HSA WEEKLY WORD

Assumption School eNewsletter

September 13, 2026

LINKS

Assumption School Website

Absences Email

After School Program

Lunch at Assumption

After School Tutoring

The Beacon

Many thanks to former student, Matthew Sullivan, for the beautiful new landscaping design outside our front doors.

Back to School Forms & Fees

We are still missing many online responses.

Office & Technology forms are online this year. If you did not complete the online forms, please click the links below to fill out the forms. There is no need to print anything.

- Click **here** to access the office forms
- Click **here** to access the technology forms.

We are also missing quite a few Book & Technology Fees ($200) for grades K through 8. Please send in your check by tomorrow.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, September 14

- NWEA Testing Grades 2 – 8 this week.

- Instructors from Fundamental Music will be on site Monday at 1 p.m. to kick off this year's music lessons with an instrument demonstration. Parents of students in grades 1–6 are invited to attend and learn more about the program.

- AP Notify Alert @ 5 p.m.
- We will send out an alert via AP Notify at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 14th. You should receive a phone call, email (you may need to check your spam folder), and text reminding you about back to school night. If you do not receive any of these messages, please notify the office via email Tuesday morning at

sbertram@assumptionnj.org. We want to make sure your information is up to date in our database.

Tuesday, September 15

- Back To School Night - 6:30 p.m. Only parents or guardians should plan to attend. Please leave your children at home.

Friday, September 18

- Directory updates or omissions due, please see info below.

- **Items for St. Vincent DePaul Day due.** Some of our Ambassadors will be attending the annual Saint Vincent DePaul Day at the campus of Saint Elizabeth on September 29th. This is a service day. Items are needed for this event. Please see the list of items needed in the flyer below. Thank you for your support!

OTHER BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWS

Bus: If your child is on the bus and plans to get off at a different stop, you must send a note to school to be approved by Sister Merris first before your child gets on the afternoon bus. **They may only ride their own bus.** Students cannot get on a different bus other than what they have been assigned. We must do this for safety reasons.

BACK PARKING LOT PICKUP PROCEDURES:
K – 2nd GRADE FAMILIES: If you are picking up your child from the back parking lot, you must be in place by 1:50pm. **If you are not parked by 1:50pm, our staff will ask you to park your car in the street and walk to the back to pick up your child/children.** Please make sure that the front of your car faces the cafeteria side of the school. Create rows of cars so that it is easy to pull out and away from the building. Please do not pull in front of the buses. It is very hectic with the small ones and we want to avoid any problems. Most of all, please be patient and drive carefully!

Students in third through eighth grade who do not have younger siblings are dismissed from the gym to the front car line. Please make sure you clip to your visor a family name card so that we can identify ahead of time the child getting picked up.

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF OUR NEIGHBORS DURING DROP OFF AND ESPECIALLY AT PICK UP. Drive with caution and adhere to the speed limit. Do not park in front of driveways or in no parking zones. We want to keep our neighbors happy!

Attendance: If your child will be late or absent, please email attendance@assumptionnj.org.

Cell Phones & Emails – we must be able to reach you in case of an emergency. Please make sure your mailbox is not **"FULL".** Also, please notify us of any changes to your phone numbers and emails.

Blessings Beyond the Bell……
This new weekly reflection is designed to help bring Scripture into everyday family life. Each week, we'll share a simple thought or question inspired by God's Word—something to spark your thinking, encourage meaningful conversation, and help families discover how faith connects to the moments of daily life. We hope it inspires you to pause, talk, wonder, and grow in faith together.

Forgiving others takes practice. As we forgive others for little hurts, our hearts become more patient and compassionate. This week, practice *asking* for forgiveness when you hurt someone even slightly in your family, and practice *gifting* forgiveness when someone in your family asks for it by saying "I forgive you."

IMPORTANT - ASSUMPTION SCHOOL DIRECTORY

We are in the process of compiling the Assumption School directory. Each family will receive one copy of the directory, which will be organized by class. Each student's entry will include the following information presently on file:

- Parent(s) Name(s)
- Address
- Mobile Phone Number
- E-Mail Address

Please **ONLY** email HSA@assumptionnj.org if:

- You would like to omit all information from the directory
- You have any updates (address, mobile phone or email)
- You would like to remove specific information from the directory

Please email all changes by Friday, September 18th. If you have any questions, please email HSA@assumptionnj.org. Thank you.

TEACHER LUNCHEONS

The Hospitality Committee hosts a lunch/brunch for our teachers and staff every month to show our appreciation for all they do for our school and our kiddos!

Please consider supporting these luncheons by sending a $20 contribution via Venmo to @**AssumptionSchoolHSA**, noted "Teacher Lunch." You may also backpack check/cash to Carmen De Fillipps, 7A ATTN: Dana De Fillipps.

All donations are very much appreciated and your family name will be displayed at these monthly luncheons for all faculty to see!

If you have any questions, please email Melissa Brost: mel.trebbe@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Hospitality Committee - Melissa Brost, Dana De Fillipps & Lauren Muci

ASSUMPTION SWAG SHOPPE - REOPEN!!

Get geared up for the new school year with new swag from the Assumption Shoppe. Taking orders through **September 18th**. Click on the flyer below to order.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The After School Program will begin on September 8, 2026. After School is available to all students in PK4 - 8. **Students in PK3 may participate only if they have an older sibling who is a car rider. PK3 students staying for after school must be picked up at 2:00 p.m. with their sibling(s).**

A new registration form must be filled out each year. Please complete the form prior to **September 8th**. Registration forms can be found at the school website under Parents/After School Care tab or you can **CLICK HERE** to access.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Byrne at afterschool@assumptionnj.org. We're all looking forward to another fun year!

CHRISTMAS STORE

This year's Christmas Store is on December 9th and we need your help to make the event magical. Please join us on **Thursday, October 1st from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** in the Multi-purpose Room at school to assist with gift wrapping for the most favorite school event of the year!!! Bring yourself and a friend!! Refreshments will be provided! (Other dates are **10/15, 10/29, 11/5 and 11/17**)

Please note that there is also an option to craft from home at any time/date by signing up for the "September 17th" slot on the Sign Up Genius. The Christmas Store Committee will reach out to you to set up a day/time to pick up the items to wrap.

CLICK HERE to sign up. Please contact the committee for any questions.

The Christmas Store Committee
Caitlin McInerney, Christina Fisher and Sara Tirpak
(assumptionchristmasstore@assumptionnj.org)

OCTOBER ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB -KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

We're excited to kick off another fun session of **Arts & Crafts Club** for *Kindergarten & 1st Grade* students.

Please click the attached flyer for dates, details, and registration information.

OCTOBER ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

The October Arts & Crafts Club will be held as a three week session on **Wednesday October 7, 14 & 21** from **2pm-4pm**. Pick up will be in the teachers' parking lot. This session students will use creative materials to make a fun halloween craft!

The cost of the session is $125 per child. Checks should be made payable to cash.

Snacks will be provided, but please bring an extra water bottle for this day.

Please fill out and return the permission slip and be sure to state if your child will go to Aftercare after the Arts and Crafts Club.
If there is a change in dismissal please notify us by email ASAP.

Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Suarez & Mrs. Schneider
(cconley@assumptionnj.org, lsuarez@assumptionnj.org, cschneider@assumptionnj.org)

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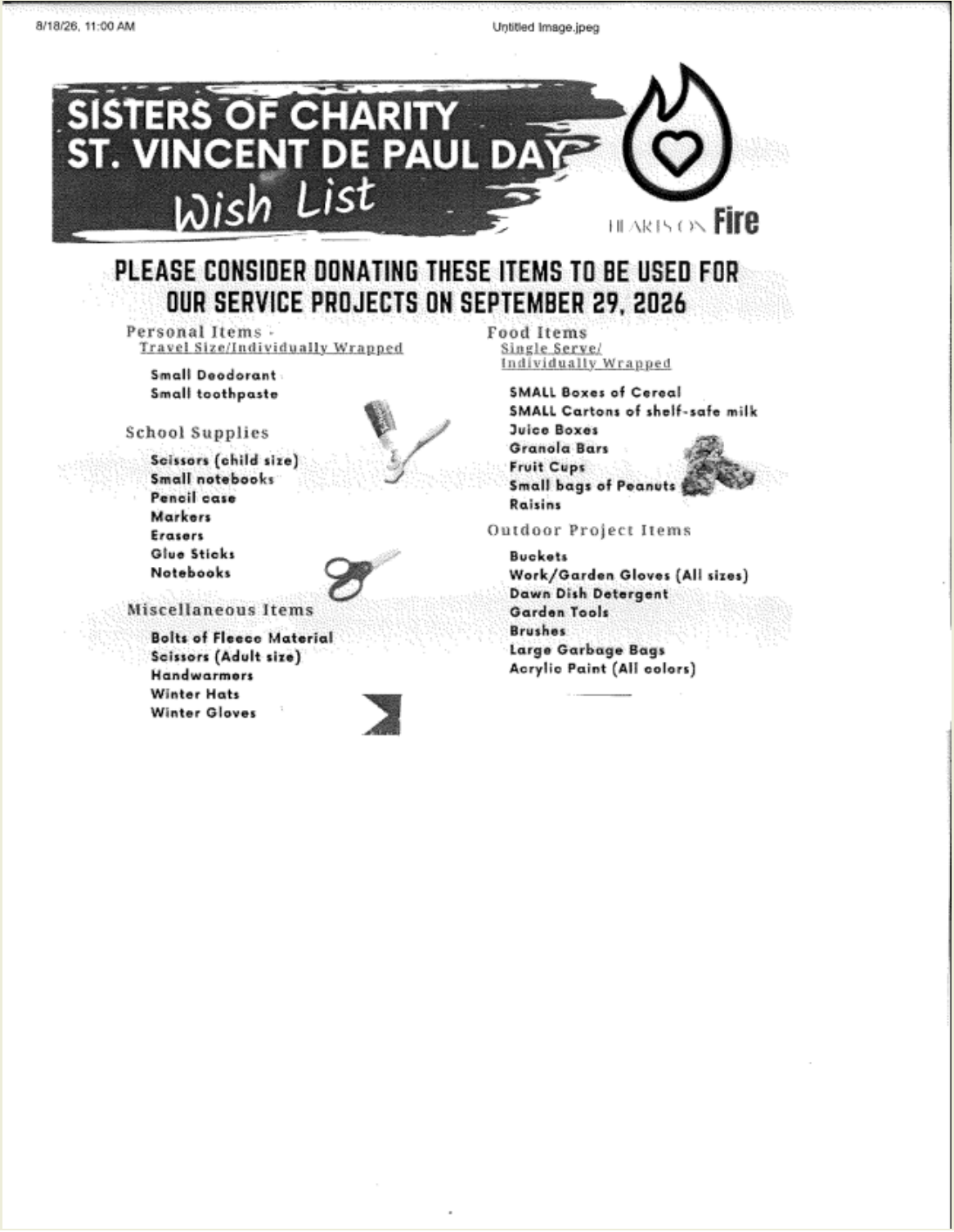
Child's Name_____Grade/Homeroom_____

Phone_____

Aftercare: Yes No

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL DAY

Our School Ambassadors will be attending the annual Saint Vincent DePaul Day at the campus of Saint Elizabeth on September 29th. This is a service day. Items are needed for this event. Please see the list of items needed in the flyer below. Plan to drop the items off in the school lobby by **Friday, September 18th**. Thank you for your support!



ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Prep Classes for NJ COOP/HSPT Exam

In preparation for the upcoming NJ COOP/HSPT Exam administered by the Diocese of Paterson on Friday, November 6, Ms. Paton & Mrs. Guglielmo will be holding prep classes. Each session will focus on aspects (Sequences, Analogies, Quantitative Reasoning, Verbal Reasoning, Reading, Language Arts and Mathematics) of the exam and strategy for test taking.

Click the LINK for dates and more details.

HANDS ON & A LITTLE MORE STEAM

Hands On & A Little More

with Mrs. Sopira and Ms. Paton

Grades 1-6 (We love 7th & 8th Grade Helpers)

Thursday's 2:15 - 4:00*

September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,
November 5, 12

$200 for a 10 week session

~First 25 students to respond~

~Small snack will be provided~

~Please make sure that they bring a water bottle~

Pick up in the teachers parking lot

(Cut along the dotted line & please return to Mrs. Sopira by September 9th)

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____Phone _____

Parent E-Mail: _____

Allergies: _____

Dismissal (*check one*): __teacher's parking lot __aftercare (notify afterschool@assumptionnj.org)

Payment Enclosed: _____

Payment method: Cash or Check made payable to Cash

FROM THE NURSES

Physical forms and Immunization records are required by the start of school for all NEW students and all students entering Kindergarten. We highly recommend that updated physical forms be submitted annually for ALL students.

For Student Athletes: Any student participating in a school sport must have a current physical on file before the start of the season. Physical forms are considered current for 365 calendar days from the physical exam date.

Please **CLICK HERE** for the Physical Form. In addition, a Health History Update form must be submitted if the current physical exam date was over 90 days before the start of the season. Please **CLICK HERE** for the Health History Update Form.

For Students entering 6th Grade: All students entering **6th grade** are required to submit an updated immunization record that includes their **11-year-old Tdap and Meningococcal (Meningitis)** vaccinations no later than **Tuesday, September 15.** If your child has not yet received these required vaccinations, please schedule an appointment with their healthcare provider as soon as possible to ensure they meet this deadline.

For PreK3 & PreK4 Students: All Preschool students must receive a Flu vaccine before school closes for Christmas break in December. Please submit proof of their flu vaccine as soon as they have received it.

Note: All medical forms can be found on the School website under Parents, Forms, Medical.

Any questions, please reach out to the school nurses.

Andrea Bopp, RN (abopp@assumptionnj.org)
Marybeth Wooters, RN (mwooters@assumptionnj.org**)**

ASSUMPTION CHEER & BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Basketball Registration open through 9/27

Basketball registration is open until **9/27** so please register today. Please note that there are different registration links for **Boys School Team** (7th/8th students), **Girls School Team** (7th/8th students), and **CYO** (3rd - 8th students & parishoners of Assumption).

Assumption School Basketball Teams (7th & 8th students)

Assumption School basketball is open to 7th & 8th graders. We have both boys and girls' teams that compete in the Greater Morris County Junior School Coaches Association against other local middle schools. The season culminates in a conference championship tournament in late January. Games are played on weekdays at 4:00 pm.

Register for Boys Basketball

Register for Girls Basketball

CYO Basketball (3rd - 8th students and parishioners)

CYO Basketball is available to boys and girls in 3rd - 8th grades who are either members of Assumption Parish or attend Assumption school. All new players who are parishioners (non-Assumption students) are required to email a scanned copy of their child's Baptismal Certificate to assumptionathletics1850@gmail.com. Baptismal Certificates are not required of returning players.

Practices generally begin in late October. Games are played on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and practices are held Monday through Saturday at the coach's discretion. Interested players should be prepared for 1 - 2 practices per week + weekend games. The season normally begins around Thanksgiving Weekend and runs through early March.

Register for CYO Basketball

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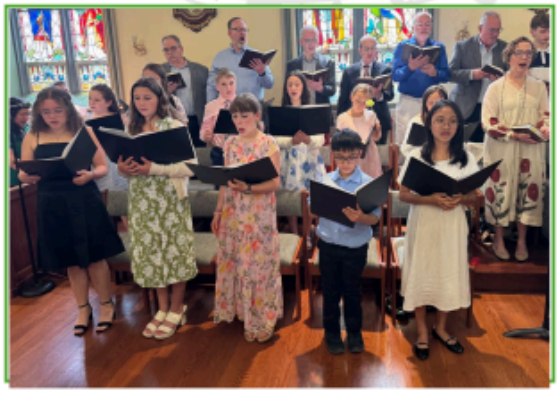
Assumption Cheer registration is open!

1st through 4th grade girls are welcome to register for Assumption's Cheer Team! It's a great opportunity for the girls to build confidence, make friends, and build school spirit. Cheer will practice once a week after school and cheer for the CYO basketball teams all winter. We're also in need of one to two more volunteer coaches.

CLICK HERE to register. Please note the roster will be capped at 30, first come, first served.

Questions? Reach out to Mike Keown -- mk@fostermckay.com

Assumption Children's Choir
Grades 3-8

Sing together * Pray together

2026 -2027 Scheduled Performances

- ♪ 10am Sunday Liturgies (Dates TBD)
- ♪ Christmas Eve 3pm Mass
- ♪ First Holy Communion Liturgies (May 1 & 8, 2027 at 10am and 12pm)
- ♪ Assumption is hosting the NY/NJ Pueri Cantores Children's Choir Festival Saturday April 17, 2027, 11am-6pm with choirs from around the metropolitan area

Rehearsals beginning soon!

Thursday, October 1, 2026 from 4pm-4:45pm

The Choir Room below Rauscher Hall

Open to all Assumption Parish children in Grades 3-8.

Please click on the QR Code to sign up

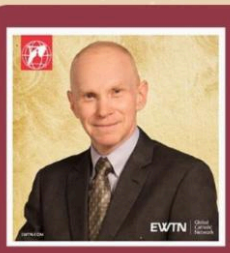
AROUND TOWN

THE LIFE & BEATIFICATOIN OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN

Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Morristown, NJ

The Life and Beatification of ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN

In anticipation of the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on September 24, 2026, the Order of Malta invites you to a special presentation exploring the life, ministry, and path to beatification of one of America's most beloved Catholic evangelists.



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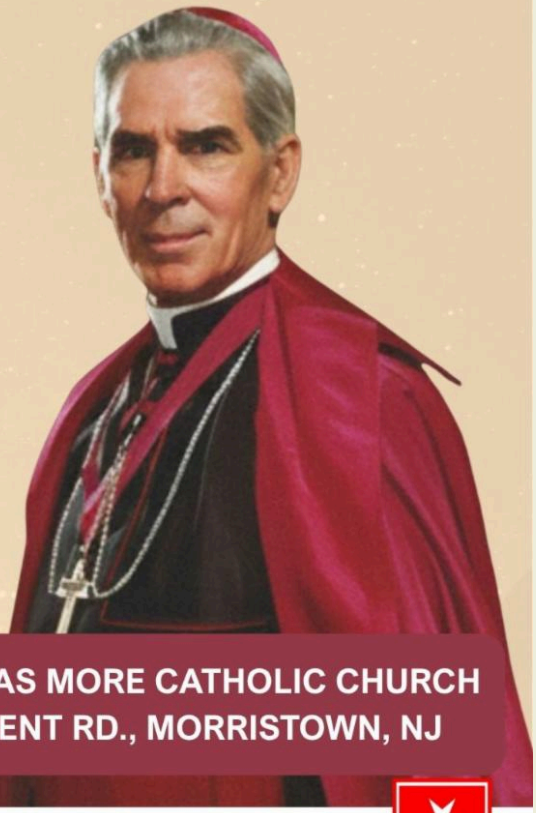

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | **7:00 PM** | **ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH 4 CONVENT RD., MORRISTOWN, NJ**

There will be a free will offering to cover Dr. Bunson's honorarium and some travel expenses. If you have questions or wish to donate, contact Christine Myers at cmgorski@gmail.com

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

MOUNT ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

WINTER KICKOFF - TETON GRAVITY RESEARCH MOVIE EVENT

Culligan of New Jersey and the Eberhard Family are hosting a family-friendly Winter Kickoff featuring Teton Gravity Research's new ski film at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown on **November 4.** The evening will benefit Winter4Kids, with Msgr. Hart joining us to offer a special blessing for a safe and snowy winter season. Visit www.winterkickoffnj.com for more information.

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

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