

“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:16

In this newsletter you can read about Vocations Week, playground angels, wreath sales, SWAG is open, ND high school update, Bright Futures Annual Appeal, candy donations for military, , conference schedules available, puzzles & books for Christmas Bazaar, Lost and Found, middle school academic help, Girl's Basketball schedule, Poorly Drawn Pets, Human Food Chain Collection, Mass on Friday & altar servers, Veteran's Day prayer service, saint question of the week, **Service** is the virtue of November, and much more!

Thank you for reading!

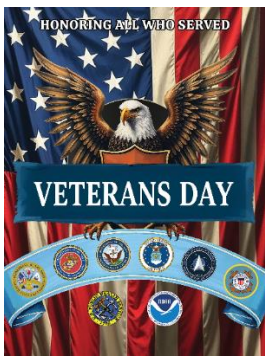
Vocations Week in November!



Assumption School is so thankful to have all our guests visit this week in person or online! It truly was a pleasure and a blessing!

Many thanks to Miss Copeland, our fifth-grade teacher, for all the hard work of organizing and planning the whole week.

Inside your Wednesday envelope today is one prayer card per family to help us prayer for more vocations. The church and the world are blessed to see the witness of our priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers.



Veteran's Day Prayer Service

Next Monday, November 10th, is our Veterans Day Prayer Service and Assembly. We look forward to sharing this day with our students, staff, and honored guests. I wanted to share a little bit of information regarding our guest speaker, Leah Rosetti.

Leah Rosetti is a medically retired US Navy veteran who served for 10 years and has a diverse professional background, having worked as a team leader and an E-5, responsible for loading and unloading ammunition, bombs, and rockets on F/A-18C, F/A-18E/F, EA-6B, and F-14 aircraft. Leah served for 2 years as an Auxiliary Police Officer for the Navy. Additionally, Leah has experience as an instructor with the American Red Cross, an Aviation Warfare Instructor, and a First Aid Instructor with the U.S. Navy. She has a service dog named Maggie. Leah has been paired with Maggie for 2 years, and Maggie helps Leah with daily activities and is a medical aid. Maggie is a very happy 3-year-old Labrador Retriever and brings Leah much joy.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP [HERE](#). Lastly, please help keep the parking spots closest to the fence accessible for our mobility impaired guests and those with small children. Thank you, and please contact Mrs. Creech at ccreech@assumption.school with any questions or concerns.

Volunteers also needed to help prep and the day of the event: See the different jobs [Here](#)

REMEMBER: NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 7TH: FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 11TH: TUESDAY/VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED

NOVEMBER 24TH TO 28TH: THANKSGIVING BREAK



Discover Your Future at Our Fall
OPEN HOUSE!

featuring
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN



Sunday, November 9th
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

We will host an Open House this **Sunday, November 9, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**, with an emphasis on our preschool and kindergarten programs. Current Assumption families are welcome, and ***we encourage you to share the information with your friends and family who may be interested.*** Parent and student ambassadors will be on hand to provide tours and answer questions.

Remember that if you refer a new family who enrolls for 2026-27, you're eligible to receive a tuition credit of \$275 (registration for one child)! The new family must remain enrolled through November, at which time your account will be credited (December 1). Please contact the office if you have any questions about this incentive!

PreK families- please look for the special invitation to visit kindergarten in your yellow envelopes. Thank you!

GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT!

STORE CLOSING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10!



Our PTC wants to help you display your Assumption pride!

The ONLINE pop-up shop is NOW OPEN! And orders are shipped to your home. Get your tees, sport bags, hoodies, hats, license plate frames and coffee tumblers now and be ready to show your Assumption Catholic School spirit this school year! **Remember, all apparel with an ACS logo can be worn on casual uniform Wednesdays.** Click the "SWAG STORE" tab in our school website banner or https://stores.inksoft.com/assumption_catholic_school/shop/home



Wreaths & Poinsettias for Sale!

Christmas is just around the corner. The class of 2026 are selling these beautiful poinsettias and wreaths from our local Van Wingerden Greenhouse. Order now for yourself, family and friends! Don't forget to collect orders from local businesses and your place of work. Supporting this fundraiser will help the class fund for our retreats and graduation celebrations. **Order forms and online purchases DUE NOV. 21st!!**

Thank you, 8th grade class and parents.

<https://vwfundraiser.com/org/assumptioncatholic>



Soy House Fundraiser Nov.10th

Come and enjoy a wonderful dinner at Soy House, an Assumption family-owned restaurant. Address: 400 W. Holly Ave. Bellingham, WA

All profits will benefit the Assumption Class of 2026 and help fund their trip to Washington, DC in the spring. Thank you so much for helping.

Calling Playground Angels!

We continually need helpers on the playground.

Thank you for your help in keeping recess fun and safe!

[November sign up](#)

[December sign up](#)

Important Calendar Change

1. November 21st, Grandparents Day has been changed to an **EARLY RELEASE DAY!** School will be dismissed after mass at 11:45am. We

hope that families will be able to spend time with their grandparents and/or grandfriends.



Become a Parent Ambassador!

As we look ahead to the next couple of years, the majority of our wonderful parent ambassadors will be graduating out of the program. We're looking for a new group of warm, welcoming, and knowledgeable parents to help us continue making Assumption feel like home for new and prospective families.

Parent ambassadors assist with:

- **New Family Orientation** (held the day before school begins)
- **One of our annual Open Houses** (November or February, on a Sunday)
- Occasionally offering support to families who join mid-year

Volunteers will be contacted ahead of time for availability. These duties count as fundraising volunteer hours as they are considered marketing efforts for the school.

If you're interested in joining this special team, please reach out to Dayna Dennis at ddennis@assumption.school. We are so grateful to our current ambassadors for making the program what it is and look forward to growing our ranks with more amazing Assumption parents!

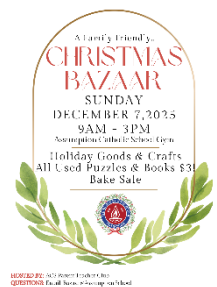
Conference Schedule Sign Ups

Each homeroom teacher and specialists have a sign-up schedule for you to use [through this link to the pdf](#). Our fall conference dates are November 24th and 25th.

Lost and Found....Is Overflowing!!!



The lost and found has actually doubled now. There are hundreds of dollars' worth of water bottles on the shelf. Please come and look through or ask your child because all items will be thrown away or donated to hope house by December 19th!!!



Christmas Bazaar Used Book Sale!

The time has come to begin collecting books and puzzles for this year's Christmas Bazaar - Book & Puzzle Sale!

Donations accepted at the school through December 5th.

Contact this year's bazaar chair, Susie Anderson, at bazaar@assumption.school, for additional questions, or schedule a book pickup for larger book/puzzle donations.

For helping with the bazaar, please sign up for baking desserts and many other jobs!

Let's Fill Up Mr. Ramos's Office!

Hope House serves those in need in Bellingham and Whatcom County.

We have a great start collecting non-food requests and non-perishable food items for Hope House. We hope to collect so much that Mr. Ramos has to work in the staff room!! A complete list of items will be sent home in your Wednesday envelopes next week. At the end, we will be able to have our **HUMAN FOOD CHAIN** as a witness to our school community's generosity on Tuesday, November 18th!!!

Full list of items requested by Hope House:

- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Canned soup and chili
- Pasta noodles
- Mac and cheese
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Bottled water
- Beef jerky, Vienna sausages, beanie weenies, or tuna/cracker packs
- **Cereal (boxes)—only**
- Granola bars
- Snack sized chip bags
- Fruit cups
- Pudding cups
- Rice crispy treats
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers
- Snack sized bags of nuts

From their website:

- Baby wipes and diaper cream
- Toilet Paper
- Size 5 and 6 Diapers
- Pull-ups size 3T/4T/5T
- NEW Underwear all sizes
- Baby soap/shampoo
- Wool blankets
- Thick bed comforters

- Pillows and towels
- Backpacks/luggage
- Sleeping bags
- Men's shoes
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Deodorant
- **No glass, no beans.**

Room parent Coordinator News

Hello Parents, your room parent coordinator, Emma Fisher here! We are excited to continue inviting you into volunteer opportunities throughout the school year. This year we are working hard to connect and invite as many families as possible into all the opportunities at the school. We have made a little survey to help us know what you like to do or are interested in helping with. As things come up throughout the year, your room parents will be able to reach out based off of this information. Please fill the following form out at your earliest convenience! (It should take less than 5 min and more like 1-2 min) [ACS Parent Engagement Survey 2025-26 – Fill out form](#)

*As a reminder, each family is required to fulfill 40 volunteer hours (20 school hours and 20 fundraising hours). At the end of the year, whatever hours have not been completed will be charged at a rate of **\$40x hour** (an increase from last year). If you have questions, please reach out to me directly via e-mail: Roomparent.Coordinator@assumption.school*

Poorly Drawn Pets Art



The masterpieces are finished and are hung up in the preschool/library hallway for you to choose!!! Purchase one pet picture for \$3 or donate diapers to Hope House! Thank you to everyone who has

sent in their pet pictures and payments can be brought to the front office.
Thank you, 8th graders and Mrs. Blas. This has been a fun service project.

ACS Co-Curricular Activities



Girls Basketball Games Have Started

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>11/6</u>	<u>Assumption @ Nooksack Valley</u>	<u>4:00</u>
<u>11/10</u>	<u>Horizon @ Assumption</u>	<u>4:00</u>
<u>11/12</u>	<u>Franklin Academy @ Assumption</u>	<u>4:00</u>
<u>11/17</u>	<u>Nooksack Valley @ Assumption</u>	<u>4:00</u>
<u>11/19</u>	<u>Lynden @ Assumption</u>	<u>4:00</u>
<u>11/21</u>	<u>Assumption @ Mount Baker</u>	<u>4:00</u>
<u>11/25</u>	<u>Lummi Nation @ Assumption</u>	<u>4:00</u>
<u>12/1</u>	<u>Assumption @ Franklin Academy</u>	<u>4:00</u>

Academic Decathlon News

Here is some important general information:

- Academic Decathlon Website: <https://www.catholicajhd.org/>
- The AJHD Regional Event: Saturday, March 7, 2026 (In person - Seattle)

- The AJHD National Event: Friday, March 20, 2026 (Virtual)
- Practices: Tuesday Mornings at 7:15 am & Thursday Afternoons at 3:15 – 4:30 pm. Practices begin November 4th.

Archery Club Paused for 2025–26

We regret to inform our Assumption families that due to how NASP (National Archery in Schools Program) now qualifies schools for program participation and eligibility for competing in the state tournament, we will not be able to offer Archery Club this school year.

While this is disappointing news, we remain committed to keeping archery alive at Assumption. Ms. Eager is working to incorporate a brief archery unit into the 6th grade P.E. curriculum this year. This step will help us meet the new requirements and pave the way for the club's return in the 2026-27 school year.

We appreciate your understanding and support, and we hope next year's 5th–8th graders will be excited to pick up their bows once again!

Whatcom Catholic News



For all the news around Whatcom County and the Catholic Church:

<https://www.whatcomcatholic.org/>

School Mass Thursday 11.05.25

This Thursday, 8th grade class will be leading Mass. **All K-8 students should wear dress uniforms** and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend each Mass!

Middle School Servers at mass should arrive by 7:30am to help with Benediction and incense that begins at 7:45am. Your sacrifice to come early and help at Mass is greatly appreciated.

Altar Servers are Ben White, Joseph Herron, Baylen Richmond (Andrew Richmond and Agam Brar- training)

- 5th & 6th grade altar servers – 2nd training will be 11:30/Noon during recess on November 18th because the students requested more practice.

Cathcart Baby News!

Rosemary Olivia Cathcart arrived 10/27. She is happy and healthy! Big sisters Molly and Audrey are in love with her. Assumption families have been asking about a meal train sign up which is so kind and thoughtful.

Interested in helping with dinners:

<https://mealtrain.com/yyk55m>

Northern Deanery High School Info

The next family info night for the regional Catholic high school is at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m.

All families interested in learning about the progress of the [regional Catholic high school](#) are invited to attend an information session at 6 p.m. On Thursday, Nov. 6, in the Assumption gymnasium. Andy Remien, the school's director of implementation, will give updates on the school's initial location, tuition, curriculum, and progress toward opening in the fall of 2026. If you cannot attend but have questions about the school, please contact Andy at andy@assumption.org or at (206)605-9827.



Peacemaker Virtue for November- Service

Service, also called the “Works of Mercy,” is Love in action!

It flows from the theological virtue of Charity—Love for God and neighbor—and shows itself in two ways: Care for the body (Corporal Works of Mercy) and care for the soul

(Spiritual Works of Mercy). When we serve others, we are sharing God's Love that He pours into our hearts through divine grace. Every act of service is our way of saying "yes" to God's Love and sharing it with someone else.

Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:

"The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities.

- Spiritual Works of Mercy: Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving, and baring wrongs patiently.
- Corporal Works of Mercy: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God." (CCC 2447)

This month let's pray together:

Dear God, show me and my family where you are calling us to serve.

Open our eyes to see the needs around us- both body and soul.

Open our hearts to respond with Love.

***Help us to use the gifts and talents you have given us
to share your Love with others. Amen.***

NEW SAINT QUESTION OF THE WEEK 11.05.25

This Saint was a Discalced Carmelite who lived in France from 1880 to 1906. During her lifetime she was known for her mysticism and spiritual writings. Many of her writings focused on the challenges she faced in her own vocation as well as deep spiritual insights into the Carmelite charism. Her many difficult health conditions also moved her to write about the spirituality of suffering. Her life was cut short when she was only twenty-six years old by Addison's disease, but many of her writings still inspire Catholics today.

Her feast day is Nov. 8th. She is the Patron Saint of sick people and loss of parents.

Put your answer in the jar by the Discipleship Board.

Last Week: All Saints Day/Any saint mentioned would have been a winner but there were no guesses!

Upcoming calendar items:

Nov. 6th – School Mass at 8:15am (Thursday)

Nov. 7th – **NO SCHOOL**- Teacher Accreditation Work

Nov. 9th – Fall Open House Kindergarten and Preschool 11:30-1:30pm

Nov. 10th – Veteran's Day Prayer Service Honoring Veterans in our Community 8:15

Nov. 11th – **NO SCHOOL DAY!**

Nov. 18th – Human Food Chain and Prayer Service

Nov. 19th to the 24th – BOOK FAIR Open- check times on November Calendar

Nov. 21st – **Early Release at 11:45am/GRANDPARENTS DAY**

Nov. 24/25th – Teacher Conferences

November 26, 27, and 28th – Thanksgiving Break

***Items for the newsletter need to be turned in to Mrs. King and Mr. Ramos by Monday at 2pm for the Wednesday Digital and/or Wednesday Envelopes. The office needs time for review and printing if needed.

2025-26 Scripture Theme

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