



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE & FOREVER

"Gratitude is the most exquisite form of courtesy." ~Jacques Maritain

Wednesday, December 13, 2000



Accreditation Is a Reality

On Wednesday, the team presented the faculty and staff with a twenty-two page report of the commendations and recommendations by Northwest Schools & Colleges for Assumption Catholic School. The major commendations for the school are in the areas of Catholic identity, leadership, teaching strategies, curriculum building, student learning, and parent involvement. The major recommendations for the school are more global goal and student learning objective writing, visionary long range funding planning, a full-time development director, and addressing the issue of space in the future. All of these commendations and recommendations will more than likely yield us a six-year accreditation without a review. The final reading of the report by the regional team of Northwest Schools & Colleges happens around April and after that we will be mailed our final rating. The faculty, staff, Father Jay, students, and parents are all to be commended for their participation, hard work, and dedication to the Catholic education of the total child.

Thank You NW Accreditation Helpers!

Gabriel Vorenkamp and Raquel Wheeler wish to praise and thank all of our helpers for the hospitality they provided during this important visit last week. The helpers were Carol Waugh, Kate Blizzard, Gina Barber, Cynthia Calderon, Mary Chambers, Beckie Miller, Susan Johansen, Lori Spink and Cheri Eskeberg. God bless your kindness!



Advent Parent & Student Requests

During this time of preparation for the coming of Jesus many of you are asked to give of your resources for many things here at school. You are being asked to give to our service projects which center around many families in need. Your

response is overwhelming. You are also being asked to bake cookies for the Christmas Program Reception, which, by the way, is a fun reception for all. Many classes are collecting funds, items, or time for their class's auction item. And, you are being asked to remember faculty and staff at Christmas. Many of you take this all in stride and readily share of your resources. If you are feeling overwhelmed it is understandable. Please feel free to talk to me and give in the ways that are possible for you. Thank you for your abundant generosity, Anne Brand.



Christmas Program Etiquette

Our musical prayer honoring the birth of Christ begins at 7:00 p.m. on December 20. Our program is presented in the church because it is in the form of a Christmas prayer. We ask that all of the audience respect the space of the church and the house of God. The program will be followed by a reception for all in the gym.

Student Dress for the Christmas Program

The Christmas Program, which is on Wednesday evening, December 20, in the church, is a very special event for the school. It is an honor to be able to celebrate the birth of Jesus in song and drama in our newly renovated church. The students are asked to dress in clothes they would wear to church on Sunday or to a special event. Appropriate

December – Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 20

at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Mrs. Perry, the eighth grade and all classes are preparing a musical prayer & drama in celebration of the birth of Our Lord.



pants and shirts for boys would look great. We are not asking you to purchase new clothing but to prepare in advance for clothes appropriate to this special Christmas Program. Jeans are not appropriate except for the eighth graders who wear them as costumes. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Brand.

Christmas Program Church Clean-up

Our church is a very busy place during the Advent and Christmas season. For this reason the Pastoral Staff is waiting to decorate the church until after the Christmas Program. The school needs to make sure the pews and floors are clean. We also need to make sure all prayer books and song books are in the holders correctly. We will do this one half hour job right after the program while the rest of the school community is at the reception in the gym. If you can stay and help me, please send me a note or call to help. Thank you, Anne Brand



Cookies for the Christmas Program

The Christmas Program is right around the corner which means that we need to start gathering cookies for the reception which is held in the gym following the program. Every family is asked to bring one dozen cookies to the school office prior to Dec. 19th. Please feel free to bring them anytime between now and the 19th and we will freeze them until the night of the program. Thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions, please call either Carole Foldenauer at 676-5065 or Simone Hathaway at 715-9159.

Next Year's Budget Committee

Note the copy of Next Year's Budget Survey in the Parent Envelope. We tried to make it short and easy to mark so that we would receive a response from every family. Please put it in the Parent Envelope and return it before next week. This is a major way you can give input and we can try to honor your thoughts. The Next Year's Budget Committee of Bob Ibach, Jon Allison, Tim Spink, Joe Deacon, Chris Mura, Carol Patterson, and Anne Brand would all gladly receive your input before the next series of meetings in January.

Gym Care and Repair

WOW! We are having a great beginning of care for our space and equipment. Thank you to those responsible students who returned the balls, hockey pucks and other P.E. equipment found under the bleachers during basketball games. I appreciate everyone's effort to maintain a safe and courteous environment in the gym area. Any one needing commitment hours?? I have some jump ropes that need re - beading and other odd repair jobs. Please leave message and I'll connect with you. Thanks, Mrs. Campbell.



Elks National Hoop Shoot

Many students ages 8 - 13, have been competing in the "Hoop Shoot" - shooting free throws during lunch recess. This is an exciting event for many students and I am pleased with the turnout, so many do it for "fun"!! The winners go on to county competition January 13th. If your child is a winner they will receive notice explaining when and where to compete. Any questions please see Mrs. Campbell

Next School Commission Meeting

All School Commission members will meet this week on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center. School Commission members are busy writing policies on supervision of after school activities, preschool and transferring Catholic school family entrance requirements, and a policy about crisis intervention procedures for students. School Commission is also addressing next year's budget and registration procedures, plus carrying out the work on the goals for this school year.



Weather Emergency Schedule

Occasionally severe weather makes it necessary to suspend school for a day, begin school later, or close school earlier than the regular schedule. When this happens, announcements are made on local radio stations beginning about 6:00 a.m. and continue through the morning hours. Prior to 8:00 a.m. emergency school changes are recorded on the voice mail, 733-6133. Always listen to a radio station first before calling the school. The radio stations are KBFW, KGMI, KZAZ, KISM, KAFR, and



Volunteers of the Week!

Bob & Sue Ibach, parents of Jessica and Andrew, are great supporters of the school. Bob and Sue moved from Yakima over three years ago, where they were active in one of the Catholic schools there. Right away Bob was asking how he could share his technology wiring knowledge with the school. Soon after Jessica and Andrew began Bob was busy helping Macro Com wire for the networking of the school. He saved us thousands of dollars. Bob has a passion for helping youth grow in their basketball skills and has helped with the

basketball program for two years. Bob and Sue also readily shared their ideas from their previous Catholic school to help us grow in fund raising and development. With these ideas Bob discerned for membership on School Commission. In Bob's second year he is now the Chairperson of School Commission, Many thanks to Bob for his leadership and to both Bob and Sue for their committed attitude to the growth and well being of the school.

earned a 4.00 GPA this past trimester. Congratulations to all of these students.

Next "Untucked T-Shirt Day"

The next "Untucked T-shirt Day" is Thursday, January 4, two days after we return from Christmas vacation. We are letting you know now so that you can round-up that "Past, Present, Future, & Forever" t shirt and have it ready for that day. If you need a shirt, there are extras to be purchased for \$6.00. Call Susan Johansen at 671-5278 if you need to purchase one. If you are in need of a t-shirt and need funds to purchase it please see me and we will get you one. We have funds for families who find this a financial challenge.....Mrs. Brand

Architectural Honors for the Building Project

At the Northwest Washington AIA Awards Banquet, the Church of the Assumption and Assumption Catholic School Project won an HONOR Award, the highest award given at a chapter level. Jurors included Roger Williams, FAIA of Mithun in Seattle; Susan Bennerstrom, a nationally known artist, and Evan Miller, the editor of the Bellingham Herald. Comments included: "a complex plan," "restrained detailing," and "where does the addition begin?" Congratulations to the Parish and Archdiocese for their vision and financial support and to the design and construction team members.



Pray for Us....

Gracious Lord, Who is ever thankful for His children who give service to each other, we ask for special thanks and blessings for the accreditation team of Kathy Hicks, Cathy Parent, Eric Dresbeck, Joan Corr, Jody Elsner, and Jeannie Brown, we pray to the Lord.

Comforting God, Who helps patients with cancer, we pray for Marilyse Benyaker, Max Long's mom, who is having an operation today, we pray to the Lord.

Loving God, Who helps His children recovering from surgery, we ask for healing for David Shields, brother of sixth grader, Marissa Shields, we pray to the Lord.

Healing God, Who helps those who are ill, we pray especially for Frank Lang, we pray to the Lord.

Giving God, Who gives His healing graces to His children, we ask for special help for Jeff Reed, Isabella DeFolco, Jim Zender, Deborah Taylor, and Kevin Porter, we pray to the Lord.

Wonderful Father, Who understands the needs of His children, we ask that during Advent the students and their families grow in their preparations for the coming of Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

Understanding God, Who helps families grieving the loss of a mother and grandmother, we pray for the soul of Jessie Yazzolino, mother of Sam Yazzolino, we pray to the Lord.