

Assumption Catholic School

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Dear ACS Parents:

Hello ACS! I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I want to officially wish you a Happy New School Year and welcome you back to what I know will be another challenging, productive, and memorable year at ACS. Please remember that **Monday, September 9th starts our full day** of classes. Also, please note that every Tuesday is Phys Ed day. **Every Tuesday, ALL our students are to come to school in their gym clothes.**

As always, our amazing custodial, grounds, and maintenance staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly throughout the summer to prepare the buildings and grounds, and to provide our instructional staff with the essential resources, supplies, and materials that they will need to promote learning and the most positive student outcomes in their classrooms during the 2019-2020 school year. In fact, not only were they hard at work cleaning and refurbishing our facilities, among other projects, they and our contractors paved the parking lot, painted the first and second grade classrooms, bathroom ceilings, and the teacher's room. They also started our energy savings improvement project by converting two hallways and the school office to LED lighting. New carpets were installed throughout the building and the basement was revamped to make more space for our Art and Music teachers. A new fence was installed to increase security and several blackboards were converted to whiteboards.

Although ACS has made major strides in improving our facilities, we still have more work to do, which is why it is important to continue to work and promote our Bingo Nights on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our Bingo committee generously contributes over \$100,000 to our school's upkeep which is a blessing and also allows us to keep our tuition lower than private schools in the area.

Likewise, our team of incredible teachers has spent the greater part of the summer analyzing our 2018-2019 student assessment data so that we can make the best educational decisions for our students. The teachers have given up time in their summer to also attend MAP Assessment training, the Diocese of Metuchen's new standardized testing platform - see letter attached, meeting on our AdvancED goals and training on the new Envision Math Program. YES! We purchased a new math program and all its resources for our students in Pre-Kindergarten to seventh grade and we are thrilled! Our eighth grade will continue to be fully Algebra I.

Additionally, we purchased enough instructional technology devices (Chrome books and iPads) to finally ensure a 1:1 student to device ratio in preschool through 8th grade. This was a three year project that we are blessed to have accomplished. This will inevitably result in more of our students utilizing essential instructional software and all the resources provided by our new math program and continue to promote greater literacy development.

Lastly, please make sure that you check your child's book bag - yesterday we sent home the annual calendar, September calendar and Lunch menu. Today we are sending home a lot of information, including an application for a new FREE afterschool program for grades 3 to 8 – fill it out! All this information will also be available on our website, assumptioncatholicschool.net. An abundance of information is available that you will find very helpful, particularly the Family and Student Handbook.

On behalf of the administration and principal of Assumption Catholic School, we wish you and your family a most enjoyable weekend and highly successful school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shumny and Father Ivan

“Growing Daily in Wisdom, Virtue and Understanding”