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“Seven things every child needs to hear: I love you, I’m proud of you, I’m sorry, I forgive you, I’m listening, This is your responsibility and You have what it takes.”

Dear Parents,

It’s my pleasure to welcome all of you back to Assumption School. I really believe we’ll have a wonderful year ahead. There’s still a lot of summer ahead, so please take advantage of it and do something nice for yourselves.

As you know, we had a number of teachers retire this year, and I thank them for their many years of service to our children. I wish them well in their retirement. I’m happy to welcome our new teachers to Assumption and look forward to introducing them to you on Back to School Night. These teachers are excited to come to Assumption and meet our great kids and families. I’ve told them all the good things about you!

It’s been a little crazy here trying to get the building in shape for September. The cleaners have waxed half the floors, while the painter is trying to work around the wax and new shades and blinds haven’t even begun to be hung yet. Somehow, we’ll be ready for September.

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 7:55 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 4, Thursday, September 5 or Friday, September 6. Aftercare will begin on Monday, September 9.

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. Please send this in by Wednesday, September 11 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 11.





All students in grades PK3 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.

Our Fashion Show Co-chairs, Andrea Bopp and Linda Riedell and their many committees have been working since spring to continue our tradition of excellence for our Annual Fall Fund Raiser. The excitement is building as “Live from Assumption, It’s Thursday Night Live” begins to take shape. This year’s show has a little different twist to it. It will highlight some of the things that make Assumption School the special place it’s always been. Same great prizes, unbeatable Eighth grade models and an evening with new and old friends. Thanks to all who are working so hard to make this event possible. I appreciate all you do.

We will celebrate our Back to School Mass on Thursday, September 5 at 9 a.m. at Church –weather permitting. I hope many of you will be able to join us for Mass. Please know you are always welcome to join us.

Back to School night is on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The teachers and I look forward to seeing you.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer - be safe and have some fun. I want to assure you that the “seven things every child needs to hear” they will hear from all of us each day here at school. We are crazy about our kids and cherish the time we get to spend with them.

Sincerely,

Sister Merris

