



# Assumption Catholic School Winter Sports Program 2021-2022

Hello Middle School Families,

We are looking forward to partnering with Mount Baker this winter by having students participate in the Winter Ride program.

## History of the Assumption Catholic School Ski/Snowboard Program

The ski/snowboard program is a long-standing tradition at Assumption Catholic School. The program has been gone for a couple years due to COVID but will be back this year with some changes. All middle school students will need to make a choice between skiing, snowboarding or ice skating. Students are taken to beautiful Mt. Baker to ski/snowboard and those who choose to learn to ice skate will go to the Sportsplex in Bellingham. All students will take lessons, regardless of ability, and newcomers to snow sports are encouraged. It is a wonderful way to learn how to ski, snowboard, or ice skate or to increase existing skills. This year our program will run for 3 Tuesdays in January: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Students make a choice to ski, snowboard or skate and they will stick with that choice for all 3 days of the program. Students who decide to go to Mt. Baker will commit to a 7:30am-5pm trip. They will need to arrive at school early and will return after school has ended.

**Ice Skating Alternative:** If your child is not interested in participating in skiing or snowboarding the alternative is for them to take ice skating lessons at the Sportsplex. Students will spend half of the day at the Sportsplex and the mornings at school. We do not have concrete numbers on how much this will cost but we will walk to the Sportsplex and the price will depend on how many students are interested in this option. We won't need drivers for this trip.

**Ski/Snowboarding Lessons:** All students will take lessons at Mt. Baker. The lessons are small and are taught by experienced ski or snowboard instructors. Students are divided by ability (not by grade or gender) and by sport. If a student signs up for snowboarding, for example, then all three lessons will be snowboarding - they won't switch back and forth. If a student feels their ability does not match the class, they are encouraged to tell their instructor and/or the teacher or a chaperone and they may be placed in a more suitable class. Please note, signing up for the ski program is a commitment and students are to honor that commitment. Encouragement and support are always available - just ask!

**Pricing:** For the 3-week program at Mount Baker the prices are broken down into 3 areas. If you are a season ticket holder or already have your own equipment you would only have to pay for lessons.

**Lessons** (required): \$50 + tax

**Rentals:** \$72 + tax

**Lift Ticket:** \$101 + tax

**Transportation:** We *need* parent drivers to make this trip possible. Especially parents who have vehicles that can transport equipment. If we do not have enough parent volunteers to drive and or chaperone, we will not be able to do the winter sports program.

**COVID Restrictions:** All visitors must wear a mask when inside and must limit their time inside. Some tables will be available for students to eat lunch on but can only be used when actively eating. No loitering in the lodge as there are distancing requirements. When done eating students should be out skiing or snowboarding. Students may use the restrooms in the lodge or spend a maximum of 15 minutes, masked and distanced, inside to warm up. All visitors are asked to keep their masks on when interacting with the staff at Mount Baker, especially during lessons.

**Survey:** Please fill out the attached Microsoft Forms link in order to indicate which sport your middle school student is interested in and if you are interested in being a chaperone and/or a driver.

Click here for the survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/7NQzCsBnh5>

Blessings,

Miss McIntosh & The Middle School Teachers