



August, 2017

"Each day we make deposits in the memory books of our children"

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another new school year. I'm hoping you are all having a wonderful summer - a little rest and a little fun. While I wish summer could go on forever, I am a little excited to get back to a routine and see all of you and our kids. It's always fun to hear of the many adventures you've had.

I cannot remember a busier summer at school. It's been crazy! We have finally begun the time consuming and expensive job of putting air conditioning in most of the classrooms. I say most because some will be done next summer as well. We've gotten a good start and we'll keep forging ahead with this project. That's one good reason to start school – it will be cool!

Although it's summer, the fashion show chairpersons, Joni McDonnell and Laura Santoriello and their many committees have been working diligently getting ready for "Mardi Gras and All that Jazz"! As you know this is our one major fundraiser and we know we can count on all of our families to get involved to make this year's show a great success. Thank you to all you ladies working on the show. I know it's a lot of work and disrupts family time but its all for the kids. The monies raised is what allows us to make improvements and add programs and technology to keep us competitive and current.

Many thanks to Debbie DeAngelis and Sharon Romano for their years of service to Assumption School. They were always at the ready to help in any way they could. I'm happy to welcome Jean Jabbour as president of the HSA, Suzanne Sweeney as treasurer and Linda Riedell as secretary. Looking forward to working with these wonderful ladies.

School hours are the same, 7:45 a.m. -2:15 p.m. for K-8 and 8:15 a.m. -1:00 p.m. for PreK. Please be sure your children are on time for school. It disrupts the entire class when students saunter in at all hours. Late passes will be given out starting at 8:50 a.m.

Your child may have a phone in school only if I have a current note stating that both you and they understand it must be turned completely off and in their backpacks until they leave the building at dismissal. Students may not call or text using their phone during the school day. And parents, as crazy as this might sound, please do not text your child during school hours. I can't tell you how often that has happened.

Assumption School's After School Program and Homework Helpers form is available at assumptionnj.org. Students in PreK 4 - 8 can stay for After School and students in grades 2-8 can stay for Homework Helpers. Please be aware that there is no Aftercare on





Wednesday, September 6, Thursday, September 7 or Friday, September 8. Aftercare will begin on Monday, September 11.

School lunches remain at \$4.00 per day. You may purchase a ten day lunch ticket for \$40.00. The combined book/art fee remains the same at \$100.00 per student for grades K - 8. Please send this in by Wednesday, September 13 to each child's teacher. Thank you in advance.

The "back to school" packet will again be online. A few forms will still be sent home in backpacks on the first day of school but most will be posted on our website, assumptionnj.org. For forms online, please read carefully and print only those that apply to your family. All forms should be returned to school by September 13.

All students in grades K through 8 should be in uniform on the first day of school. Please be aware that all walking shorts for students in K – 5 whether boys or girls, must be from Flynn and O'Hara – not the Gap or anywhere else. Girls in grades K - 6 will wear white or navy knee socks or tights starting in October when the weather cools. Exact date to follow. Girls in grades 7 – 8 should wear the maroon plaid uniform skirt with either the white or cardinal color polo from Flynn and O'Hara. Gray or maroon knee socks should be worn when the weather cools. Boys in grades 7 – 8 should wear the white or cardinal color polo from Flynn and O'Hara and khaki pants – clean, hemmed, pressed and definitely not oversized and hanging off them. The 7th and 8th grade boys may wear khaki walking shorts – same standards as above – until the cooler weather arrives. Seventh and eighth boys pants and shorts do not have to be from Flynn and O'Hara. All students may wear sneakers on any given day. No dyed, bleached, unruly or two-toned hair coloring or piercings for students in any grade. This must be modified before school begins. **Please note:** Sneakers, loafers, boat shoes or leather tie shoes are the acceptable shoes for school. No Uggs, suede "slipper like" shoes and definitely not the ballet-like shoes that have crept in. Anyone not in compliance will have to wait in the lobby until the proper shoes arrive at school.

We will celebrate our Back to School Mass on Thursday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church – weather permitting. Please know you are invited and welcome to join us.

Back to School night is on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The teachers and I look forward to seeing you.

I hope all of you enjoy the remaining weeks of summer and remember to take some time for yourselves. All of us at Assumption thank you for sharing the gift of your children with us. I assure you we will treasure them and keep them close to our hearts.

Sincerely,
Sister Merris



