

Assumption Catholic School
Back to School Night &
First FSA Meeting

September 8th, 2026
6:30pm PK - 8th grade



Assumption Catholic School nurtures, educates and empowers our diverse student community spiritually, intellectually, and social-emotionally with Catholic values and Ukrainian Tradition to Know, to Love, and to Serve God.

ACS Teachers and Staff













Our Sisters and Father









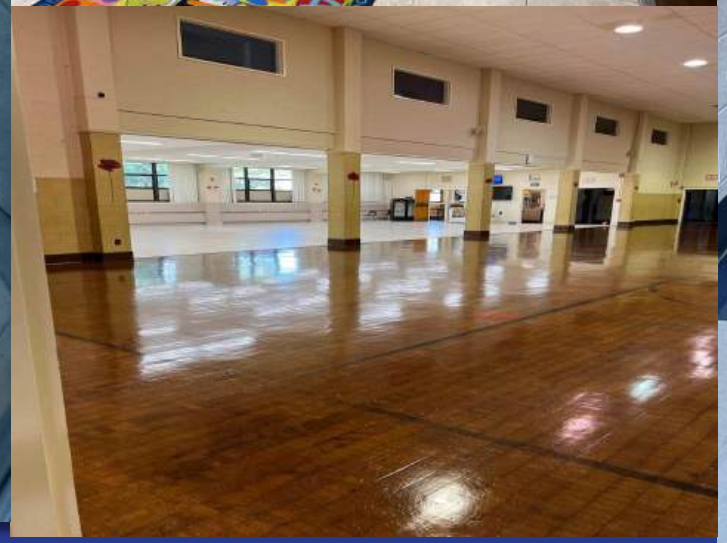


Religious formation: Faithful Connections, Sodality,
First Holy Communion, World Language teacher, Theology of the Body,
Substitute, Hallow, Afterschool: Sewing club and Choir

Our building: Summer 2026 Projects











Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introduction of FSA Board
3. Treasurer's Report—Brief Summary of 2025-2026 Finances
    a. Ending balance is: $35,000 START OFF: $15,000
4. FSA Presentation
5. Back to School Presentation
6. Mrs. Shumny, Father Ivan
7. Classroom Visits

FSA Executive Board 2026-2027

President: Mel Palhais **Vice President:** Jessica Mitchell

Treasurer: Jessica Mitchell **Assistant Treasurer**: Damaris Torres

Secretaries: Cassandra Carmona and Christina Lyszyk

Gertrude Hawk Coordinator: Cassandra Carmona

Fundraising Team: Christina Lyszyk(Bazaar solicitations), Kristen Scarpa (Spring Super Raffle), Jason & Zuleima Ballantyne (Bazaar Kitchen), Yenni Miranda, Maria Santos-Jimenez, Tiffany Soderholm, Tess Gumbs, Mrs. Byndiu, Mr. Bucior, Mr. Bielak, Romina Sansaricq, Rosa Lopez, Damaris Torres

Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator: Melissa Mavica (SI in the house!)

Teacher Liaisons: Mrs. Bielak & Mrs. Florez

Principal: Mrs. Lissette Shumny, **School Administrator/Pastor:** Father Ivan Turyk

Family & School Association (FSA)

- Organize and sponsor events and activities for the school community.
- Provide opportunities for fellowship within our school family.
- Participate in Assumption Catholic Church Parish activities.
- ALL of the fundraising proceeds go directly to providing the students of ACS with the support required to achieve academic excellence.

ACS Tuition Plans

All Plan 1 Family Obligations

- Fall Gertrude Hawk with a minimum of $100.00 sold (or $150.00 assessment)
- 3 BINGOs (or $90.00 assessment for each one missed)
- Christmas Bazaar 4 Hours work obligation (or $400.00 assessment)
- 50\50 Bazaar Raffle Tickets - THIS YEAR $5! $60.00 worth before event (or $100.00 assessment)
- Spring Super Raffle: $200.00 - 10 tickets @$20.00 each (or a $300.00 assessment)
- Graduation Breakfast - chaired and worked by 6th and 7th grade parents - 6 Service Hours

All Plan 2 Families and Pre-K Obligations

- Work 4 hours for the Christmas Bazaar

FSA General Meetings - Sign in!

Thursday, September 8th, Back to School Night

Thursday, October 15th, 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30 pm (wrapping session)

Future Dates to be announced

Attend Every Meeting and you will be entered into the Tuition Raffle!

(First prize: $1,000 off tuition, second prize $500 off tuition, third prize, $250 off tuition)

Note: Please remember to sign in!

BINGO!

Plan 1 Families must work 3 Scheduled BINGOs!

BINGO Assignments

Call the School Office ASAP, if you did not receive your schedule

Don’t forget to bring a cake (or 2 - should be enough for 12 slices - or $20.00) and arrive at 6pm SHARP :)

Unless you call 48 hours in Advance for your assigned dated, you will be assessed $90.00 and you will not be rescheduled. If you cannot work your scheduled BINGO, you **must** call Jessica Mitchell ASAP: (845) 987-4354

Spread the word to your families and friends about our BINGO held in the school auditorium on Wednesday evenings!

FSA Fundraising 2026-2027

Gertrude Hawk: Books going home next week

- 2026-2027: Goal is $9,000 profit

Clothing Drive: GOING ON NOW! Makes between $300-500

Restaurant fundraising nights: September 24th: Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza, Edison, NJ and **October 8th:** Texas Roadhouse, Old Bridge, NJ.

50\50 Bazaar Raffle and Spring Super Raffle

FSA Fundraising 2026-2027

Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sale

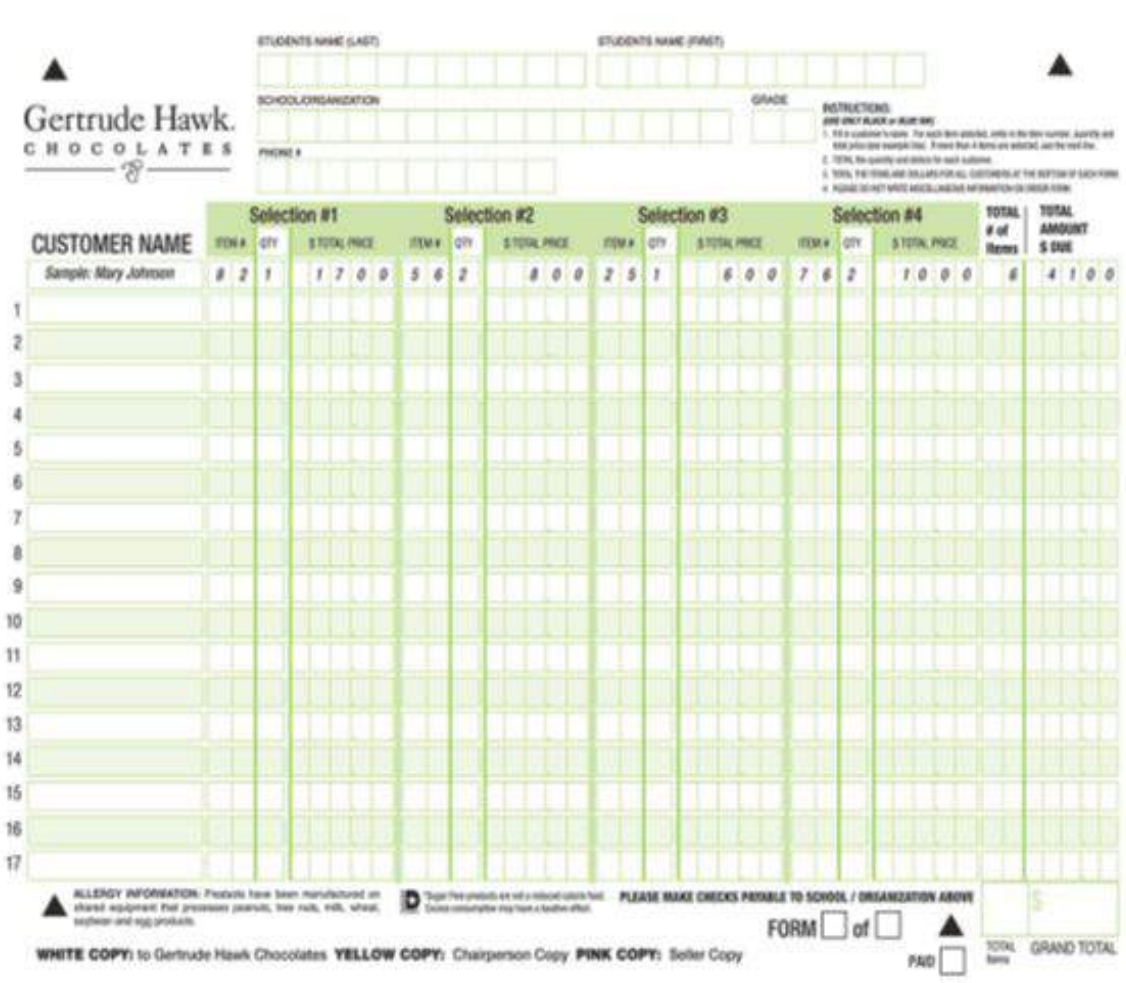
Paper Orders: Due Friday, November 6th

Delivery: Estimated December 3rd

Payment: Exact Cash Amount or check to Assumption Catholic School

Online Ordering:
www.gertrudehawkfundraising.com

Group #121010
Ukrainian Assumption Catholic School
Perth Amboy, NJ

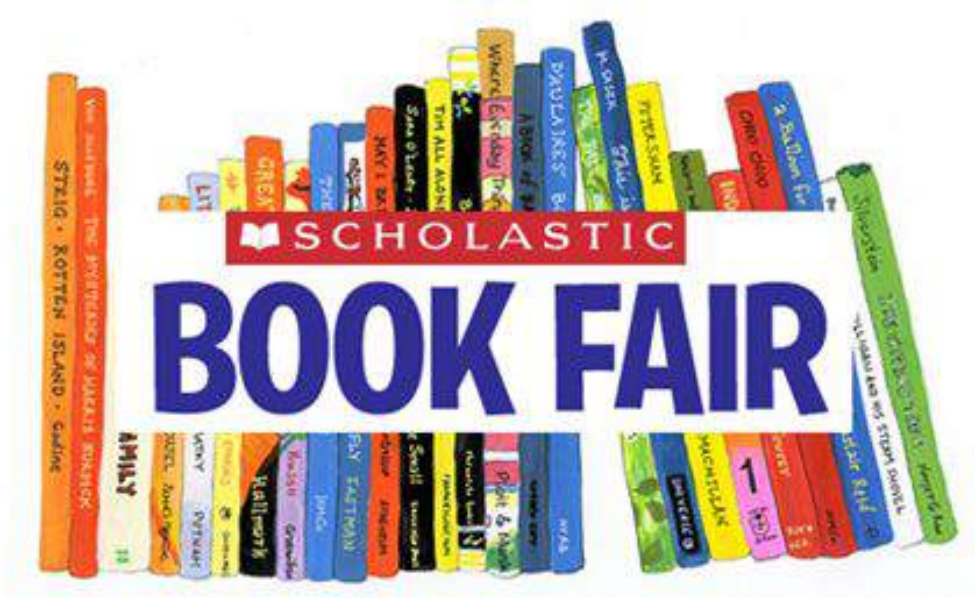


FSA Fundraising 2026-2027

Scholastic Book Fair

October 26TH through October 30th

Will be open during Trunk or Treat event



Paint & Sip Hot Chocolate & Christmas Portraits

Interested? Fill out the Google survey!!



FSA Fundraising 2026-2027

Christmas Bazaar & Gift Auction

Sunday, December 6th

10:30 am - 5:00 pm

We offer a full kitchen featuring homemade Ukrainian and Spanish foods. Dessert and Coffee Table, Vendors and Crafters, Children's Games, Grocery Wheel Game, Gift Auction, and 50/50.

Free Admission. Open to the public. Well advertised.

Largest Fundraising Event of the Year!

Christmas Bazaar 2026

Decorations

The Kitchen— Cooking, Serving, Clean up

The Gift Auction—Solicitation Letter, Basket Wrapping and Prize Prep, ticket sales

Kids Games Station, The Grocery Wheel, Baked Goods & Coffee Station— Whole Cake Donations needed.

Vendors: Tables available $TBD - LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS!

50/50— Sell tickets $5 each this year! Every family sells TBD???

Saturday Bazaar Prep











Gift Auction











Vendor Tables











Kitchen Crew











50/50 & Ticket Sales









Grocery Wheel & Homemade Baked Goods









Christmas Bazaar 2026

Volunteer Forms

50/50 Tickets

Solicitation Letter

COMING HOME SOON!!!!

FSA Fundraising & Activities 26-27

September: Prayer pins for our students and Grandparent Rosaries, 9/25 Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza

October: 10/17 Buffalo Wild Wings, 10/27 to 10/31 Scholastic Book Fair, 10/30 Trunk or Treat Event, 10/30 FSA Pancake Breakfast

November: Virtual Bazaar Week of 11/9, 11/16, and 11/30. Thanksgiving Feast on 11/26!

December: BAZAAR on DECEMBER 6th!!!





Pancake Breakfast













FSA Communication

Flyers

School Calendar

Principal’s Newsletter

REMIND, Email or Text

Please Visit an FSA Board member!

Thank You!

Back to School Night Agenda

- Curriculum & Classroom Procedures
- Our building, technology and security
- VIP Policies: Bullying Policy, Electronics & Technology Policy
- Dress Code
- Overview of a School Day
- Extended Care, Half Days & Pancake Breakfast, $3 Dress Down Days
- Student Clubs and Organization, Junior Honor Society
- Communication
- Parent To Do List, REMIND Codes, Questions

Curriculum & Classroom Procedures

- Assumption Catholic School follows the Diocese of Metuchen Curriculum and the New Jersey State Student Learning Standards. Most classes have already taken a Baseline Assessment in both Reading and Math and we work quickly to address academic strengths and weaknesses.
    - **Break down of grades: tests 35%, quiz 20%, daily 25%, projects 20% (MS Religion: tests 30%, quiz 15%, daily 25%, projects/service time 30%**
- Each teacher has their own grade appropriate procedures, which they will share with you when you visit their classroom.

Our Building

We take pride in our school building!

Technology at ACS

Pre-K to Eighth Grade - 1:1 Chromebooks

Grade Pre-K - 8 classrooms have Promethean Boards, and teachers are provided with technology training.

Emergency Management Plan

ACS's Emergency plan was filed with the Perth Amboy Police Department and the Diocese of Metuchen. We discuss all our procedures and expectations with our students and have begun our drills.

Addressing Conflict vs. Bullying

Conflict is an important part of growing up but bullying is not. Conflict teaches kids how to give and take, how to come to an agreement and how to solve problems. When it comes to conflict, it's good for kids to learn conflict resolution and resiliency skills. These skills promote listening and working together to come to an agreement or plan to move forward. Conflict resolution works based on the assumption that both people are in part responsible for the current problem and need to work it out. In this situation, both kids make compromises and the conflict is resolved.

Bullying is different. It is about the bully making a choice to intentionally hurt another person. There is nothing to work out. When bullying occurs, the bully is fully responsible for the situation. And the bully bears all the responsibility for change. Bullies usually do not negotiate with others. They want power and they blame others for their actions. Even if an adult can get them to apologize, bullies will often retaliate when no one else is around. As a result, it is crucial to recognize the difference between conflict and bullying.

Bullying Policy

Conflict is different than bullying. Not all disagreements and fights are bullying. Conflict is a normal part of human interaction and arises frequently in our day to day lives. Part of learning to be independent and grown up is learning how to deal with and respond appropriately to conflict at home, at school, and in your community. Recognizing the difference between conflict and bullying will help students, parents and teachers know how to respond.

<u>Conflict</u>

- Conflict is a disagreement in which all parties have equal power to solve the problem
- All parties have an equal interest in the outcome -parties are of relatively equal size, age or status
- A conflict can be resolved by talking or working things out together or with help from an adult.

<u>Bullying</u>

- Bullying is not a disagreement and is a repeated form of mistreatment where the victim cannot defend him/herself
- There is an imbalance of power – usually one person is either bigger or older than the other or has a higher social standing (is more popular) and uses this against the other person
- Usually involves repeated acts of harassment, harm or humiliation

Electronics & Technology Policy

Students are <u>not</u> allowed to bring electronics to school!

Cell Phones: Only students who walk home, take the bus, or cab home may bring it to school. A parent must sign the permission note sent from the office and must be approved by the Principal. The phone is turned into the office in the morning and returned to students at dismissal.

*Note: Classroom Teachers have these forms

Parent Information Available - Middle school parents, please take one of each!

Dress Code - A picture is worth a thousand words





Full Uniform
Hair and Nails



Uniform - Gym Days **Wednesday**

1. Tops:
   a. Blue or yellow ACS T-shirt
   b. Gray sweatshirt (optional)
2. Bottom:
   a. ACS gray sweatpants
   b. OR ACS blue shorts
3. Socks:
   a. White
4. Sneakers:
   a. Any color low or mid top



Extended Care: Before and Aftercare

Before Care – 7am to 8am

After Care – 3:00pm to 5:30pm Grades PK - 2

Cost - $6 per hour

ACS Clubs

Grades 3 to 8

Starting September 21st

Assumption Catholic School After School Progam September - October

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
3:00-4:00	Gr. 3-8	Ukrainian Dance, Ms. Lawrence	Gr. 3-6	IXL/Games Club, Mr. Burzynski, Mrs. Bielak, Mrs. Derevenska	Gr. 3-8	Chimes & Show Choir, Ms. Lawrence	Gr. 3-8	Choir, Sr. Veronica, Sr. Trijsi, Sr.Svitanku	Gr. 3-5	Karaoke/Music Club, Ms. Suarez
	Gr. 3-6	Arts & Crafts, Mrs. Florez	Gr. 3-6	Sewing, Sr. Veronica, Sr. Trijsi, Sr.Svitanku	Gr. 3-5	Painting Club, Mrs. Zambrowski	Gr. 3-4	JR Drama (Thanksgiving & St.Nick play) Mrs. Bielak & Mrs. Derevenska	Gr 6-8	Scrapbooking / Painting Club, Mrs. Zambrowski
	Gr. 6-8	Karaoke/Music Club, Ms. Suarez	Gr. 7-8	Culinary, Mrs. Zambrowski	Gr. 6-8	Math Survivors, Mrs. Lawrence	Gr 5-8	History Club, Ms. Perez		
4:00-5:00	Gr. 3-4	Culinary, Mrs. Florez	Gr. 3-6	Recreation, Mr. Zambrowski	Gr. 3-4	Jewelry Club, Mrs. Zambrowski	Gr. 3-5	Basketball Club, Ms. Guzman/Mrs. Florez	**Only one club on Fridays :)**	
	Gr. 5-8	Drama, Ms. Shumny/ Mrs. Pickering (Winter Production: The Grinch Stole Christmas)	Gr. 7-8	Culinary, Mrs. Zambrowski	Gr. 5-6	Culinary, Mrs. Florez	Gr. 6-8	Anime Club, Ms. Perez		
					Gr. 7-8	Service Club, Mrs. Shumny				
	BC	Mrs. Florez	BC	Mrs. Florez	BC	Mrs. Florez	BC	Mrs. Florez	BC	Mrs. Florez
	AC	Mrs. Zambrowski	AC	Ms. Perez	AC	Mrs. Perez	AC	Mrs. Zambrowski	AC	Mrs. Perez

ACS Half Days & Dress Down Days

- **The First Wednesday of the month is generally a half day, EXCEPT February when it's the first Friday.**
  - (Aftercare is available on half days - Lunch is NOT served, please send lunch from home)
- Half Day Wednesday – When announced we have Pancake Breakfast: $5.00: Juice/Milk, Pancakes, Hash Browns, Sausage. (Exact Change Requested and NOT part of the regular lunch program)
- **Dress Down Days $3 - 50/50 Tuition Raffle**

Schedule Overview

- Drop off on Meredith Street between 8:00 am to 8:15 am

  PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK!! (This should be a slide in itself)
- Prayers, Pledge, & Announcements before going to class
- Special Classes – Monday: Music, Tuesday: Spanish (gr PK, K, 5-8), Ukrainian (gr 1-4) Wednesday: Phys Ed, Thursday: Art Friday: Divine Liturgy
- Snack & Lunch: Snack & hot lunch are offered daily, menu is sent home at the beginning of the month and posted on the ACS school website and REMIND.
- Dismissal – Pre-K at **2:45pm** through office doors, K-4 doors at **2:55pm** through ACS playground, and 5-8 at **3pm** through office doors

Honor Roll

Academic Honors are recognized for students in grades 3-8. All subject averages are used to determine student honor roll status.

- First Honors: An average from 93-100, with no grade below a 92
- Second Honors: An average from 85-92, with no grade below a 85
- Honorable Mention: Exemplary effort & attitude, nothing lower than a 78

A guideline for homework: Kindergarten = 10 minutes, Grade 1 = 20 minutes, Grade 2 = 30, Grade 3 = 40 minutes, Grade 4 = 50 minutes, Grade 5 = 60 minutes, Grade 6 = 70 minutes Grades 7 = 80 minutes, Grade 8 = 90 minutes

Student of the Month



ASSUMPTION
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2026

This certificate is proudly presented to

STUDENT'S NAME

in recognition of outstanding academic effort, Christlike character, kindness, responsibility, and service to the ACS community.

To Know, To Love, To Serve God

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Principal

Date

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL
380 Meredith Street | Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Communication

- Newsletter – sent home every other Friday
- Planners - Cost $8
- Teacher & Principal email – all on the website and newsletter
- PowerSchool – link on our website
- REMIND - calendars, reminders, and homework
- Send money and information into school in a timely fashion
- Envelopes - which should be addressed:

Name: Student Name & Grade Re:

MAP Testing

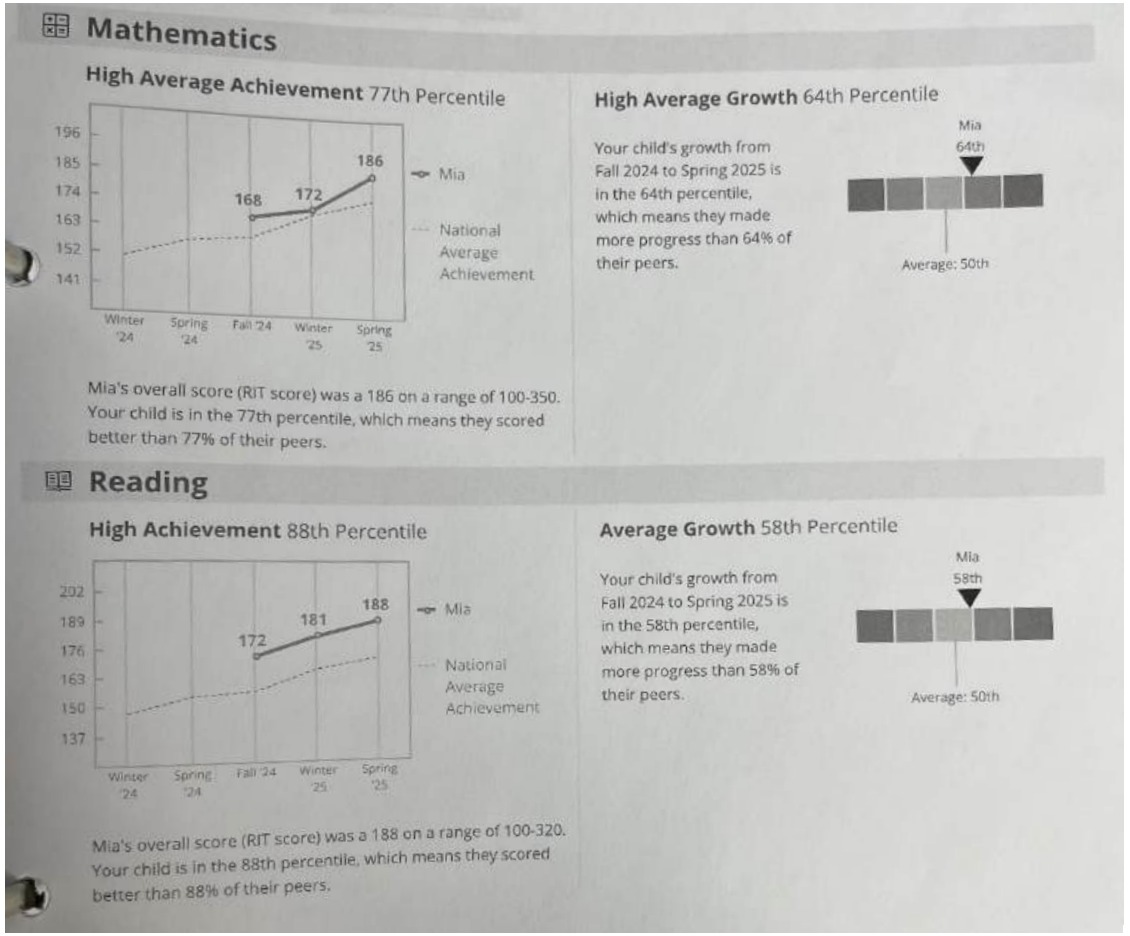
Fall Testing Window:

November 9 - 20, 2026

Spring Testing Window:

May 3 - 14, 2027

Example of Family Report:



Mathematics

High Average Achievement 77th Percentile

Mia's overall score (RIT score) was a 186 on a range of 100-350. Your child is in the 77th percentile, which means they scored better than 77% of their peers.

High Average Growth 64th Percentile

Your child's growth from Fall 2024 to Spring 2025 is in the 64th percentile, which means they made more progress than 64% of their peers.

Reading

High Achievement 88th Percentile

Mia's overall score (RIT score) was a 188 on a range of 100-320. Your child is in the 88th percentile, which means they scored better than 88% of their peers.

Average Growth 58th Percentile

Your child's growth from Fall 2024 to Spring 2025 is in the 58th percentile, which means they made more progress than 58% of their peers.



ACS Athletics

Bowling, Track & Field, and Softball









PARENT TO DO LIST!

- 6th grade parents - WE NEED IMMUNIZATION RECORDS!
- PK parents - WE NEED FLU SHOT!
- Physicals needed for all our new students
- Sign Family Handbook Acknowledgement Form & Ethical Use of Technology Form
- Download REMIND app, PowerSchool and STOPit.
- Like us on facebook & save our website as a favorite!
  assumptioncatholicschool.net



- **Special Mention: COGNIA: OCTOBER 6 - NO CLUBS!**

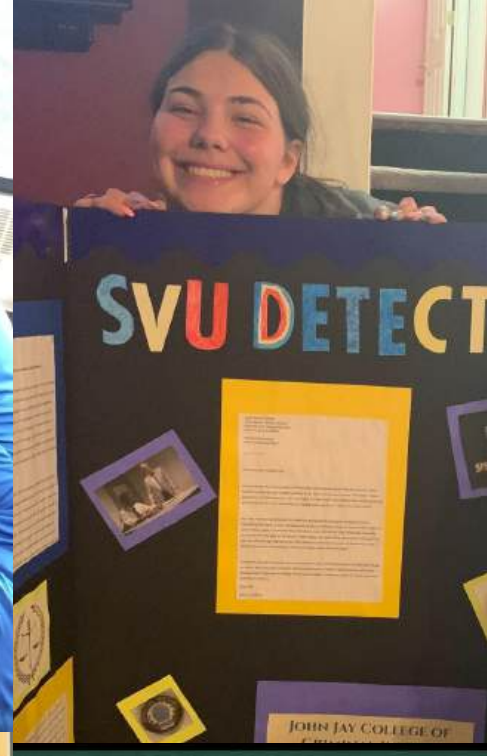




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every minute













High School

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