

Newsletter: June 4, 2026

Assumption Catholic School

Dear ACS Families,

This will be the final newsletter of the 2025-2026 school year. As we close another wonderful year together, I want to begin by thanking all of our parents for your dedication and commitment to Catholic education. This year has been filled with exciting projects, tremendous learning opportunities, and countless moments of growth. Even the challenges we encountered became opportunities to learn, grow, and remember that God is always in control.

First, our Spring Showcase was so much fun! I would like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Lawrence for organizing such a fun and inspiring event. The creativity in the art projects, the singing talent, and hard work displayed by our students were truly impressive. It was wonderful to see so many families celebrating their students.

Second, I would like to recognize our outstanding Sports Awards Program. The ceremony ran a little longer than expected because I never anticipated giving out so many awards! This year alone, we distributed more than 60 medals earned through the Central Jersey Catholic Track Conference (CJCTC). A special thank you goes to Coach Zakrzewski for leading our track program and doing a tremendous job throughout the season. I would also like to thank our assistant coaches: Mr. Mitchell, Miss Shumny, Mrs. Florez, and Mr. Johnson. Without your dedication and support, we would not have accomplished all that we did this year.

In bowling, I want to recognize the students who demonstrated remarkable growth and improvement throughout the season. I cannot wait to see what next year brings. I would also like to give a special shout-out to the Baginskys, faithful parishioners who generously support our school in so many ways.

Finally, our first softball season was an incredible success. What an amazing way to launch a new program with such a positive and enthusiastic group of girls! Thank you to Coach Bielak and Coach Terron for helping make this season so memorable. We have some exciting goals for next year, including becoming an official member of the Catholic athletic organization for softball.

Keep an eye out for a popcorn fundraiser coming soon as we begin raising funds to strengthen and expand our athletic programs. When God is at the center of any project, success follows.

ACS SHOUTOUTS:

We are also incredibly grateful to a generous benefactor who established the **“Nurse Nancy Scholarship.”** This special scholarship honors 7th grade students who are passionate about nursing or a STEM-related career. Recipients were selected based on their commitment to doing their very best academically, demonstrating an exceptional work ethic, accepting others with kindness and respect, and living our school mission to know, love, and serve God. Congratulations to this year’s recipients: **Izzy S., Janiya H., and Amaya K., all from Grade 7.** We are very proud of these young ladies and look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the future.

BIG SHOUTOUT TO GRADE 5! I would also like to congratulate our fifth grade class and Ms. Roque. I recently received a letter from the Diocese informing us that our fifth graders achieved the highest score in the entire Diocese on the ACRE Religion Assessment. This annual test measures students' understanding of their Catholic faith, and our students truly knocked it out of the park. All 26 Catholic Schools take the test! Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment!

Another highlight this month has been our wonderful field trips to the Francisco Family Farm as well as Wild West City. Thank you to our teachers for organizing these experiences, coordinating chaperones, and making sure every detail was covered. Thank you also to the many parents who were chaperones! These trips are much more than learning opportunities—they allow our students to build friendships, strengthen class bonds, and create lasting memories while fostering school spirit.

BITTERSWEET SHOUTOUT: I would also like to wish Miss Shumny and Miss Kelly the very best as they pursue new opportunities. We thank them for their service, dedication, and the positive impact they have made on our students and school community. They will always remain a part of our school family, and we pray that God blesses them abundantly in their future endeavors.

Today, summer packets are being sent home (I know, I know!!) . I wanted to ensure that these important materials did not get lost among the books and other items being sent home next week. We have created a new summer packet project for this year, and additional copies are already available on our website. Please note that students attending Summer Camp must bring their completed packet with them. The packet is an important part of helping students maintain their academic skills throughout the summer months while preparing for a successful start to the new school year.

Thank you for the beautiful birthday texts, social media posts, cards, prayers, and outpouring of love. Seeing our students dressed in blue and yellow, walking through halls filled with joy, laughter, and of course learning, truly filled my heart. However, the greatest birthday gift I received was an email from the Diocese commending Assumption Catholic School for our exceptional growth on the MAP assessments.

Our school achieved an incredible **57% growth in Reading**, exceeding our goal of 40%. Grade 7 led the way with 68% growth, followed by Grades 1 and 5 at 63%, and Grade 8 at 62%. In Mathematics, where our goal was also 40%, our students surpassed expectations with an outstanding **61% growth schoolwide in Math**. Grade 1 achieved 75% growth, Grade 3 reached 68%, Grade 5 earned 65%, and Grade 8 finished at 64%.

These accomplishments are a testament to the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the unwavering support of our families. As I begin my 51st year of life, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead. I already look forward to sitting down with our faculty at the end of next year and reflecting on all we have accomplished while planning for even greater success. At Assumption Catholic School, we are always moving forward—challenging ourselves to grow academically, spiritually, and as good citizens who know, love, and serve God.

As we look forward to summer vacation, I pray that every family enjoys a season filled with rest, joy, faith, and time together. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the education and formation of your children. May God continue to bless each of you and keep you safe throughout the summer.

God bless,

Mrs. Shumny

PS. Yes, school is still open and yes, grades are still being updated 🙂)

Upcoming Week:

Saturday, June 6th: 8th grade Graduation 9:00am - we can't wait!

PAY ATTENTION TO THE EXAM SCHEDULE AND THE EXAM STUDY SESSIONS IF YOU SINGED UP.

Monday, June 8th: regular school day, regular dismissal, aftercare only

Tuesday, June 9th: Free Dress Down Day, regular dismissal, aftercare only

Wednesday, June 10th: Annual School Picnic Dad Edition - see flyer & permission slip

Thursday, June 11th: $3 WEAR PURPLE - ALZHEIMER'S and BRAIN awareness month (all proceeds will go to research), regular dismissal, aftercare only

Friday, June 12th: regular school day, regular dismissal, aftercare only

Madagascar Play 6:30pm

Last two days of classes:

Monday, June 15th: 12:30 dismissal, no aftercare

PK Stepping Up Program 9am, Kindergarten Graduation 11:30am

Tuesday, June 16th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 12:30 dismissal, no aftercare
****classroom parties** report cards given out to students**

Parish Corner

Are you looking to join a parish? Look no further!

Join us at Ukrainian Assumption parish Sunday at 11:30am.