



## HSA WEEKLY WORD

### *Assumption School eNewsletter*

November 14, 2021

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**PRESCHOOL** – All preschool classes will end at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday, November 18 and 19**. This is because the back parking lot cannot accommodate all of the cars for dismissal. Siblings will also be allowed to be dismissed with PreK at 10:30. Please let their teacher know and they will be sent to the Preschool classroom. PreK 3 will be dismissed in the front driveway.

#### **Monday, November 15**

- **CAFETERIA WILL BE OPEN TO BUY LUNCH**

#### **Wednesday, November 17**

- Grades 2 – 8 report cards emailed home.

#### **Thursday and Friday, November 18 and 19**

- Half days 11:00 o'clock dismissal. Virtual conferences.
- No aftercare.

#### **Wednesday, November 24**

- Half day 11:00 o'clock dismissal –No aftercare
- Mass 9:00 a.m. at Church

#### **Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26**

- Thanksgiving recess. School closed.

#### **\*\*\*Monday, November 29**– School closed

- Faculty will have an in-service day. This day is in preparation for our reaccreditation.

#### **Tuesday, November 30** – School resumes.

\*Please make sure you keep your children with you when you are waiting in the back parking lot at dismissal.

Please also remember your child needs a snack and a water bottle each day.

## CHRISTMAS STORE WORKSHOP IS OPEN THIS WEEK!



Join us for some Christmas cheer, come help at our wrapping/crafting session on Wednesday, November 17, from 7:00-9:00 pm. We will meet in the multi-purpose room, please come to the side door of the school.

**At Home Wrappers:** Thank you to everyone who took items home to wrap. Please return your items on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm. Come to the side door of the school, we will be in the multi-purpose room.

Thank you!

The Christmas Store Committee  
Alyse Puentes, Christine Connors, Susan Wilkes

## FRONT DESK VOLUNTEERS

We are happy to have an opportunity for volunteers to help out at school. We are looking for more parent volunteers at the Front Desk for two shifts:

- AM Shift from 8:00 - 11:30 am
- PM Shift from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

The diocese is requiring that all volunteers are vaccinated and have taken the Protecting God's Children class.

If you would like to be added to our SignUp Genius for a shift and arrange for a training session, please reach out to Ellen Edson @908.803.4359.

Thank you in advance for your time,  
Ellen Edson and Corinne Karpack



## DECEMBER KIDS CHEF!!



Mrs. Guglielmo & Mrs. Sopira are happy to announce another culinary experience of KIDS CHEF!!

The class is open to students from Grade 4 - 8.

This session is all about WONTON WRAPPERS.

**Date:** Friday, December 10

**Time:** 2:30 – 4:00 pm

\*PICK UP WILL BE VIA THE TEACHER'S PARKING LOT (facing the school it's the parking area in the back to the right)

Menu: Jalapeno Popper, Lasagna & Chocolate Chip Wontons  
Cost: \$40.00

Sign-up: No later than, Monday, December 3 -[Click Here](#) for the form to send in with your cash payment or check made out to either teacher.

## LAST DAY! REGISTRATION FOR ASSUMPTION BASKETBALL

### Please read carefully

It is our sincere hope that basketball will return to Assumption School this winter. C.Y.O. has announced they are delaying the start of this year's basketball season until January 2022. In preparation for the season, we have opened registration to **all 5th through 8th graders** beginning today. Since Covid requires us to plan with greater caution, we are asking everyone to **register your child no later than Sunday, November 14th**. After this date, the registration system will be **CLOSED** and late registrations will only be accepted in the **RARE** instance that a team is in need of additional players. It is imperative that all parents adhere to the **Sunday, November 14th deadline**. As there are still a few months until the season begins, please understand this is all subject to change. Please continue to read the Weekly Word for future updates.



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<http://assumption-school.sportssignup.com/site/>

### Medical Clearance for Basketball:

Now is also a good time to submit an updated Annual Athletic Preparticipation Physical Form to the school nurse if you have not already done so. In order to be medically cleared to participate, each player must have a current physical (good for 365 days) on file with the nurse.

[https://www.assumptionnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Athletic\\_Physicals\\_Form\\_2018.pdf](https://www.assumptionnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Athletic_Physicals_Form_2018.pdf)

### Please also note:

- Both Assumption School students and Non-Assumption School students are eligible and welcomed to play CYO.
  - Assumption School students and non-Assumption School students will be combined on a team.
  - There will be no cuts.
- If more than 18 register to play, the team may be split based on criteria other than talent.
- Practices will be held at the convenience of the coach. Accordingly, if a coach wants to practice after school, the non-Assumption School children will be made aware.
- Only Assumption School students would be eligible to play in school-only tournaments or leagues. For example, when the 8th graders play Villa Walsh or Oratory Prep or the February Frenzy for the younger grades. Accordingly, Assumption School students must register for CYO to be eligible for these games.
- We are delaying 4<sup>th</sup> grade basketball registration for now. Once we have an

accurate count of 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade players and teams, we will decide if we have enough gym time available to open up the basketball program to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Please continue to read the bulletin for future updates.

- All coaches must provide proof of vaccination and must be in compliance with Protecting God's Children.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kevin Bopp  
Athletic Director

## **ASSUMPTION SCHOOL/PARISH FOOD DRIVE DURING THIS YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



As we approach the end of our yearlong celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, the school and the parish will once again host a St. Joseph's Table where we will collect nonperishable food items to be distributed to the Diocesan Catholic Charities food pantries during the week of November 15 – 19. All food items must be dropped off at the school no later than Friday, 11/19 by noon. You can also bring your food items to any of the masses during the weekend of 11/20 & 11/21.

St. Joseph's Table is a long-standing Sicilian tradition. Legend has it that during a time of drought and famine, no rain fell on Medieval Sicily. Food crops for both people and livestock withered and died. The people prayed to St. Joseph for help. When the clouds opened, the desperately-needed rain poured down, and there was much rejoicing!

After the harvest, to show their gratitude, they prepared a table with special foods to honor St. Joseph and to share with the poor. After thanking and honoring the saint, they distributed the food to the less fortunate.

We invite you to send to the school non-perishable food items to be placed on the St. Joseph's Table that will be set up in our lobby during the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a special blessing on the food collected. All of your generous donations will then be transported to Hope House in Dover, Father English Center in Paterson, and Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Sussex County where it will become available to help our brothers and sisters in need. Your donations will be delivered just in time for Thanksgiving!

## **ASSUMPTION SCHOOL YEARBOOK**

The 2022 Assumption School Yearbook is now on sale. You can reserve your copy online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com). We are unable to accept orders at school. All orders must be handled online. Yearbooks are \$35.00.

Susan Sopira  
Technology Teacher  
Assumption School

## FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

**Attention 6th grade Parents:** Please send in an updated Immunization record for your student **by Friday, November 12, 2021** (including their 10 year old TDap and Meningococcal Vaccinations). If your child has not yet received these vaccinations, please schedule an appointment as soon as possible so you can meet the November 12th due date.

**Attention All PreSchool Parents:** All PreK 3 and 4 students are required to receive a flu vaccination. Please send in documentation that your child has received their flu vaccination by **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**.

### Covid-19:

We highly recommend having your child tested when symptomatic. Rapid and at-home tests, while less accurate, are adequate for screening purposes of asymptomatic individuals. In cases where individuals have been exposed to Covid-19 or who are symptomatic, the PCR test is recommended for greater accuracy. PCR results are typically back within 1-3 days.

A close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of someone with suspected or known COVID-19 for 15 or more minutes during a 24 hour period. This year, an exception was added to NJ Department of Health Recommendations. **“In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of the infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time”**. Based on this exception, students may continue to attend in person classes and are not required to quarantine, even if another student in their class tests positive for Covid-19.

We ask that all families remain vigilant about monitoring and reporting symptoms, while the school continues to enforce and maintain stringent measures to prevent transmission. Please call if you have any questions or concerns and as always we thank you for your cooperation.

### Guidance Concerning Travel Over the Holidays:

Please be patient with us as we are in a fluid situation. That being said, we realize families are beginning to plan for the upcoming Holiday season. There are currently no mandated restrictions on domestic travel. All symptomatic students are encouraged to stay home, obtain a PCR test and await PCR test results before returning to school.

At this time, we will not require asymptomatic students to quarantine after domestic travel, however, we will ask that all unvaccinated students take a PCR test 3-5 days after returning to NJ and report results to the school nurse. If planning to travel internationally, please contact the school nurse directly for specific quarantine and testing guidelines. As circumstances may change in the coming weeks, please understand these guidelines may need to be revised.

### School Nurses

Andrea Bopp, RN [abopp@assumptionnj.org](mailto:abopp@assumptionnj.org)

Marybeth Wooters, RN [mwooters@assumptionnj.org](mailto:mwooters@assumptionnj.org)

## AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING



**Mrs. Klocks** is available for after school tutoring. Please contact me at [mklocks@assumptionnj.org](mailto:mklocks@assumptionnj.org) if you are interested. Thank you!

**Mrs. Sopira**, Technology Teacher, is available for afterschool tutoring. Individual instruction is provided to assist students with homework, test preparation, study skills, and organizational skills. Contact by way of email [ssopira@assumptionnj.org](mailto:ssopira@assumptionnj.org).

*The Weekly Word is also available on the school website [www.assumptionnj.org](http://www.assumptionnj.org).  
If you have questions or comments, contact [hsa@assumptionnj.org](mailto:hsa@assumptionnj.org).*