

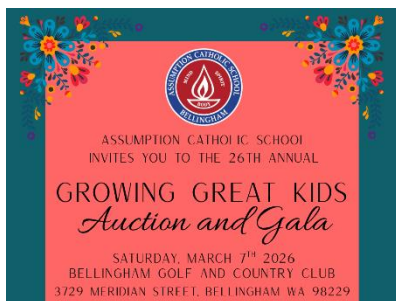
“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:16

In this newsletter you can read about our virtue for March, Growing Great Kids Auction and Gala, playground angels needed, pastry fundraiser, More Blast! Youth Group fun, Mass news & altar servers, piano lessons available, Hospitality request for Accreditation, Openings in second grade 2026-27, job opportunity, parent handbook reminders, new saint question of the week, Chili Dinner/Bingo night, Lenten Rice Bowl collection, tutoring link for middle school, Lenten soup supper, and much more!

Thank you for reading!

Peacemakers: March is Piety

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THIS IS THE WEEK! Dinner Tickets Are Sold Out!

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the 26th Annual Growing Great Kids Auction & Gala on March 7th, held at the beautiful Bellingham Golf and Country Club!

If you want to come to the “Silent Auction & hors d’oeuvres”, call Angie King in the office. Tickets are \$45!

Don’t miss your chance to bid on this array of thrilling items during our live event Saturday!

[LIVE AUCTION CATALOG FLIP BOOK LINK!](#)



We're excited to share that we are approaching our WCEA (Western Catholic Educational Association) school accreditation visit, a rigorous and cyclical review process that evaluates the quality of a school's Catholic identity, educational programs, and operational viability every six years. After 17 months of preparation, we are ready for a team of six

educators from around the Archdiocese to be with us **March 23-25** to verify our self-study, meet with stakeholders, and review findings.

To help us extend a warm Assumption welcome, we would love for our families to provide lunch for the visiting team on **Monday, March 23**. If you'd like to contribute, you can sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4EADA92EABFC1-62760803-lunch>

This is a simple but meaningful way to show the hospitality and support Assumption families are known for! Drop-off instructions and details are included in the sign-up.

If you have any questions, please reach out to **Dayna Dennis** at ddennis@assumption.school. Thank you for your support!

Calling Playground Angels!

Volunteers at recess are a blessing for our school.

There are only four months left, and we have all the sign-ups ready for you. Just check it out and plan ahead. Thank you for helping at recess!

[March sign up](#)

[April sign up](#)

[May sign up](#)

[June sign up](#)



Mrs. Town and this fun bunch have room for more in SECOND GRADE next year!

Admissions season is in full swing, and we're excited to share an update. With so many families returning next year and strong interest from new applicants, we have already filled all available PreK spots and anticipate several full classes. It's a blessing to see our community thrive!

The exception is our 2026-27 **second grade class**, where we still have several spots available. This aligns with a lower-than-average demographic for this age group across many local schools. If you know a family seeking an excellent school for their Second Grader, please connect them with Mrs. Dennis (ddennis@assumption.school). She is happy to answer any questions and arrange a no-obligation tour!

Interested in Piano Lessons?

Mary Walby, Assumption Church parishioner, is taking new students.

Learn to play the piano. Ages 6 and up. Beginner through intermediate.

Private lessons with Mary Walby.

<https://DiscoveryMusicAcademy.com> or for more information contact her

at 360-527-9626.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

LENTEEN RICE BOWL

Almsgiving: During Lent we will be collecting donations for Catholic Relief Services through the Lenten Rice Bowls. Please have your children bring their rice bowls to school only March 12th, 20th and 25th in order to come up to the altar and participate in almsgiving.

Rice bowls (purple foldable cardboard) were inserted and given out in last week's Wednesday envelopes. If your family prefers to bring the donations in a ziplock bag, this is also acceptable. Thank you so much for helping the least of our neighbors.

Fasting/Prayer: On March 13th, ACS has asked to be the host for one of the Lenten soup suppers. You can drop off your food and then join prayer in the church for Stations at 6pm and then all who come are welcome to enjoy fellowship with a soup supper.

Please consider helping us with soup, bread or cleaning at the end.

Sign up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FAFAB2CA02-62606541-lenten>

Employment Opportunity:Part time

Assumption Catholic School is seeking a preschool teacher beginning this spring. The position will start around March 18th, 2026, and last until the end of the 2025-2026 school year. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. This position is on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. For more information, go to the school website or [click here](#).



Calling All Chili Cooks!

Do you have an award-winning chili recipe? Get ready to bring the smoke, sweet or heat!

Join the fun and submit your chili for our Chili Feed/ BINGO social coming up on March 14th! Prizes for the best chili so have fun and name your chili! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4FAFAA22A2FF2-62516588-chili#/> Don't forget to buy your BINGO tickets. This will be an incredibly fun event you won't want to miss! Order forms were sent home in your envelopes last week!

SAVE THE DATE: BINGO EVENT 3/14/26



You can now purchase your tickets starting this week for our incredibly fun 8th Grade Fundraiser for the whole family. Invite your friends and family as this event is open to all! For extra order forms, contact the school office.

ASC Wrestling Schedule 2026

Date	Host	Location	Boys/Girls	Time
2/17	Vista/Horizon	Ferndale High School	B/G	4:00
2/26	Blaine	Blaine High School	B/G	4:00
3/3	Mount Baker	Mt. Baker Junior High School	B/G	4:00
3/9	Nooksack Valley	Nooksack Valley High School	B/G	4:00
3/12	Vista/Horizon/ Blaine	Ferndale High School	B G	4:00 4:00
3/20	League Finals	Meridian High School	B/G	4:30

**League Finals on March 20 -Weigh in at Meridian High School at 3:00
Matches begin at 4:30.**

ASC Girls Volleyball Schedule 2026

Date	Team	Opponent	Location	Time
2/12	A	Horizon	Horizon Middle School	4:00
	C	Horizon	Horizon Middle School	5:00
2/17	A	Mount Baker	Mount Baker JH	4:00
	C	Mount Baker	Mount Baker JH	5:00
2/19	A	BYE	-----	-----
	C	Franklin Academy	Franklin-Markell Hall 1509 E. Victor St.	5:15
2/24	A	Blaine	Assumption	4:00
	C	Blaine	Assumption	5:00
2/26	A	Meridian	Assumption	4:00
	C	Meridian	Assumption	5:00
3/3	A	Vista	Vista Middle School	4:00
	C	Vista	Vista Middle School	5:00
3/10	A	Nooksack Valley	Assumption	4:00
	C	Nooksack Valley	Assumption	5:00
3/12	A	Lynden	Assumption	4:00
	C	Lynden	Assumption	5:00
3/16	A	Lynden Christian	Lynden Christian High	4:00
	C	Lynden Christian	School Gym	5:00
3/18	A	TOURNAMENT	TBA	TBA

All games are played at middle schools unless otherwise noted.

Track Registration is Open!

Coach Costanza and Coach Eager are excited to make this a great season. There are several different kinds of events with a boy and girl team that will work together and have fun at the Whatcom County meets.

Forms and payment are due by March 20th!



BUTTER BRAIDS
Bavarian Creme
Strawberries & Cream
Apple, Blueberry
4 Cheese & herb
+many more!



CLASSIC COOKIES
Chocolate chip
Snickerdoodle
Peanut Butter
and more!



PASTRY PUFFINS
Cherry
Blueberries & Cream
Cinnamon
Cream Cheese
and more!

8th Grade Pastry Fundraiser – Let’s Make It a Sweet Success!

Our 8th graders are headed to Washington, DC — and you can support their trip in the sweetest (and most delicious) way possible!

The 8th grade class is partnering with Precision Pastry to bring you an irresistible selection of butter braids, cookies, and ready-to-bake pastries. Choose from a wide assortment of sweet and savory favorites — all ready to pop in the oven whenever you need an easy dessert or special breakfast. Perfect for holidays, busy mornings, or “just because” moments, these pastries are convenient, crowd-pleasing, and truly special.

HOW TO ORDER PASTRIES

Online Store Opens: February 26th – March 13th

Use the link provided or scan the QR code found in this week's Wednesday envelope to shop and explore all the delicious options at our 8th Grade Student Store.

[8th Grade Pastry Fundraiser Link](#)

Prefer a paper order form (or know someone who does)? Simply connect with one of our enthusiastic 8th graders to place your order the traditional way. Students must collect payment at the time of purchase for paper orders (checks payable to Assumption Catholic School).

PICK-UP & DELIVERY DETAILS

Although the online store may prompt you to enter your home address and mention personal delivery by your 8th grader, we will be hosting **on-campus pick-up days** in the school gym:

- **Thursday, March 26 | 2:45–4:00 PM**
- **Friday, March 27 | 7:45–8:15 AM**

If you are unable to attend pick-up during these times, please contact Lisa Twining or your 8th grade seller so we can arrange an alternative way for you to receive your delicious treats.

When ordering online, you may see a green message that reads:

“Your cart contains products that are frozen and cannot be shipped. These products will be personally delivered to you by (Your 8th Grader’s Name).”

This message is part of the system — rest assured all orders will be ready on our scheduled school pick-up times unless other arrangements are made.

Thank you for supporting our 8th graders! Every pastry purchased helps support ALL the 8th graders traveling to DC. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lisa Twining at vonskirch@gmail.com or 360-393-5004

Parent Handbook Reminders

****If a student is late/tardy to school 3 times and it is unexcused: lunch recess detention will be assigned. This is normally emphasized for middle school students, but it does apply to all students K-8. Best practice is to arrive to school by 8am.**

****Haircuts/Hairstyles for boys and girls need to be neat, tidy and follow the guidelines in the handbook.**

Daylight Savings this Weekend

As spring is approaching, the time change will happen this weekend, March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead for daylight savings.

Tutoring Link For Middle School

If your child needs to attend after school tutoring on Tuesday, March 10th: please sign up by this Friday.

Link: [Tutor Sign Ups](#)



Whatcom Catholic News

For all the news, mass times and pastor notes in Whatcom County and the Catholic Church: check out this website

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



School Mass: March 6th

Friday: March 6th our fifth-grade class will be leading Mass @8:15am.

All K-8 students should wear dress uniforms and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend each Mass!

School Servers at mass should arrive by **7:55am**.

Your sacrifice to come early and help at Mass is greatly appreciated.

Altar Servers: Graedon Wolf, Alan Lopez, Baylen Richmond, Michael Langford, and Koda Lane.

EMHCs are Mrs. Martin Zender H2 and Mr. Costanza H3 (Mrs. King cup)

Faith Community Scholarships now open!

If you are a member of a Whatcom Catholic parish, please find your application in your family Wednesday envelope today. These applications are due by March 13, 2026. Extra paper forms will be in the office. Spanish forms and English are available and online.

DUE MARCH 13th – 2026!



Peacemaker Virtue for March: Piety

Piety is a gift of the Holy Spirit leading us toward reverent devotion to God as well as honoring those responsible in guiding our spiritual well-being. Though in postmodern usage the word “pious” has often taken on a pejorative connotation meaning “holier-than-thou,” this reflects a misuse of the theological term. While the negative connotation suggests an inward, prideful disposition that elevates oneself above others, true piety is the opposite.

A pious disposition looks outward and upward toward God with filial trust and loving reverence, seeking to live faithfully as God's children. Piety is also honoring with gratitude those who have helped guide this formative path, God being honored most highly above all. Expressions of piety beautifully combine a vital synthesis of the divine with the human experience in practices such as sacramental liturgy, prayer, pilgrimage, veneration, sacred music/art, etc. (CCC 1676)

During this season of Lent, we are all invited to recommit ourselves in faithful devotion to God. We pray for God to guide us nearer to Him daily so

we can deeply encounter the risen Christ on Easter, experience his healing transformative love and receive the eternal peace he promises.

Check out the Whatcom Catholic Lent Events Catalogue for events happening around you.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:95af9262-5c8f-4088-9ad2-30bc524ce3a7>

Youth Group News

We are excited to invite your students in grades 6–8 to our upcoming Middle School Retreat: “Saints & Superheroes”! This retreat is a wonderful opportunity for your child to grow in faith, learn more about being a saint today, and enjoy time with friends in prayer and activities.

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026

Location: Camp Lutherwood, 1185 Roy Rd, Bellingham, WA 98229

Sign-Up Deadline: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Sign-Up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549AAA92FA6FE3-62704708-middle>

All students attending the retreat will need a signed permission slip. Once you sign up, you will receive a copy of the permission slip shortly after.

We are also beginning our Stockholder Fundraiser at Assumption, which helps support summer programs. If your family would like to participate and help offset costs, you can sign up here:

Sign-Up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549AAA92FA6FE3-distributing>

If you have any questions about summer programs or the fundraiser, please contact me at daniel@assumption.org.

We hope to see your students join us for these exciting opportunities!

Blessings,

Daniel Prenosil

NEW SAINT QUESTION OF THE WEEK 3.04.26

This Saint spent the beginning of his adult life as a soldier in Spain. After his time in the military, he worked odd jobs, trying to find something he felt called to. When he was 42 years old, he heard a sermon by St. John of Avila that led to his spiritual conversion. With the spiritual direction of St. John of Avila, this Saint devoted the last years of his life helping the poor and sick in his city in Spain. Shortly after his death in 1550, his followers founded the Brothers Hospitallers to continue caring for the sick throughout the world, modeling after this Saint. He is the Patron Saint of hospitals and the sick. His feast day is March 8th.

Last Week: The answer was St. Katherine Drexel. No winners.

Upcoming calendar items:

March 7th – Growing Great Kids Auction and Gala @ the Bellingham Golf and Country Club @5pm

March 7th – Academic Decathlon Competition at Kennedy High School

March 9th – Pizza Lunch Day

March 12th – Red Robin Fundraiser for 8th grade

March 13th – NO SCHOOL /Lenten Soup Supper Hosting in Gym

March 14th – Chili and Bingo Event in the gym

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day (GREEN & WHITE Day!)

March 18th – Optional Teacher conferences(2-4pm) ****Change on the calendar**

March 23rd – Pizza Lunch Day, Student Ambassador Applications Due

March 23, 24, & 25th – Accreditation Team Visit!

March 25th – ****Mass will be at 8:15am**

March 25th – Early Release at 11:45am/**No EDP today!!**

March 26th/27th – **Pick up days for Pastries/Breads**

March 28th – Moms vs. Sons Nerf Game 1:30

April 1st – Student Ambassador interviews

April 3rd – **Good Friday**: Early Release with **NO EDP**

Spring Break is April 5-9th

Final Reminders:

***Haircuts for boys and girls need to be kept up. If students are “out of uniform” 3 times it will result in a lunch detention for grades 4-8th.

***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.

- **** Casual dress every Wednesday. Assumption tee shirts/sweatshirts, jeans or uniform pants, leggings under a skirt or dress. Swag can be worn on Wednesdays.**
- **Scouts may wear uniforms on meeting days.**