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Assumption School eNewsletter

November 21, 2021

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“At this time of year we are reminded of how much we have to be thankful for.”

Dear Parents,

Happy Thanksgiving! My wish for you this Thanksgiving is that you find yourself surrounded by those you love. Enjoy your families, take some time to relax and be safe in your travels.

Sincerely,
Sister Merris

PRESCHOOL – All preschool classes will end at **10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 24**. 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.

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

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL DIRECTORY

[Click here](#) for a copy of this year's directory. Please let us know if you have any edits to your information before the books go to print but by Sunday, Nov. 28. Any edits should be sent to jnoblemcdonell@gmail.com.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS STORE



Christmas Store Workshop is CLOSED this week (Wednesday, November 24th). Enjoy your Thanksgiving break!

**Ho, Ho, Ho!
It's Christmas Store Signup Time!**

We know it's not even Thanksgiving, but we are asking for volunteer to sign up early. There is an extra step required to volunteer this year, so we want to get started (see details below). There are plenty of opportunities to help, please [CLICK HERE](#)

to review the flyer for details. Here is the link to the sign-up for the Set-Up Day (December 8th) and Christmas Store (December 9th):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ABAB28AAFE3-christmas>

In order to volunteer to help on either day you must provide proof of Covid-19 Vaccination to the school nurse.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 PROTOCOL: Upon completing the signup genius, email a picture of your vaccine card to Andrea Bopp abopp@assumptionnj.org. Put **CHRISTMAS STORE VOLUNTEER** in the email subject. Watch for an email confirmation that she has received it. Please send no later than December 1, 2021. When you check in on your volunteer day, we will be verifying that you have submitted your vaccine card. If you have not submitted your card, you will not be allowed to enter the school. You will not be allowed to show your vaccine card on your volunteer day, **it must be done in advance**. Please direct any questions regarding vaccine verification to Andrea Bopp, abopp@assumptionnj.org. If you are unvaccinated please contact Andrea Bopp for possible options.

We are looking forward to a great Christmas Store! Thank you so much for all of your help. We could not provide this special day without all of the wonderful volunteers!

The Christmas Store Committee
Christine Connors
Alyse Puentes
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: Wonton Poppers, Wonton Lasagna & Chocolate Chip, Wonton triangles

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.

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 15th. 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. 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 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

Marybeth Wooters, RN mwooters@assumptionnj.org

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING



Mrs. Klocks is available for after school tutoring. Please contact me at 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.

Mrs. Guglielmo is available to work with your child after school. This could include: completing homework, study skills, test preparation, reading comprehension, improving writing, or whatever area they may need help. Please feel free to email at sguglielmo@assumptionnj.org.

*The Weekly Word is also available on the school website www.assumptionnj.org.
If you have questions or comments, contact hsa@assumptionnj.org.*