



# † Assumption Catholic School

Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption



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## Principal's Newsletter

January 6, 2021

Dear ACS Parents:

Happy New Year! May 2021 bring your family peace, love and health! Know that Father Ivan and I are here should you need anything. We continue to work hard to ensure ACS stays as safe as possible. Although many activities are limited please be assured that we are still providing all "Specials" classes, including Music, Art, Spanish, Ukrainian, Arts and Crafts, Physical Education and we can't wait to restart our MAD Science Program in February.

Here are a few key points to keep in mind:

1. The end of the second marking period is January 22<sup>nd</sup> - please check PowerSchool to see if any assignments are missing.
2. Bishop Checchio is so grateful for each of our teachers and the extraordinary work they continue to do every day. This year, despite all the challenges, our schools have been able to keep our students safe and in school. In recognition of the extraordinary efforts of all, Bishop has granted us a Bishop's Holiday to each Catholic School in the Diocese once a month beginning in January. ACS has selected the second Friday of each month. Jan. and Feb. calendars went home last week.
3. Dress code: Please review the Family Handbook for appropriate uniform. Specifically, all black shoes. Also note, girls may wear grey or blue stockings/tights but boots are not allowed on regular uniform days.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

God Bless, Mrs. Shumny

## High Priority

The Perth Amboy Police Department will be here several times a week to ensure we are following traffic safety protocols. Please remember you CAN NOT park on the yellow line - it is a pick up only lane. Just pull up, pick up your child, and go. If you want to speak to the teacher or have an appointment in the office - you must find a **legal** parking spot and park. Also note that if you are going to speak to the teacher or on ACS property you have to wear a mask/face covering.

## Reminders:

\*21CCLC after school Program for grades 3 -8 schedule is attached. Get Involved in a new club!

\*Pretzel Rods being sold by grade 8 for \$1 during lunch time.

\*Any picture issues with any orders please call Lifetouch Customer Service at 1-800-736-4753.

## Virtual Christmas Bazaar

What an amazing fundraiser! Thank you to our FSA Board for organizing this event and to all our parents who supported it! It was a success - over \$9,000 was raised!

**Questions or concerns? Call the school office at 732-826-8721**





## Dates to Remember:

January 7<sup>th</sup> NO CLASSES “Ukrainian Christmas”

January 8<sup>th</sup> NO CLASSES Bishop Holiday

January 12<sup>th</sup> Middle School Exams -refer to schedule

January 15<sup>th</sup> \$3 Dress Down Day!

January 18<sup>th</sup> NO CLASSES in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> End of Marking Period 2!

January 31<sup>st</sup> starts Catholic Schools Week!

## From the Office:

\*Please call Mrs. Phyllis Kwiecinski: 732-826-8721 with any billing questions.

\* Aftercare Bills for December went home Monday. Please note that October and November are PAST DUE . Please send in payment labeled with child’s name/grade.

\*Pizza lunch must be pre-paid.

## FSA Corner:

\*Thank you to all our families who met their obligation to purchase Gertrude Hawk Candy! A special thank you to all who ordered the Gourmet Dip Fundraiser and supported the Virtual Christmas Bazaar. Truly an amazing team effort!

## Church Corner:

Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK: 684 Alta Vista Place, Perth Amboy

If you do not have a Parish please join us: Saturdays 5:00pm or Sundays 11:30am. Every other pew is closed for social distancing, hand sanitizer is provided and the church is disinfected regularly.

### Dear Parishioners!

As we look into 2021 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life. The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak— every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day. Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on. And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year’s block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it. Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God. The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count? On behalf of Deacon Paul, our Parish Staff and myself , I would like to wish you, your family and loved ones a Healthy and Blessed New Year!

Fr. Ivan - Pastor