are still accepting students for Math Olympiad. If your student has not yet signed up but is interested, call Eileen Turk or Mary Smith for a registration form. Parents, due to the great interest, we are in need of parents to "proctor" during practice sessions, approximately one hour a week. We will be announcing practice times/places next week.



"Untucked" T-Shirts

We currently have an overstock on untucked t-shirts in adult sizes small, medium and large. Parents could buy a t-shirt and wear it when they volunteer at school (or buy one for a grandparent). Order forms are outside the office or call Susan Johansen at 671-5278. T-shirts are \$6.00 each. Please make checks payable to Assumption PTC. Thank you for your support.

Instructional Fees

Instructional fees were due on the first day of school. If you have not yet paid the fee (s) for your student (s), please do so no later than October 31. Instructional fees are \$25.00 per student (kindergarten through eighth grade) and should be on a separate check from your tuition.



Immunization Records

Washington State Law states, "all students whose immunization status is not complete, exempt or conditional is considered out of compliance if he/she has not presented a signed, completed CIS form. Out of compliance students should be excluded from school until they meet the requirements." Students who are not compliant will not be allowed at school effective November 1, 2000. Notices have been sent in the Wednesday Parent Envelope to those families with students who will be affected.

Student Comfort Kits

Disaster or comfort kits were due in the classroom by October 1. However, due to the lateness of school starting, the date has been extended to October 20. On October 20, the office will order kits for those students that do not have one. A \$15.00 charge will be added to your tuition account for each kit.

Notes from the SCRIP Office

Please remember to thank your SCRIP sellers! These volunteers show up faithfully so that we can all buy conveniently and make our SCRIP program so very successful! Also, please remember to put your child's name (if different than your last name) on the "School Family Credit" line of SCRIP orders. We want everyone to receive their due credit! We appreciate all of your support!

Commitment Hours



Have you already submitted the form with the amount of commitment hours you have completed thus far this year? The forms are in the hallway outside the school office. Fill out the form. Either put in the "Office Incoming" basket or return it in your Parent Envelope. We will make sure it gets to Liz Daly who keeps track of the Commitment Hour totals for you. Doing this regularly throughout the year will help you remember what you have completed and help Liz do her job steadily throughout the school year.

Graham Family Correction to Bellingham Herald Letter



It is most unfortunate that a Parker Graham who none of us know wrote a letter to the Bellingham Herald that was published on Fri-

day, October 13 that was contrary to the Parker Graham that we do know and his beliefs. Parker and Geri Graham have been in our school community for years. They are devout Catholics and members of Assumption Church. They truly believe in the church's teachings about abortion and have even added to their family by adopting two of their four children. A correction to the letter was published on Saturday, October 14, but we would like all of you to know, also. Our prayers and support are with you, Parker and Geri, as you continue in your ministry of parenting and raising some of God's children.

We Are Looking for More Statues-Can You Help?



While growth is good, it has created a need. We have need of four more Mary statues for classrooms. We are still able to get the same statues as last time and they are about \$100 each with tax, shipping and handling. If you are able to help, please let Phoebe Vanderboom know by calling the school or sending a note back through the Wednesday envelope.

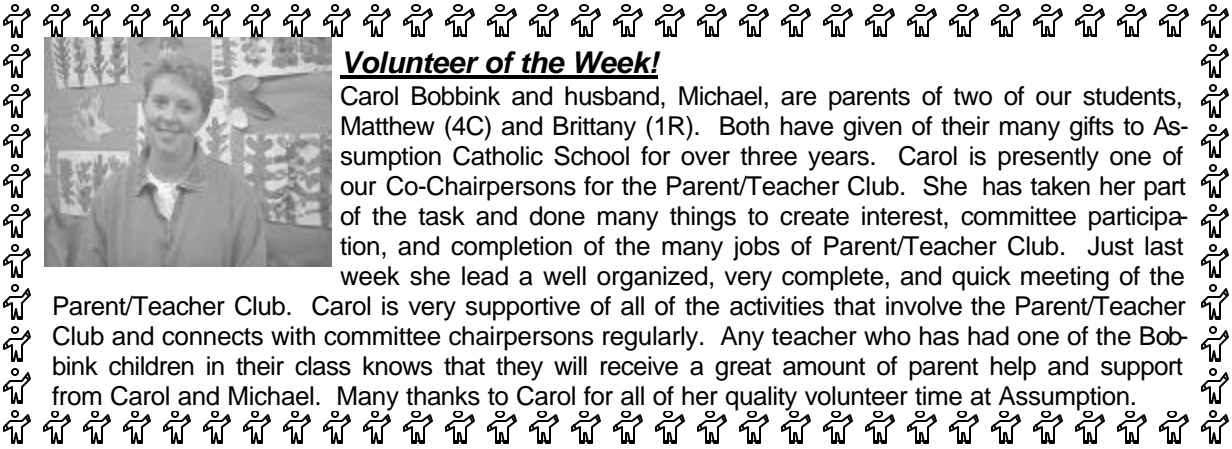
Assumption Church Arts & Crafts Bazaar and High Tea



Visit us on October 28th-29th for an arts and crafts bazaar with over 40 vendors and hourly door prizes. Right next door is the Tea Room serving a traditional three course high tea all day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday in the Assumption Catholic Church gym. While admission is free to the bazaar, the tea is just \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 6. Gift certificates are available. Treat someone special to an intimate tea. Reservations for the tea are suggested (call the Parish office, 733-1380 Monday-Friday) but drop-ins are welcome.

Potpourri of Art at Sacred Heart

For the 31st year Sacred Heart will hold their Potpourri of Art Show on Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 to 6:00 and Sunday, November 5, from 10:00 to 4:00 in their Parish Center. This art show, which is Whatcom County's oldest juried art show, features over forty different types of art from quilts and botanical wreaths to woodcarvings and paintings. Please plan to attend this annual Sacred Heart event.



Volunteer of the Week!

Carol Bobbink and husband, Michael, are parents of two of our students, Matthew (4C) and Brittany (1R). Both have given of their many gifts to Assumption Catholic School for over three years. Carol is presently one of our Co-Chairpersons for the Parent/Teacher Club. She has taken her part of the task and done many things to create interest, committee participation, and completion of the many jobs of Parent/Teacher Club. Just last week she lead a well organized, very complete, and quick meeting of the

Parent/Teacher Club. Carol is very supportive of all of the activities that involve the Parent/Teacher Club and connects with committee chairpersons regularly. Any teacher who has had one of the Bobbink children in their class knows that they will receive a great amount of parent help and support from Carol and Michael. Many thanks to Carol for all of her quality volunteer time at Assumption.

Can You See?

Did you lose a pair of reading glasses the first week of school in the large parking lot? They are in the main office if you did!



Children Need Coats

The weather has gotten wet and cold and the students come in from outside the same way. Please make sure you send your child with a coat and ask them to wear it.

Thank You for Your Wonderful Support!



Thank you! Your prayers, kind words, and wonderful support are keeping us positive during this difficult time. Jeff has entered the U.W. Medical Center for chemo-immunotherapy treatments this week. The week of 10/24/00 he'll be here in Bellingham under my care. We are grateful to be part of such a wonderful community! Mike and Karen Reed

Family Outreach Committee - Reed Family



There are two ways you can financially assist the Reed Family during this difficult time. Donations to the fund at the Whatcom Educational Credit Union can be dropped off with Phoebe Vanderboom at the office or returned in the Wednesday envelope. Please include a note with cash or checks (payable to Karen Reed) so we know the money is for Mrs. Reed. You may also donate money to Mrs. Reed's SCRIP account. To make a donation to the SCRIP account, you may include the dollar amount you choose on your own order (put "For Mrs. Reed" and the amount at the bottom of the form). You don't need to choose the SCRIP, Mrs. Reed will be notified of her balance and she can then choose what best suits the needs of her family. Thank you for your support.

Pray for Us.....

Loving Father, who helps His children recover from surgery, we ask for Your healing graces for Lynn Cox-Hakanson, Miss. Hakanson's mother, as she recovers from surgery, we pray to the Lord.

Giving Lord, Who puts people in our lives to help us heal, we thank you for the doctors and staff at the UW Hospital who are helping Jeff Reed, we pray to the Lord.

Wonderful Lord, Who helps those who are ill, we pray especially for Jim Zender, Kevin Porter, and Deborah Taylor who need Your healing graces now, we pray to the Lord.

Forgiving Father, Who wants to heal all souls, pray for a successful start to Project Rachel here in Bellingham for all people who are suffering from post abortion pain. We ask that you grace us with a loving counselor to lead our retreats and financial support to help Project Rachel start up, we pray to the Lord.

Helping God, Who understands the stresses and strains of daily parenting, we ask that you help all of our school community as they raise Your children, we pray to the Lord.

Students may bring a picture of a loved one who has passed away by Thursday, October 26. These pictures will be placed in Assumption Church for the month of November as we remember All Saints and All Souls. Please label the picture with the student's name, grade, and phone number. The picture will be returned at the end of November.