

Newsletter: September 26, 2025

Assumption Catholic School

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

September has NOT disappointed! It has been a great start to the school year - which included an unbelievable visit from Cardinal Bychok. We celebrated a beautiful Liturgy together. As he visited each class and spoke to our students, I felt such pride to be their Principal. They asked questions, told His Eminence about themselves with such comfort and so much love for their school. Truly a blessing to serve ACS. BUT…that's not all. Today we celebrated Father Ivan's 15 years at ACS and Student of the Month! WOW! A busy September is an understatement because the day didn't end here. We also welcomed two United States Marines, who showed our 8th graders how to fold our flag and discussed with our Middle Schoolers what our flag represents.

1. **Back to School Night was held on Thursday, 9/11**: If you were unable to attend, have you reached out to your child's teacher? Are you on REMIND?

2. **MAP Testing**: Grades 3-8 are wrapping up and our Grades 1 and 2 start on Monday!

3. **Safety Drills**: This week, we had an emergency that required all classes to listen and follow all the protocols we review for the "JUST IN CASE". Well….EVERYONE did absolutely wonderful and I am very proud of them.

4. Lastly, everyone's favorite topic: Homework.

Subject: Commitment to Homework & Student Success

Dear Parents,

At Assumption Catholic School, we believe that homework is an essential part of the learning process and directly supports your child's academic growth. Research shows that students who consistently complete homework develop stronger study skills, greater self-discipline, and improved time management—all of which are critical for long-term success. According to the U.S. Department of Education, regular homework completion is strongly linked with higher achievement and the development of independent work habits.

As students grow, their learning journey naturally changes: In the primary grades (K–2), children are learning to read. Homework at this stage reinforces foundational skills, builds confidence, and involves parents as partners in practice.

- By grades 3–6, the shift begins toward reading to learn. Homework prepares students for deeper critical thinking and accountability.

- In the middle school years (grades 6–8), students transition to switching classes and managing multiple teachers. Homework teaches responsibility, organization, and perseverance—skills that will prepare them for high school and beyond.

To help guide families, we follow the recommended time frames for homework:

- Kindergarten → about 10 minutes per night
- Grade 1 → 20 minutes
- Grade 2 → 30 minutes
- Grade 3 → 40 minutes
- Grade 4 → 50 minutes
- Grade 5 → 60 minutes
- Grade 6 → 70 minutes
- Grade 7 → 80 minutes
- Grade 8 → 90 minutes

In addition to these guidelines, students should be reading every single day. Reading is one of the strongest predictors of long-term academic success. Research shows that children who read just 20 minutes a day are exposed to 1.8 million words a year—building stronger vocabularies, higher comprehension, and improved writing skills. GUYS - my ACS PARENTS!! Your babies will be in the workforce before you know it, help them starting now to develop some GRIT

Our Homework Policy provides a framework for supporting your child at home. Each student has a planner to record daily assignments, and homework is also posted on REMIND as a backup for families. Parents are encouraged to provide a quiet, distraction-free study space, to monitor sleep and screen time, and to check that assignments are completed neatly and carefully.

Homework is not a punishment, nor is it busywork—it is designed as a supplement to reinforce classroom learning. Our teachers also offer homework help from 2:30–3:15 p.m., and we encourage families to take advantage of this support when needed.

We recognize that sports, activities, and family obligations are important, but we ask that academic commitment remain a top priority. If your child is struggling to complete homework, or if you are unsure about the expectations, please reach out directly to Mrs. Shumny so that we can work together in partnership.











Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, October 1st: 12:30 dismissal - YES aftercare - NO CLUBS

Thursday, October 2nd: St. Joseph HS visit for grade 7 and 8

Friday, October 3rd: Student Council Elections

Tuesday, October 7th: Perth Amboy Police Department celebrating Walk your child to school day

Wednesday, October 8th: St. Thomas Aquinas HS visit for grade 7 and 8

Thursday, October 9th: Perth Amboy Fire Department coming! Fire Prevention Day!

Friday, October 10th: NO CLASSES - Teacher Spirituality Day!

Family & School Association - What's Happening?

1. Family School Association (FSA): Fall Clothing Drive going on!
2. Gertrude Hawk Due Nov. 7th
3. Christmas Bazaar Planning coming soon - December 7th!! Start sending in any unused, new items to ACS to use in our Auction - it's my favorite time of the year!

Parish Corner:

Looking to join a parish? Look no further! Join us at Ukrainian Assumption parish any Sunday at 11:30am.