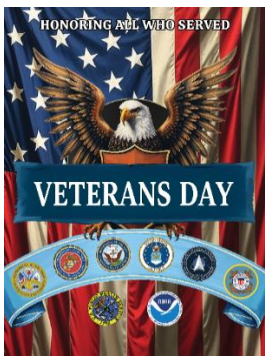


“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:16

In this newsletter you can read about Veteran’s Day Service, playground angels, wreath sales, ND high school update, Bright Futures Annual Appeal, Book Fair, Building Blocks, Talent Show coming, conference schedules available, puzzles & books for Christmas Bazaar, Lost and Found, Fulcrum Scholarship info, Girl’s Basketball schedule, Poorly Drawn Pets, Human Food Chain Collection, Mass on Friday & altar servers, Auction INFO, SPARK, Youth Group Blast, saint question of the week, **Service** is our virtue of November, and much more!

Thank you for reading!



Veteran’s Day Prayer Service

Our Veterans Day Prayer Service and Assembly was wonderful. We celebrated our country, veterans, and thought of lost family members. Thank you to all the performers, our student ambassadors, Mr. Ramos, Mrs. Creech, Ms. Varon, and especially our guest speaker, Leah Rosetti. Mrs. Ramos submitted our event to the Lynden paper and here is a link to that information. [Lynden Tribune Article](#)

(And thank you for all the candy donations for Mrs. Williams and the 3rd grade! We are now working on letters and sending them the candy.)

REMINDERS:

NOVEMBER 21ST GRANDPARENTS DAY & EARLY RELEASE 11:45

NOVEMBER 24TH TO 28TH: THANKSGIVING BREAK

Fulcrum Scholarship Applications

FACTS Fulcrum & Assumption Tuition Assistance Applications

Tuition Assistance applications are now open for the 2026-2027 school year!

The website to complete the application is

<https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx>

The window to complete the application is from October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. This application is for both the Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Program and the Assumption Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program.

As a reminder, submitting the application online is just the first step. All applicants must also provide supporting documentation, including your 2024 1040 tax returns and W-2's. Applications can only be verified and processed once all necessary documentation is submitted. It takes FACTS about 14 business days to process applications once paperwork is received, so the sooner it's submitted, the better.

The deadline for applications to be submitted and documents to be uploaded into FACTS is December 31, 2025. Applications and documents received after December 31, 2025, will not be accepted.

If you need help uploading your documents, please contact Angie King at 733-6133 ext. 4313 or email at aking@assumption.school.



Book Fair News!

Yes, we are open all day on Friday the 21st (even though it's a half day). Feel free to leave for lunch and come back, we'll be open till 3:30!

If you want to shop online, we can still get our fundraising credits as well (you can shop early or anytime during the school year). 😊 Just go to <https://i55bookfairs.com>, click on shop, and put any books and such you like in your cart. At check-out they'll ask you to select your school. Scroll down to WA027 Assumption Catholic School and we'll get credit!

Thanks for your support, let me know if you have any questions,

Mrs. Kim

mkim@assumption.school



Wreaths & Poinsettias for Sale!

Christmas is just around the corner. The class of 2026 is 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

The evening brought in \$2400 to 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.





Bright Futures Annual Fund Update

Our deepest gratitude goes to the current families who have already given so selflessly to this year's fund! We are humbled by your generosity and belief in the mission of our school. So far, we have received **\$37,133** in donations toward our goal of \$140,000.

FACT: The Annual Fund is reducing every Assumption student's tuition by approximately \$625 this school year.

If your family can share any portion of that gift back, others will also benefit, furthering the investment in the future of our community and world!

The **common good** is reached when we work together to improve the wellbeing of all, and we are blessed to be part of a school community that lives that Catholic teaching.

Join us today in making a difference! <https://assumptionschool.ejoinme.org/annualfund>



Fall Conference Schedule Sign Ups

Each homeroom teacher and specialist have a link with their schedule for you check open spots. Our fall conference dates are November 24th and 25th. Email your teacher for questions or concerns.

2025 Conference Schedule

[Kindergarten Conferences - Mrs. Russell](#)

[1st Grade Conferences - Mrs. Whelan](#)

[2nd Grade Conferences - Mrs. Town](#)

[3rd Grade Conferences - Mrs. Williams](#)

[4th Grade Conferences - Mrs. Martin-Zender](#)

[5th Grade Conferences - Miss Copeland](#)

[6th Grade Conferences - Mr. Costanza](#)

[7th Grade Conferences - Mr. Sherwood](#)

[7th Grade Conferences - Ms. Zech](#)

[8th Grade Conferences - Mrs. Blas](#)

[Science - Mrs. Ernest](#)

[Physical Education - Mrs. Eager](#)

[Spanish - Maestra Dolores](#)

[Middle School Math - Mrs. Evans and Mrs. VonFeldt](#)

[Art - Mrs. Santos](#)

[K-5th Music & Middle School Orchestra - Ms. Varon](#)

Middle School Band – Please contact Mrs. Creech for a conference
ccreech@assumption.school

Middle School Choir – Please contact Mrs. Morton for a conference
kmorton@assumption.school

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



The lost and found has 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.

To sign up for a craft space/vendor space: use this link:

<https://assumptionschool.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2025ChristmasBazaar/tabid/1561482/Default.aspx>

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA5AA23A1FEC25-59738596-2025>

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

- Pet Food/Pet supplies
- **No glass, no beans**

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Growing Great Kids Auction and Gala

Classroom Auction Items

It's that time of year again! Our K–2, 3–5, and 6–8 classrooms are gearing up to create collaborative live auction items for the Growing Great Kids Auction—always a highlight of the event and a great way to support our school community.

Ways to help:

- **Financial contributions** — Every donation helps! Your room parents will pool your gifts to design something fun and memorable for their grade group. A suggested donation of \$10 per student is appreciated.
- **Other donations** — Have a vacation home, skill, or creative idea? Reach out to your child's room parent and let's make it happen.

Donation envelopes are coming home with this newsletter—please return yours by **November 19**, so our room parents can get creative with their budget.

Sponsorships

We're so grateful for the businesses and families who make our auction possible each year! If your family owns a business or has connections in the community, consider becoming an auction sponsor. It's a meaningful way to support the school and share your business with Assumption families.

Sponsorship packets went home in last week's Wednesday folder.

Questions or ideas? We'd love to hear from you: growinggreatkidsauction@assumption.school

We can't wait to see what our school community will create this year!

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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.

Building Blocks

Welcome back to another edition of *Building Blocks* — where the floors are shiny, the closets are (mostly) organized, and the smell of fresh paint is never too far away!

We have some exciting updates and heartfelt goodbyes this week:

Welcome, Mr. Castro!

Please join us in welcoming our new custodian, **Mr. Castro**. He comes to us from Lynden Door, where he worked for many years keeping things spotless. Before that, he and his wife owned a restaurant in Guatemala — so yes, he knows a thing or two about hard work *and* good food! Mr. Castro has three children, two grandchildren, and a passion for family and gardening. While he’s still polishing his English, he never misses a chance to greet everyone with a warm smile and wave. Be sure to say hello when you see him around campus!

Farewell, Ted!

Our beloved campus custodian **Ted** is retiring in just two weeks! Please join us in wishing him all the best as he heads into a retirement filled with guitars, hobby-farm projects, and (we hope) zero clogged drains. His steady presence and humor will be deeply missed.

Closet Crusaders & Basement Braves Needed!

A huge thank-you to all our incredible organizing volunteers! You’ve turned once “mystery zones” into neatly labeled, happy spaces. We have two brave volunteer spots left for our final frontier: **the scary basement** (cue dramatic music) NO it's not actually scary - this

was a joke! We're also looking for a few strong arms to help lift a large cabinet in the PE closet so our organizing team can work their magic.

Eyes on Security

We're turning our attention to upgrading our campus **security cameras**. If you'd like to contribute, please send checks to Angie in Accounting marked *Security Cameras Fund*. Every bit helps keep our community safe.

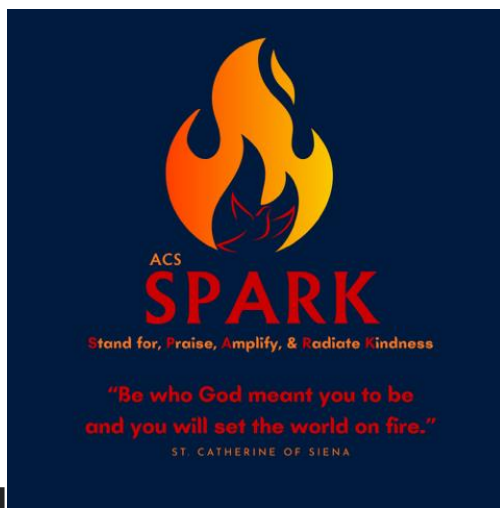
Script Room Revival & Winter Painting Crew

Our *Script Room* restoration continues! We're almost there — we just need a few more painters and cleaners to bring it across the finish line. And speaking of painting... our **winter break painting crew** is forming! We'll be tackling the stairwell hallway next, so if you love a good brush and roller, please reach out and we'll get you on the schedule.

And Finally... Meet "Brother Lysol"!

A huge thank-you to everyone who sent in names for our new floor cleaner. After much laughter and debate, the winning name is... **"Brother Lysol"**, submitted by the Zimmerman family! He's already living up to the name — keeping our floors cleaner than a choir robe on picture day.

Thank you all for your ongoing support, humor, and elbow grease. Together, we're making every corner of this school shine — one "Building Block" at a time. To Volunteer or ask questions please email Brenna@Assumption.org



SPARK Meeting

Ready to create a SPARK? Calling all ACS 3rd-8th grade girls to make a difference now and beyond!

Let's gather together and learn ways to spread kindness and grow confidence through faith, service, and leadership.

Snacks, special guest speakers, and fun activities at every meeting!

Join us every 3rd Friday after school at 3:45-5:45pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Our November meeting is Friday, Nov. 21 and our topic is "Got Your 6" with guest speakers from the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center Youth Program and BOOM! Karate.

[RSVP HERE!](#) and if you can help, [Sign Up Here!](#)

Questions: ACS.Spark.Club@gmail.com

ACS "Got Talent Variety Show"

Calling All Performers! It's your time to shine in the annual Assumption's Got Talent Variety Show coming to a gym near you on **January 30th, 2026!** Sing, dance, play piano/violin/flute/recorder, do a skit, standup comedy, gymnastics - we want to see your act (must be 2 minutes or less) at auditions on December 10th or 11th from 3:15-4:15 in the Stafford Room. Audition forms are in Wednesday folders and due back to the office by Friday, December 5th. Questions - email Torry at tdechert@outlook.com.

ACS Co-Curricular Activities



Girls Basketball Games Have Started

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</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>

Boys Basketball Forms Due Thursday: November 13th

More forms are in the office. Remember to send in registration fee and make sure that we have a physical signed by the doctor for students to participate.



Whatcom Catholic News

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

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

School Mass Friday 11.12.25

This Friday, ACS staff/teachers 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 Morgan Veldman, Abril Diaz Vargas, and Charlotte Rodriguez Stiff (Maddie Dechert and Adele Jones- training)

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

Northern Deanery High School Info

This edition includes information about the high school's 2026/27 school year tuition.

Title:

Laying the Groundwork for Excellence: 2026/2027 Tuition Set at \$14,000

English version:

Over the past two years, we've made great progress in building a strong foundation for our new Catholic high school located within Bellingham's Sacred Heart Parish Hall —confirming community interest, developing a sustainable financial model, designing a rich curriculum, securing Archdiocesan affiliation, attracting our cornerstone investor, welcoming our first team member, and selecting our initial location.

We're pleased to share our next exciting milestone: identifying our 2026/2027 tuition, which will be \$14,000. This amount reflects both the true cost of providing an exceptional Catholic education and our commitment to launching with strength—attracting experienced teachers, designing a vibrant curriculum, and ensuring that faith is at the heart of everything we do.

This tuition model supports the core values that define our mission:

- **Faith** – Providing clarity and purpose through Catholic values in a world of uncertainty.
- **Academic Excellence** – Delivering a rigorous, personalized programs that prepares students for college, career, and life.
- **Community** – Forming students who lead with service and responsibility, strengthening the fabric of our shared community.

We recognize that tuition represents a significant family investment, and we're committed to doing our best in making this education accessible to all who seek it. Tuition assistance programs will be available.

Together, we're creating more than a school—we're building a community of faith, learning, and purpose for generations to come. Families and community members who wish to learn more or express interest are warmly invited to connect with us through our [Contact Us form](#).

Versión en español:

En los últimos dos años, hemos logrado grandes avances en la construcción de una base sólida para nuestra nueva escuela preparatoria católica ubicada dentro del Salón Parroquial del Sagrado Corazón de Bellingham: hemos confirmado el interés de la comunidad, desarrollado un modelo financiero sostenible, diseñado un plan de estudios rico, asegurado la afiliación a la Arquidiócesis, atraído a nuestro inversionista principal, dado la bienvenida a nuestro primer miembro del equipo y seleccionado nuestra ubicación inicial.

Nos complace compartir nuestro próximo e emocionante hito: la fijación de la matrícula para el curso 2026/2027, que será de 14 000 dólares. Esta cantidad refleja tanto el coste real de ofrecer una educación católica excepcional como nuestro compromiso de comenzar con fuerza, atrayendo a profesores con experiencia, diseñando un plan de estudios dinámico y asegurándonos de que la fe sea el centro de todo lo que hacemos.

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 11.12.25

This Saint founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1880 and in 1889 came to the United States from Italy to serve other Italian immigrants. She founded 67 institutions throughout the United States that provided extensive social services to the poor and sick. Today, shrines and churches are dedicated to her throughout the United States, with major shrines in both Chicago and New York City. "Lord, you are the one who acts. I am not even an instrument in your hands, as others say. You alone are the one who does all, and I am nothing more than a spectator of the great and wonderful works that you know how to accomplish."

Her feast day is Nov. 13th. She is the Patron Saint of immigrants and hospital administration.

Put your answer in the jar by the Discipleship Board.

Last Week: St. Elizabeth of the Trinity was last week's answer.

The winner is Emery Shoff in 5th grade! She can come and spin the wheel!

Upcoming calendar items:

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

Dec. 1st – Advent Prayer Service in the church: 8:00am

Dec. 1st - Pizza Lunch Day

Dec. 5th – Wreath/Poinsettias Pick Up 3 to 6pm

Dec. 6th – Wreath/Poinsettias Pick Up 8 to 10am

Dec. 6th/7th- Spirit Weekend: Uniforms can be worn to mass for a Free Dress Ticket

Dec. 7th – PTC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 9-3pm

Dec. 8th – **Immaculate Conception Solemnity Mass at 12:30pm**

Dec. 15th - Pizza Lunch Day

*****Items for the newsletter need to be turned in/emailed 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.**

