"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, FUN RUN news, playground angels needed, Missoula Children's Theater, Auction Pictures for sale, Annual Fund Update, No Mass Friday, Stations of the Cross and Last Supper performance, traffic loop protocol, parent handbook reminders, tutoring opportunities, new saint question, Hosting Coffee and Donuts, Pastry Pick-ups, Moms vs. Sons Nerf Game, Easter egg hunt, and much more! Thank you for reading!

Peacemakers: March is Piety

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Get Ready to Run!!!!!

The 42nd Annual Ellen Anderson Fun Run is only one month away. Ellen Anderson was an amazing Assumption Catholic School volunteer. She gave selflessly of her time and talents for decades even though she did not have children who attended our school. Her actions spoke many words, and by her raising more than $1000 each year, her heart is at Assumption.

Please see the flyer sent home last week for more details: including t-shirt and sponsorships due April 3rd!

Volunteer opportunities will be posted soon. Stay tuned for more details.

Calling Playground Angels!

Volunteers at recess are a blessing for our school.

Just check it out the dates and times. Thank you!

March sign up

April sign up

May sign up

June sign up

Traffic Loop Reminders

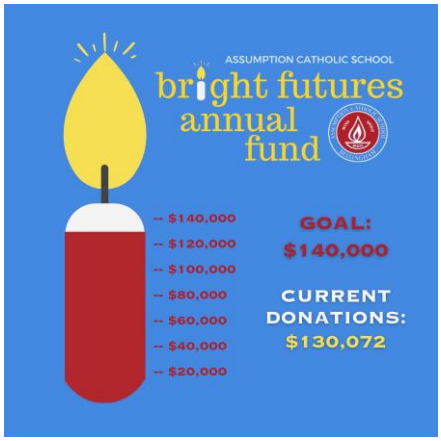
(Almost) spring is a great time to refresh a few important traffic loop expectations that keep everyone safe and running smoothly!

- **At both drop-off and pick-up, please follow the ONE-WAY traffic flow: Enter on Virginia and exit on Kentucky.**
- **In the morning, parents must either:**
  - Pull fully into the traffic loop for drop-off, **or**
  - Park your vehicle and walk your children in.

  **If your child needs help carrying a project or gathering extra items, please walk them in rather than stopping for an extended period in the loop.
- We've recently seen attempts to drop students off **outside the loop gates in the parking lot**. This is unsafe for children walking in alone, and it slows down the families who are following the loop correctly.
- **In the morning loop, please observe the signs** to drop off **between the parish office and the light post with our school banner**.
- Please stay in line; don't go around the cars in front of you. Wait for them to pull forward before you follow.

Thank you for helping us keep the process smooth, safe, and predictable for all children and our staff on duty. A little patience goes a long way, especially at this time of year!

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE



Thanks to our wonderful community, we are getting closer to our goal of $140,000 for this school year! Remember, a gift of ANY amount truly makes a difference! Every contribution adds up, and none is more valuable than another. **Reaching our goal is essential to staying within our operating budget for the current year, which was designed to keep tuition as low as possible for every single ACS family.** Thank you for helping us build a bright future for every student and allowing more parents to choose Assumption for their children!

Click here to donate today!

LENTEN 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** to come up to the altar and participate in almsgiving. The last collection at school will be March 25th.

Rice bowls (purple foldable cardboard) were sent home in 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: All are welcome to join prayer in the church for Shadow Stations in the gym March 27th. Everyone is then invited to fellowship with a soup supper in the gym both nights.

Nerf Game: Moms vs. Sons

Don’t forget to get on your battle-ready gear for 2 hours of fun!

Where: Gym

Time: 1:30- 3:30pm

Date: Saturday March 28th

Payment is $5 by cash or Venmo at the door. Contact Sherry Christopherson or Jessica Baldwin if you have any questions.

Coffee and Donuts ACS Hosting

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FAFAB2CA02-51780392-hosting#/

We have open volunteer spots on Sunday, April 12th and Sunday, May 3rd.

This is a low key, easy way to earn Church volunteer hours, School volunteer hours or middle school students can also earn service hours for this semester. Help us build community through this tradition of serving coffee and donuts after mass.

🎉 Pastry are here PICKUP TOMORROW!! 🎉

Great news! The eighth-grade pastry fundraiser orders are ready for pickup. Please stop by the gym at one of the following times:

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

Thank you so much for supporting our eighth-grade class! Because of your generosity, this was another sweet and successful fundraiser for our students. We truly appreciate your help in making these opportunities possible.

Reminder: Pastries will be distributed **frozen** and should remain frozen until you are ready to prepare them. Please plan accordingly and consider bringing a cooler or freezer bag if needed.

We can't wait for you to enjoy your delicious pastries — and thank you again for cheering on our eighth graders!

PTC News

There are open spots to join the Parent Teacher Club executive board for next year.

A nomination form was sent home today in your Wednesday envelopes. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our PTC President: Rafeeka Kloke @ Rafeeka@msn.com

Parent Handbook Reminders

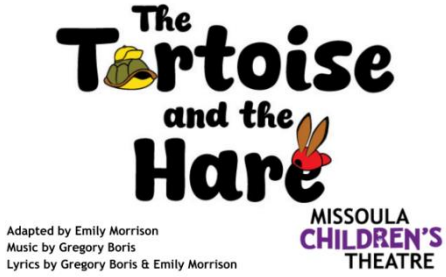
**If a student is late/tardy to school 3 times and it is unexcused: lunch recess detention will be assigned. This is normally emphasized for middle school students, but it does apply to all students K-8. *Best practice is to arrive to school by 8am.*

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

**Uniforms, including sweatshirts should be neat, clean and fitted to the student's appropriate size. Extra-large sweatshirts will be asked to be removed and not worn. Clothes should not be "baggy" style.

**Please return all Wednesday envelopes to the office on Thursday or Friday. Best practice is to create a routine for the student and the parent. If you have lost the envelope, then let the office know and there will be a $5 replacement charge.

GET READY FOR MCT: THE TORTOISE & THE HARE



The PTC is excited to announce the return of the Missoula Children's Theatre! The performance this year is the famed story "The Tortoise and the Hare". To ensure that the performance is successful we are asking the amazing parents and faculty to assist with the following volunteer opportunities. The auditions are May 4th @ 3:15-5:15 in the Assumption gym Stafford Room.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. 1 or 2 host homes- the homes must be free of pets, smoke and student performers. The guests will need access to refrigeration for medical reasons. The home must be available May 3- May 9th. The directors will be sharing transportation – Ideally, they could be accommodated in one home.

2. We will need adult Chaperones for the rehearsal. Please sign- up with this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA5AA23A1FEC25-62551296-missoula#/

3. Pianist – if you are musically including or know of someone, please refer them to me. We have the musical score in hand. The first rehearsal with accompaniment is May 6th.

Please contact Tresa Mariotto at mariocart85@gmail.com or call or text 360-927-6098.

Tutoring Opportunities for Middle School and 2-5th grades

1. If your child is in Middle School and needs some extra help in a subject or two, please use this link to sign them up: **https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAEA92FA4F9C43-58940625-middle#/**
2. If you have a 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student that would like to come to Tuesday "tutoring" with Mrs. Williams: contact her at bwilliams@assumption.school

Student Pictures Available!

Student photographs not purchased at the Auction and Gala March 7th are available at the school office for $15.00 cash or check made payable to Assumption Catholic School. The photos are amazing. You will want to see your child's photo hanging on the wall at home!

Whatcom Catholic News

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

https://www.whatcomcatholic.org/

Tuesday Morning Rosary Group

After Spring Break, the 8:15am rosary group will change to meet in the Stafford Room. This is open to any Assumption parent or grandparent that is dropping off students in the morning and would like to join us in praying for the school community.

The Stafford Room is on the corner of the gym on your way to the music room.

EASTER EGG HUNT SUPPLIES

An Easter egg hunt will take place after the 10am mass at Assumption.

- on Sunday April 5th.

We ask that you hold off on participating in the hunt until mass has ended around 11:15am.

- bring your own baskets or bags to collect eggs in.

There will be a collection box labeled "Easter Egg Recycling" placed near the Hope House collection bin in the gathering space and next to the office at Assumption School after Easter Sunday to recycle any plastic eggs for next year.

No School Mass:

The next all school mass will be on April 17th, 2026, after spring break.

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)

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

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NEW SAINT QUESTION OF THE WEEK 3.18.26

This Solemnity celebrates the Angel Gabriel announcing to the Virgin Mary that God chose her to carry His son. We are reminded of the Incarnation and our redemption. Throughout Church history, many theologians have expounded upon the significance of this event, and many artists have channeled their religious devotion to paintings depicting the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary.

What is the name of this Solemnity celebrated on March 25th?

Last Week: The answer was St. Joseph. No winners from last week.

Substitute Opportunity for Parents @ACS

I am sending this notice out to all of you and requesting that anyone who can, please sign up to be one of our classroom substitutes. As the year starts closing out, there are times when we need a substitute to assist us in one of our classrooms. We have been very fortunate to have a good pool of about 4-5 substitutes, but there are times when those subs are not able to come in due to personal appointments. According to the archdiocese, catholic schools are able to hire subs from our parent pool. So, I invite you to come into our classrooms and substitute for a time and help us meet the needs of all our students. Think about it and if you have any questions, feel free to email theoffice@assumption.school or mrramos@assumption.school directly.

Upcoming calendar items:

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**

Prayer in the Garden and Stations of the Cross performed by 6th and 7th grade students. Begins at 10:15am

Spring Break is April 5-9th

April 15/16th- Menchie's Ice Cream Fundraiser

April 22nd – PTC General Meeting

April 24th – Celebration of the Arts 6pm

April 28th – FUN RUN 1pm

Final Reminders:

***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.**
- **Middle school sweatshirts should not be too long in the sleeves or length of torso.**