



August, 2018

“Behind every child who believes in himself or herself is a parent who believed first.”

Dear Parents,

I want to welcome all of you back to the new school year but please remember – we still have a month of “summer fun” left. Be sure to do something nice for yourselves before it’s over. Those memories may get you through the “snowy winter storms”.

It’s been quiet here at school. We are just finishing up putting air conditioning in the last four classrooms and hoping to find a solution to the radiant heat problem in the lobby area.

The bright lights of Hollywood have been shining all summer long for Laura Santoriello, Andrea Bopp and their many committees getting ready for this year’s fashion show, “Hollywood’s Golden Era” (a tribute to its leading ladies). I know we can count on all of our families to get involved and support this event. Thanks to so many of you who have been working on this since spring. It’s a lot of work and a lot of time but please know how grateful I am to you for taking this on. It’s always a great evening with good friends, beautiful gifts and of course, our stunning eighth grade models.

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. You can find this form in the online Back to School packet.

Assumption School’s After School Program and Homework Helpers form is available at www.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 5, Thursday, September 6 or Friday, September 7. Aftercare will begin on Monday, September 10.

School lunches remain at \$4.00 per day. You may purchase a ten day lunch ticket for \$40.00. The combined art/book fee is \$150.00 per student in grades K-8. The raise in the book fee is due to the considerable decrease in our Nonpublic Textbook Aid which comes



from the State. Please send this in by Wednesday, September 12 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 12.

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 boy's 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 6 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 13 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