

You Belong Here.

Assumption Catholic School

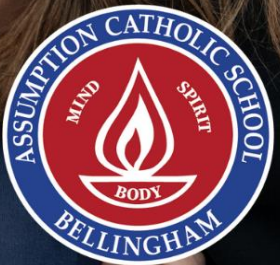
State of the School
2025-2026

E. Omar Ramos,
Principal

2/11/2026

Catholic means “all-embracing”. Rooted in Christ’s teachings, we welcome families of every faith into a community of love, respect, and belonging, where students thrive academically and spiritually as part of something greater.

Because at Assumption Catholic School, you belong.



SCRIPTURE THEME
FOR 2025-2026

"JUST SO YOUR
LIGHT MUST SHINE
BEFORE OTHERS,
THAT THEY MAY SEE
YOUR GOOD DEEDS
AND GLORIFY YOUR
HEAVENLY FATHER"
MATTHEW 5:16

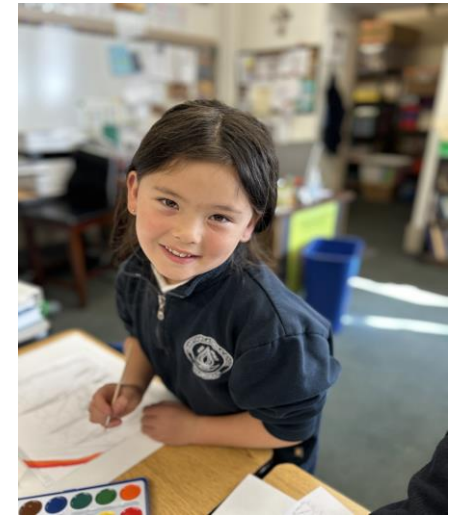


Prayer to Our Lady of the Assumption



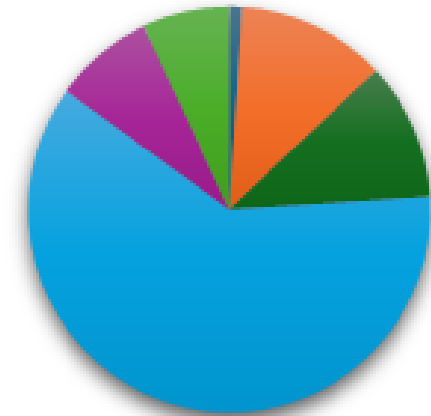
**O Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God and our gentle Mother,
you were lifted body and soul into the glory of heaven,
a sign of hope for all who follow Christ.
From your place beside your Son,
look with love upon our struggles and joys.
Intercede for us in our needs,
guide our hearts toward holiness,
and help us to trust in God's promises.
Teach us to live with faith that never falters,
with love that never tires,
and with hope that never fades,
until we too share in the eternal joy of heaven. Amen**

Who are we?



Student Enrollment & Demographics

- Current enrollment is 224 with 34 in Pre-K
- Complete classes – Kinder, 2nd, 3rd, 4th
- 5th, 6th and 7th grade
- 70% Catholic



■ American Indian/Native Alaskan ■ Asian

■ Hispanic/Latino

■ White

■ Two or More Races

■ Unknown

— Our Mission & Catholic Identity

Assumption Catholic School, a ministry of the Church of the Assumption, provides excellent Catholic Education to preschool through eighth grade students of Whatcom County. All students are expected to reach their potential, to achieve a strong faith in God, and to go forth and make a lasting difference in the world.

How We Continue to Live Our Mission:

- ✓ Christ-centered academics
- ✓ Service & leadership opportunities
- ✓ Faith formation & sacramental life
- ✓ Strong community partnership with parents & parish



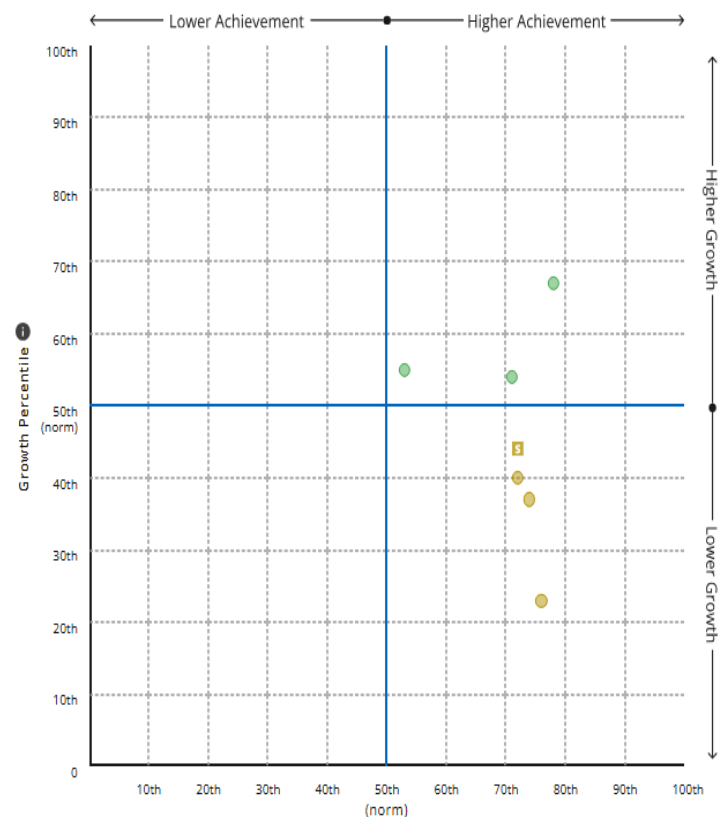
Academic Excellence



High Achievement & High Growth in Math

Growth and Achievement Quadrant By Grade

Assumption School, Bellingham | Math K-12

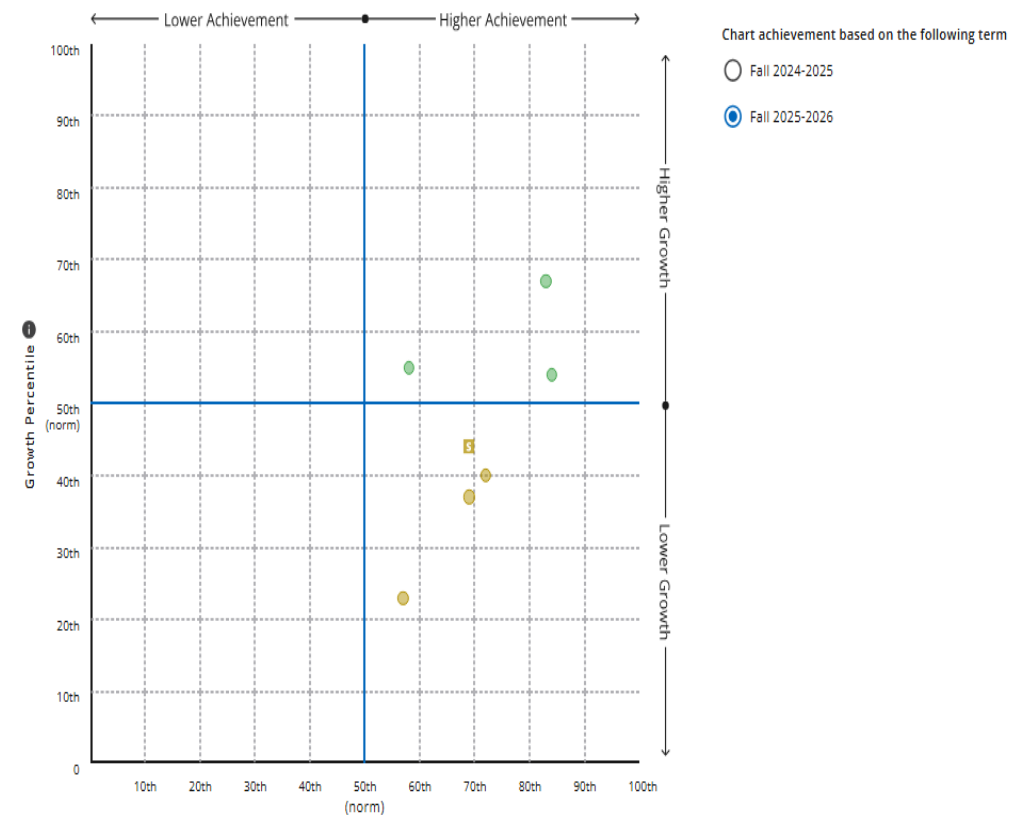


Achievement Percentile: Fall 2024-2025

School Profile

Growth and Achievement Quadrant By Grade

Assumption School, Bellingham | Math K-12



Achievement Percentile: Fall 2025-2026

High Achievement & Good Growth in Reading

School Profile

Growth and Achievement Quadrant By Grade

Assumption School, Bellingham | Reading

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Growth and Achievement Quadrant By Grade

Assumption School, Bellingham | Reading

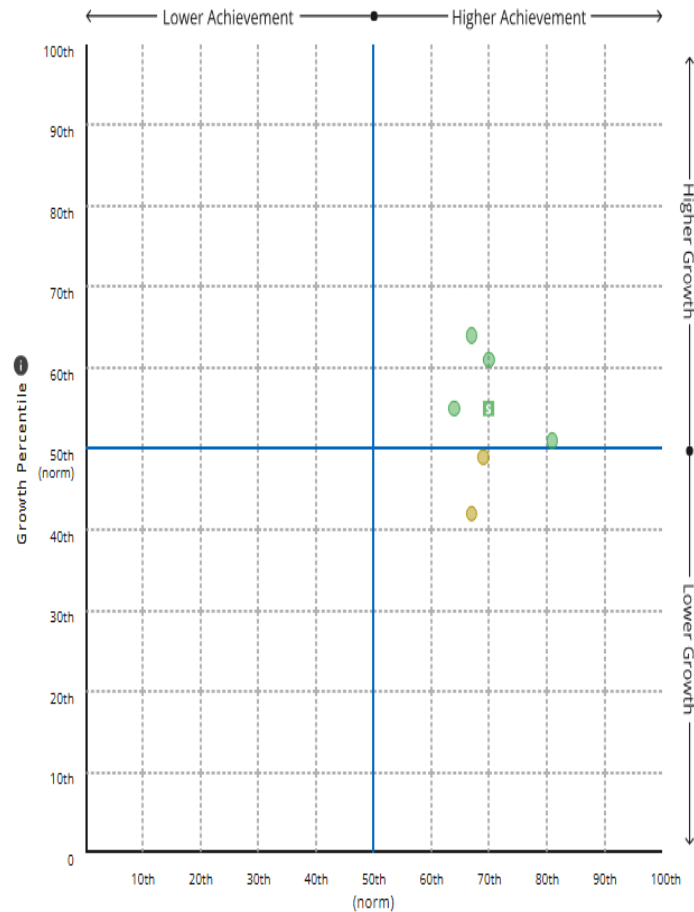


Chart achievement based on the following term

☒ Fall 2024-2025

☐ Fall 2025-2026

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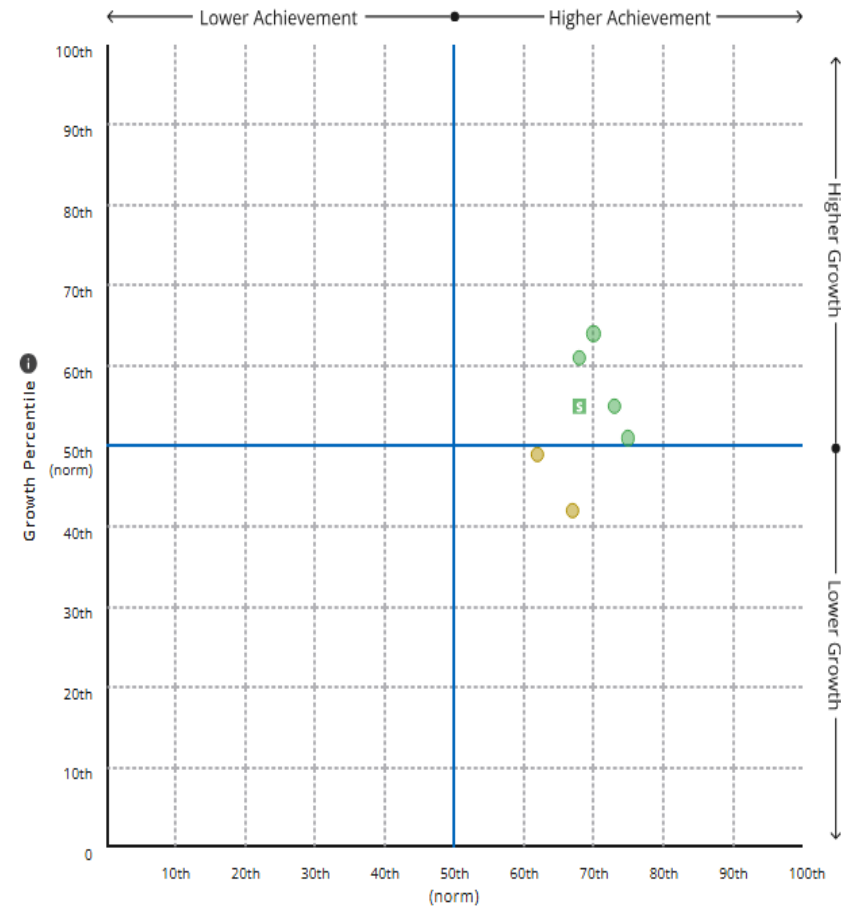


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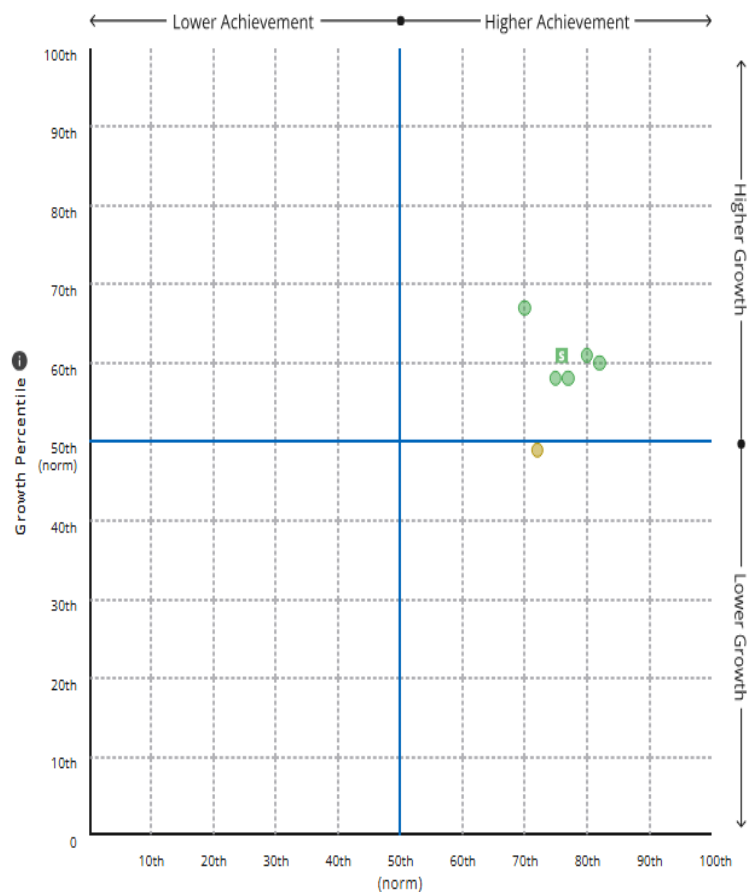
Achievement Percentile: Fall 2025-2026

High Achievement & High Growth in Lang Arts

School Profile

Growth and Achievement Quadrant By Grade

Assumption School, Bellingham | Language Usage



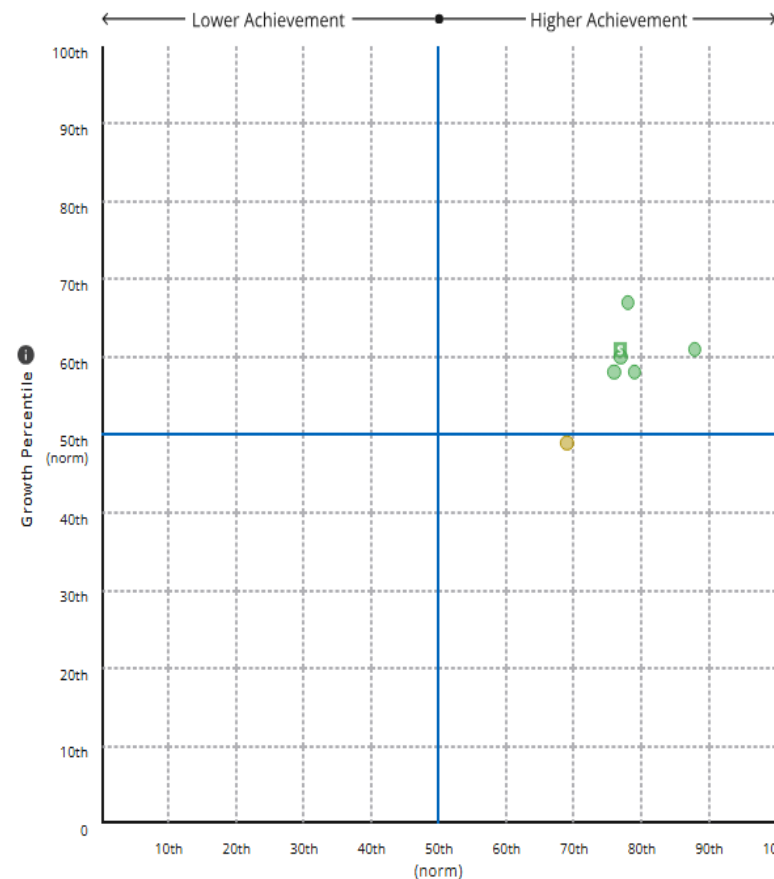
Achievement Percentile: Fall 2024-2025 ⓘ

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Assumption School, Bellingham | Language Usage



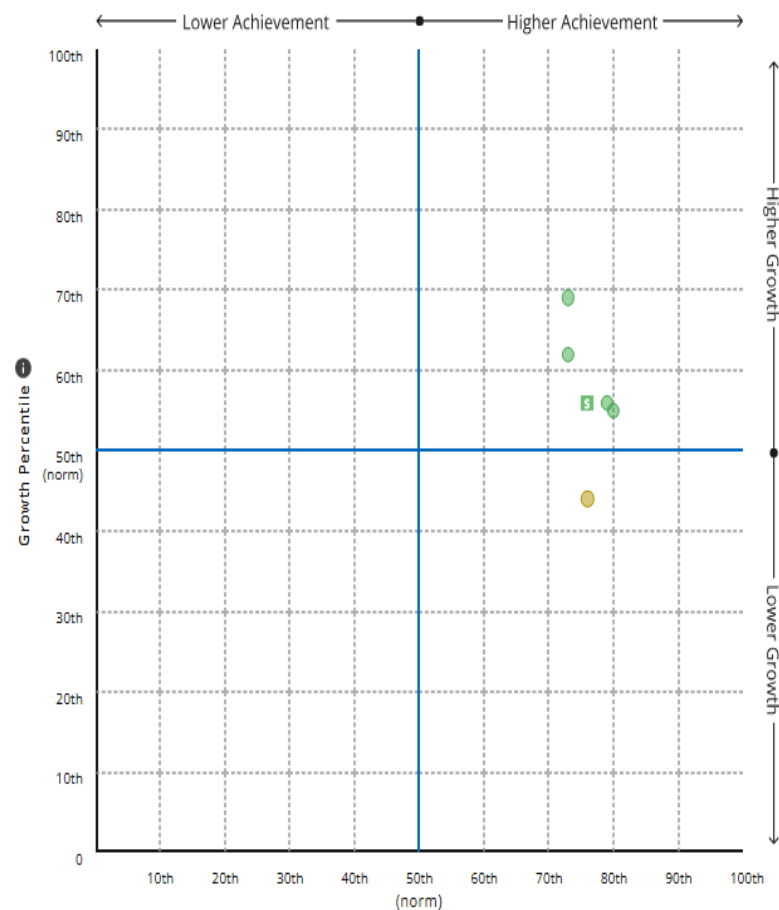
Achievement Percentile: Fall 2025-2026 ⓘ

High Achievement & High Growth in Science

School Profile

Growth and Achievement Quadrant By Grade

Assumption School, Bellingham | Science K-12

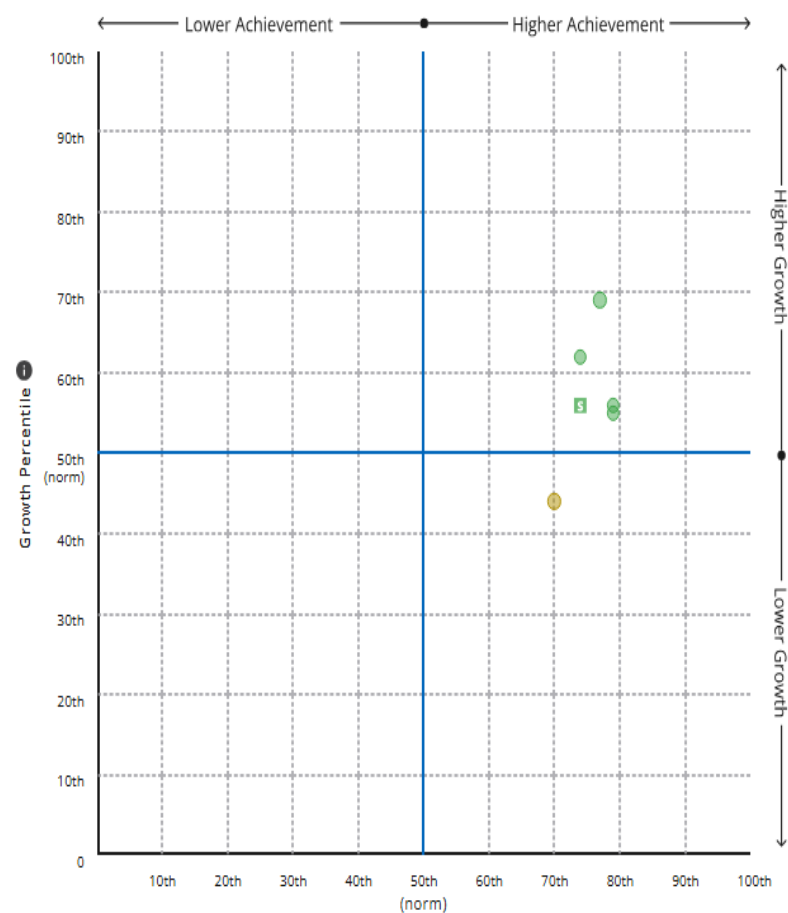


Achievement Percentile: Fall 2024-2025

School Profile

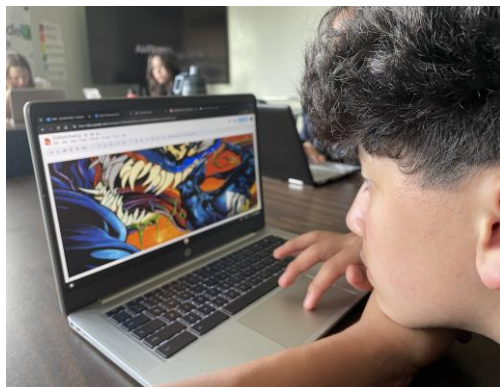
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Enrichment & Electives



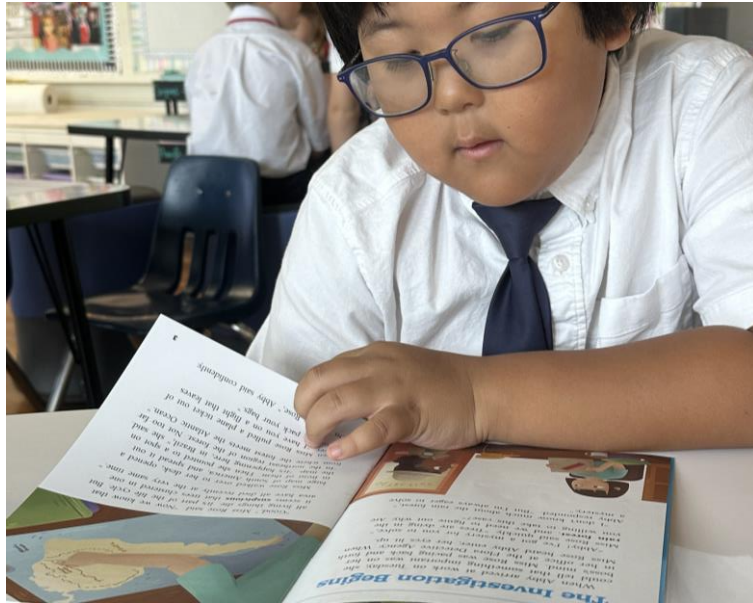
Music for All



- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir



Service



Athletics – Cross Country, Basketball Volleyball, Wrestling, Holy Hoops Track & Field in the spring



Winter Ride Skiing & Skating



Extracurricular Activities

- Student Leadership – Ambassadors, 3rd Grade Tutoring Support, Class Buddies
- EDP – After School Care and Activities
- Archery



Academic Decathlon



— WCEA Accreditation Status

Catholic School Accreditation

... a process for determining the quality of a school's overall Catholic Identity and educational program.

The Catholic school examines itself in order to understand what is working well for the total school community and what it needs to do better to meet the learning needs of the students and to ensure long-term viability and vitality.

Our Visit is set for March 23–25,
2026

Facilities Updates

- We have gone to an improved maintenance plan for all our HVAC. We have upgraded our Airfilters and changed our plan of replacement to allow for healthier air.
- HVAC system in the office has been replaced as the old one died.
- Continued work on the SCRIPT room (Volunteers needed)



— Summer School Upgrades

- Girls restroom had a complete top to bottom renovation
- Both stairwells were sanded, primed, painted
- 3 Classrooms had flooring, plaster repair and paint
- Added 3 more Smartboards
- Entire campus had a deep pressure washing.



— Gym Upgrades & Repairs

- Thanks to donated equipment and professional support, we are transitioning to a simpler and more use-friendly gym sound system. This upgrade will reduce technical issues and make the system easier for everyone to operate. This system was tested at the recent Talent Show, but won't be installed for another month.
- Beginning to obtain bids for gym ceiling tiles.

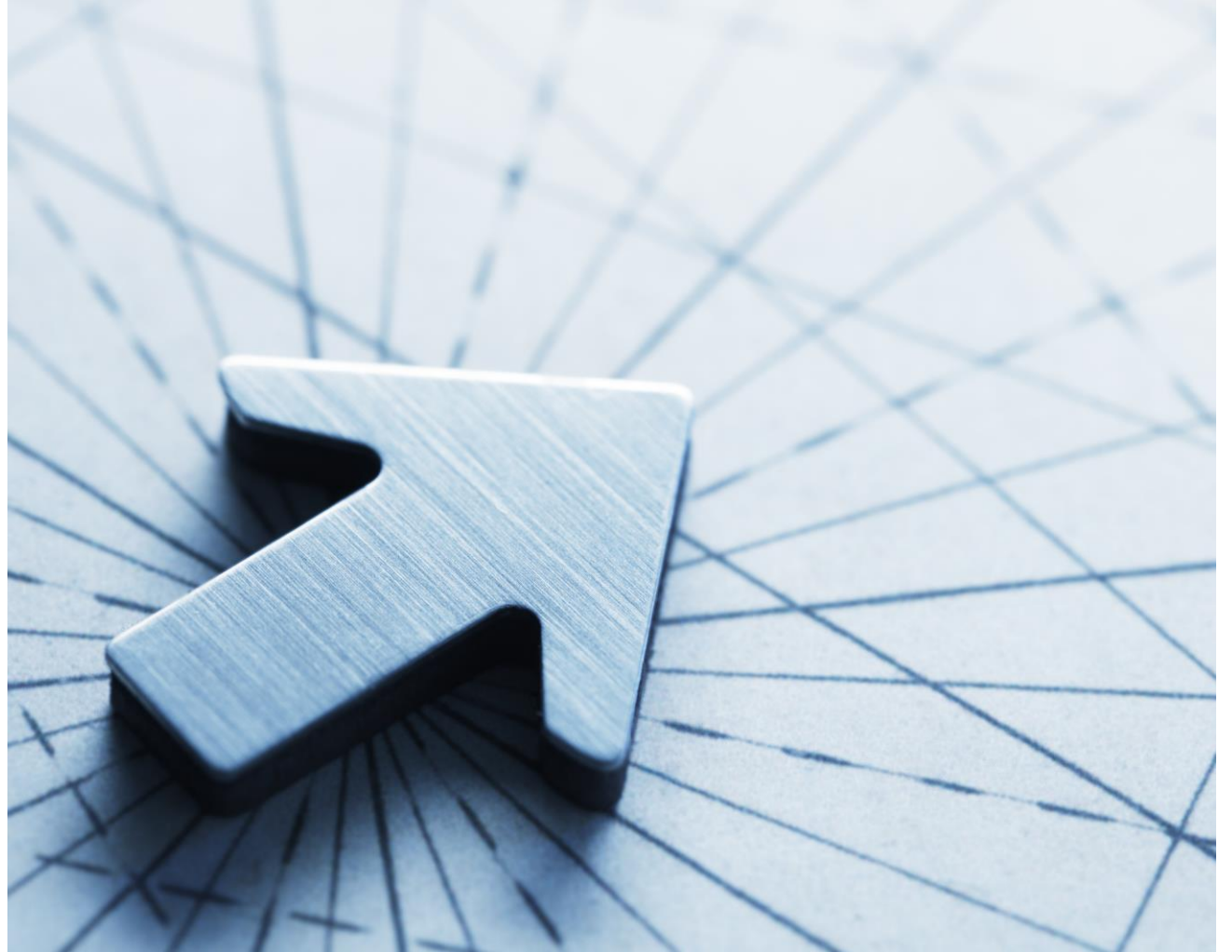


Safety Upgrades



- The schools fire suppression system had a large upgrade over the summer. More than 30 sprinkler heads were upgraded or replaced. (Unexpected)
- We have upgraded our safety and Lock Down procedure to the "I Love You Guys" step program keeping us congruent with the plan the public schools use.
- Security Cameras – School door intercom cameras were replaced recently. The old ones had visually degraded and the replacement was imperative for visualization and upgraded security lock. We hope to add other cameras around campus with the help of the auction.

LEADERSHIP



Assumption School Leadership



- **Leadership Team** – Paula Martin, Holly Zech and Caitlin Creech
- **Grace Leaders** – Amanda Russell, Bev Williams and Sam Ernest
- **Student Ambassadors** – Led by Dayna Dennis and Zoe Copeland
- **Christ in the Classroom Teacher Retreat Leaders** – E. Omar Ramos, Principal and Fr. Jeffrey Moore, Pastor

School Commission

- Mission & Catholic Identity
- Strategic Planning
- Financial Oversight (in Collaboration with the Finance Committee)
- Policy Development & Oversight
- Development & Fundraising
- Facilities & Safety
- Collaboration with the Parish



- **ACS: Father Jeffrey Moore, Pastor;**
- **E. Omar Ramos, Principal**
- **Brenna Clancy-Sebens, Facilities**
- **Year One: Marijoyce Leynes, Greg Morgan, Tyler Vincent, Gabe Twining**
- **Year Two: Sherry Christopherson, John VanMieghem, Joe Patelli, Robert Blanchard, Bill Elfo**
- **Year Three: Jessica Baldwin, Mike Shoff, Mark Wheeler**

Finance Committee

- Budget planning and oversight
- Tuition management
- Long-term financial planning
- Reporting and transparency
- Cost control & planning

- Nicola Repanich – Lead
- Angie King
- Elizabeth Ames – Regional Director of Finance
- E. Omar Ramos, Principal
- Holly Vincent
- Brad Belvo – Representative to PTC
- Tyler Vincent and Joe Patelli – Representatives to School Commission



— FINANCIAL SUPPORT



School Foundation

- School Foundation surpassed \$1 million this semester!
- \$34,447 Tuition Reduction for 224 students
- Support from the Foundation grows as the fund grows
- 4% rolling average from the Foundation goes towards the universal scholarships



- Katherine Deets
- Brian Zender
- Bill Zang
- Basi Rodriguez
- E. Omar Ramos (ex officio)



— PTC

- Support to families
- Outreach to community
- Community building
- Fundraising – AUCTION!
- Volunteer Partners

- Rafeeka Kloke – President
- Lisa Twining – Vice – Pres.
- Holly Vincent
- Lacey Sutton – Sec.
- Carrie Veldman – Treasurer
- Sherry Christopherson – Commission Liaison
- Libby Stark and Krissy Abbey – Middle School Reps.
- Jessica Rosetta – Gala Chair,
- Christy McKay – Gala Co-Chair

- Tresa Mariatto – Volunteer Coordinator
- Emma Fisher – Volunteer Coordinator
- Maggie Kim – Faculty Rep.
- Brad Belvo – Treas./ Depositor
- E. Omar Ramos, Principal



PTC Fundraising Is Important to ACS

Budget		23-24 Actual	24-25 Actual	25-26 Goal
Auction		\$271,351	\$185,201	\$170,000
Harvest Festival		\$9,792	\$6,682	\$5,900
Fun Run		\$20,148	\$16,291	\$17,440
Used Uniform Sale		\$4,746	\$4,244	\$3,500
Christmas Bazaar		\$4,668	\$3,941	\$4,150
SCRIP		\$17,500	\$22,500	\$25,000
Pizza Lunches		\$8,520	\$5,042	\$5,200
Tuition Assistance		\$123,000 + in Assistance		



Volunteer Partners / Hours

- Each family commits to volunteering **40 hours** per school year.
 - **125 families X 40 hours** = 5000 volunteer hours
- If volunteer hours are not completed – parents pay the incomplete hours @
\$40.00 an hour = \$1,600.00
 - **5000 X \$40 = \$200,000** in savings to the school.

Growing Great Kids Auction and Gala

March 7, 2026



— Financial Overview

- ✓ We are forecasting to be overbudget this school year due to unexpected repairs to the building and technology services.
- ✓ The Annual Fund has not yet met its goal of \$140,000 this year. We have until June 30 to collect donations toward this.
- ✓ Preliminary, estimated budget for 2025-26 used to set our tuition rate for next year.

— Types of Financial Support

- ✓ Universal Scholarships – Reduce everyone's tuition
 - ✓ Foundation (Endowment)
 - ✓ PTC Donation
 - ✓ Annual Fund
- ✓ Individual Scholarships – Family Specific
 - ✓ Assumption School Aid – Financial, Employee & Multi-Child Discounts
 - ✓ Fulcrum Foundation TAP Scholarships
 - ✓ Faith Community Scholarships

Enrollment History

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
K-8	192	190	204	233	229	224
Preschool	17	31	32	32	28	34
Total	209	221	236	255	257	258
% Change		5.74%	6.79%	8.05%	0.78%	0.02%

2025–2026 tuition was based on 224 K–8 students.

Next year, tuition will be based on 230 K–8 students.

Cost to Educate for 2026-27

Universal Scholarships

PTC Donations (based on last year)	\$123,300
Annual Campaign (based on last year)	\$120,000
Foundation (Endowment)	\$34,447.00

Total Universal Scholarships (estimate)	\$277,447
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Estimated Expenses = Total Cost to Educate	\$2,347,846
Student Enrollment Basis	230
Cost to Educate/Student	\$10,208
Cost to Educate/Student w/ Universal Scholarship	\$9,000

Universal Scholarships save each student	\$1,208
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Percent increase from last year	5%
Increase from last year	\$430
Increase from last year/month	\$35.83

26-27 Preschool Rates

	Half Day	Full Day
P3 – 2 days	\$2688	\$3708
PreK –3 days	\$3168	\$4572
PreK – 5 days	n/a	\$7548

26-27 Tuition Rate

	Total	Cost/Month
One Child	\$9,000	\$750.00
Two Children	\$17,100	\$1,425.00
Three Children	\$25,200	\$2,100.00
Four Children	\$25,200	\$2,100.00

— Registration Fees & EDP Costs

- **Registration fees remains the same for all students - preschool through 8**
- **EDP cost will decrease to \$20/night per child for up to 3 hours for M,T, TH,F (\$22/night increase) for Wednesdays**

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Jesus is often referred to as our guiding light, symbolizing hope, guidance, and truth in our lives, illuminating our paths through darkness.



Opportunities for growth

- Teacher Salaries – looking at a 3% increase for 26-27
- Maintenance & Repair Fund and Plan
- Long-Term Technology Plan
- Restructure EDP program
- Rainy Day Fund Formation
- Student Centered Master Schedule

— Thank you for attending!

- Enrollment will open tomorrow morning, Feb 6th (by noon)
- Enrollment closes Sunday, Feb 22nd
- Faith Community Scholarship Applications Due March 13
- Faith Community Scholarship Awards, Fulcrum TAP Scholarships and Assumption School scholarships will be sent home April 15th
- In order to receive a full refund of registration fees, withdrawal must be done by May 1st

IMPORTANT: Keep in mind that when enrollment opens to other families, the classes may fill. If you are interested in returning next year, please enroll by Feb 22nd.