



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE & FOREVER

"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you'll help them to become what they are capable of being." Goethe

Wednesday, November 8, 2000

"Past, Present, Future & Forever" – Understanding



The students, faculty and staff, and the parents have used their gift of the Holy Spirit, understanding, through this fall of a school reopening. Without every part of our school community responding with their hearts and hands to the many needs of moving in and adjusting to a new building, it would not have happened so smoothly. The Holy Spirit has gifted us with understanding to enable us to live in God's world with an openness to all of God's people and creatures. It is this understanding that enables us to love our students unconditionally. Many thanks are extended to all of you for your understanding.



Attend the Dedication Tonight

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 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.

No School Nov. 9 & 10

Thank you so much for your understanding, which is our gift of the spirit this month, about the shutdown of the school for electrical work. We do understand how this affects your schedule. You are truly a cooperative community of parents and students.

PTC Meeting – "Family Prayer" Speaker

*Joan Williamson, the Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation of Youth for St. Michael's Parish in Snohomish, will give all parents a presentation on "Family Prayer" next Monday, Nov. 13, at 7:00pm in the LMC. Joan Williamson, who has three sisters and eight nieces and nephews in our school community, has been our eighth grade retreat leader for two years and is scheduled for this spring once again. Joan's ability to convey a deep relationship with Our Lord will enlighten you as you endeavor to do the same with your students.

**The PTC Meeting will also highlight a Power Point pictorial presentation of your students' learning this past month.

***"Cruisin Thru the Night" auction updates are ready. See's Candy Sale successes will be reviewed.

****The Dec. 20th school Christmas Program play and song titles are to be presented.

*****See you there!



Grandparent/Grandfriend Day

Our annual Mass, school open house, and reception in the gym will be on Friday, Nov. 17, beginning at 8:30 in our newly renovated church. All students are to ask a grandparent or a grandfriend to attend Mass with them, our

Grandparent/Grandfriend Mass-All School

November 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the church

Ms. Gottschalk's Eighth Graders are planning this Mass for all kindergarten through grade 8 students and their grandparents and/or grandfriends



their classroom, and join them in the gym for a reception. If the student does not have a grandparent or grandfriend to accompany them, please call Phoebe Vanderboom in the office and the school will try to arrange for a parishioner or an alumni friend to accompany the student.



Grandparents/Grandfriends Reception

Within the next few weeks, your room parents will be contacting you about the reception on November 17th. Our families have always generously provided the delicious foods that make this event so successful. Please help your room parents by contacting them if you are willing to provide any of the following: cookies, fruit trays, coffee cake, paper plates, and napkins. We would also greatly appreciate it if food items were delivered on ready-to-serve plates. We will wash and return all dishes to you after school on the 17th (pick-up in the gym). All items should be brought to the gym before school begins on the morning of the reception. If necessary, non-perishable items may be brought to the main office the day before (Nov. 16th). Thank you for your support of this event! Any questions? Call Amy McIlwaine @ 733-6382.

St. Anthony's Circle – Formerly Traffic Loop

Father Jay noted that St. Anthony is the patron saint of travel. The church had a statue of St. Anthony that has been mounted under the covering outside the back of the Pastoral Center. So the traffic loop is now St. Anthony's Circle. Some points to remember when using St. Anthony's Circle are:

1. Drive very slowly. Parents have noted more than once that student safety is ensured when all people in the circle drive slowly.
2. Don't park in the circle, get out of your car, and leave the car to talk to someone else or leave.
3. Keep up the good work of moving

through the circle to allow others into the circle.

Human Food Chain

The annual Human Food Chain collection is being done for the Multi-Service Center on our grounds on Monday, Nov. 20, at 1:00 p.m. this year. The items needed by the center are very specific. Check the list, which is in the office, in last week's Parent Envelope, and with your students' teachers. Students may begin bringing these items to their classrooms from now through Monday, Nov. 20.

Book Fair



Assumption Catholic School will be having their annual Book Fair in the Library Media Center Nov. 15th-22nd. The fair will open after school at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15th and continue until noon Nov. 22nd. Schooldays, the Book Fair, will be open from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and it will also be open on Sun., Nov. 19th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p. m. Please come, browse, and buy! Christmas is just around the corner. If you'd like to help, please call Margie Sawyer and leave a voice message.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Enclosed in this week's Parent Envelope are the scheduled dates and times for your Parent/Teacher Student Conferences on Nov. 21 or Nov. 22. Watch your students' teacher letters for specific instructions as to whether or not the student is included in the conference. Report cards will be sent home previous to the conference on Monday, Nov. 20. Watch your students' planner for the report card on that Monday.

TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use) – Anti-Smoking Presentations



Joanne Johnson, who is a Crisis Intervention Specialist for the Bellingham School District, has worked with several students at the middle schools developing anti-smoking presentations. These presentations will be given



to our students in fifth through eighth grades on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 15. The presentations will be given in the individual classrooms. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Brand.

Auction Item Drop-Off Times

During the month of November, we will offer the following dates for drop off of your auction donations:

- Thursday, Nov. 16th 8:00-8:30 & 2:00-2:30
- Monday, Nov. 20th 8:00-8:30 & 2:00-2:30
- Thursday, Nov. 30th 8:00-8:30 & 2:00-2:30

Look for more drop-off dates in December. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Wesley@715-8232. Thank you for your donations in advance.

Calling All Auction Volunteers!

Come in pick your days and times that you want for your fundraising hours at the PTC meeting this next Monday. If you can't make it to the meeting, the sign-up sheet will be outside the office. We need people interested in helping with Volunteer Management for the auction. Most of the work will involve addressing and sending reminder cards to those that signed up to help at the auction. Call Ginny Sherif @ 398-2451 to help.

See's Candy Sale Prize Information

Please read this week's candy flyer for the dates of our last two collections and the large prizes that will be awarded on those days. Our sale is scheduled to end on December 1st and we still have a lot of candy left to be checked out. Please encourage your students to sell as much as possible in the next few weeks. We will have lots of great prizes after the sale closes. This year we are going to award several grand prizes and draw for categories so that everyone who sells more than the minimum has the opportunity to win a large prize. Mary Chambers and I are working on raising money for a "special" surprise. Please call one of us for details if you are able to donate towards this--any amount is greatly appreciated. Thank



you to all for your efforts and hard work! Angela Franulovich

SCRIP News!

Thanks for your wonderful support! Sales are great! Please note new Haggen's 7.5% and Fred Meyer debit cards. We are continuing to support Mrs. Reed and her family—your SCRIP donations really help out. Also look for the teachers Christmas SCRIP program form in this Wednesday's envelope.

Thank You Electrical Outlet Survey Volunteers

Many thanks to Bob Ibach and all of his electrical survey volunteers. They spent the greater part of last Friday evening turning electricity on and off and checking for the location and usability of every outlet in the school. Thank you for your gift of time Viet Nguyen, Roger Stambaugh, Bill O'Neill, Jerry Smith, Ed Gulyas, Heidi Benoit, Guy and JoAnn Bellefeuille, Stas Bronisz, Dean Kahn, Eduardo Goo, Jody and Nick Omta, Brian Egan, Mike Leach, and Cesar and Tessa Salire.



Virtual Ball

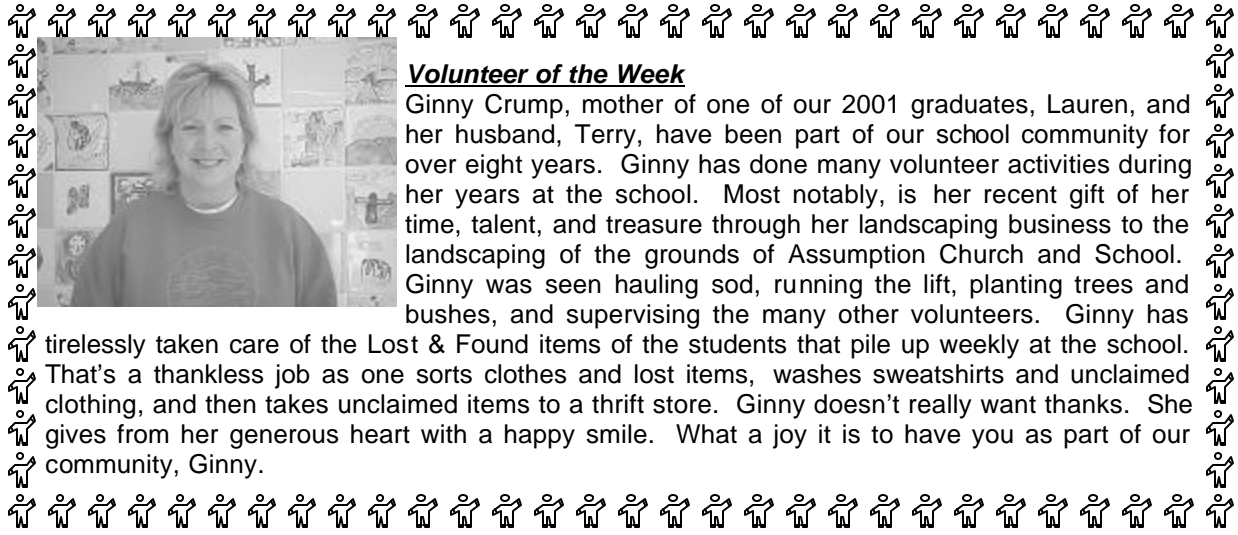
It has been a ball receiving your responses to our Virtual Ball that will benefit the school's endowment fund. Nearly \$3,000.00 has been collected already. Keep those checks coming and don't make them virtual checks!!!!!!!

First Concert in Our Renovated Church!

On Sunday, November 19th, at 3:00 p.m., WWU's Collegium Musicum ensemble will present Handel's *Ode to St. Cecelia*. Come experience the magnificence of this splendid work in our church's glorious restored acoustics! The feast of St. Cecilia, patron saint of music and musicians, is November 22nd. It's free!

Dungeons & Dragons

Dungeons & Dragons is a game that some of your students may be participating in at home or with some of their friends in their neighborhood.



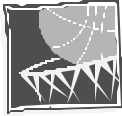
Volunteer of the Week

Ginny Crump, mother of one of our 2001 graduates, Lauren, and her husband, Terry, have been part of our school community for over eight years. Ginny has done many volunteer activities during her years at the school. Most notably, is her recent gift of her time, talent, and treasure through her landscaping business to the landscaping of the grounds of Assumption Church and School. Ginny was seen hauling sod, running the lift, planting trees and bushes, and supervising the many other volunteers. Ginny has tirelessly taken care of the Lost & Found items of the students that pile up weekly at the school. That's a thankless job as one sorts clothes and lost items, washes sweatshirts and unclaimed clothing, and then takes unclaimed items to a thrift store. Ginny doesn't really want thanks. She gives from her generous heart with a happy smile. What a joy it is to have you as part of our community, Ginny.

It is not a game that is to be played at school in any form. Some students (in particular, sixth grade) have previously been using this theme of play at school. We have asked the students to not participate at school. There are many other large and small group games that are encouraged for recess and free choice times. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have questions, ask Mrs. Brand.

Basketball Update

We need a final count on basketball sign-ups! Please register if you are interested in playing this year. Practices will begin the week of November 27th. Games will begin the following week. We will likely have Boys 8th/7th, Boys 6th, Girls 8th, Girls 7th, and Girls 6th teams this year! Contact David or Cris Finnigan @671-4106 with questions.



Pray for Us.....

Understanding God, Who grants peace and comfort to those who are ill, we ask for special graces for Frank Lang, we pray to the Lord.

Loving God, who shows us love in many ways, we ask for an extra dose for the Reed family, we pray to the Lord.

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

Understanding God, Who seeks comfort for the hungry, we ask that our families open their hearts as we collect for the Human Food Chain, we pray to the Lord.

Gracious Lord, Who is ever thankful for the world His Father made, we ask for help for anyone adjusting to the cooler weather who may not have appropriate food, clothing, and shelter, we pray to the Lord.

Giving God, Who has graced us with many wonderful and generous people during the Building Project, we ask for special blessings on all of the workers and givers during the dedication, we pray to the Lord.