

November Newsletter II: November 27, 2024

Assumption Catholic School

Desk of Mrs. Shumny

Dear Parents,

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for each of you. This season reminds us of the countless blessings God has poured into our lives—our families, our friendships, and the shared mission we are privileged to carry out in our school community.
I am deeply thankful for the dedication of our staff, the joy and curiosity of our students, and the support of our families. Together, we reflect God's love and grace in all we do. May your Thanksgiving be filled with peace, joy, and moments to cherish with loved ones.

A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Perez, Mrs. Florez, the Sisters, and Mrs. Pickering for their unwavering love and support throughout the planning and execution of the seventh and eighth grade Lock-In and overnight religious retreat. It was truly a night to remember, one that deeply inspired both the students and teachers. The experience allowed everyone to feel God's presence in a profound and meaningful way. There's some pictures below.

Happy Thanksgiving ACS!

God Bless,

Mrs. Shumny

Tomorrow, November 27th is our Thanksgiving play at 9:30am - parents are welcomed to come watch and help with our Annual ACS Thanksgiving Feast! It is a 12:30 dismissal and no aftercare or clubs are available.

THIS WEEK'S: **TOP STORIES**

ACS First Lock-In: A Night to Remember! 🌟

What a truly special and unforgettable evening we are sharing at the ACS First Lock-In, filled with faith, friendship, and fun! We began with a warm welcome in the auditorium, setting the tone for a night full of meaningful experiences.

✨ Learning About Friendship ✨The Sisters kicked off our evening with an inspiring lesson on friendship for our 7th and 8th graders in the convent. They shared insights into what makes a good friendship, the qualities to look for, and examples of unhealthy friendships. Most importantly, they encouraged our students to reflect on their friendship with God and how it shapes our lives.

🙏 Time in the Church 🙏Next, we headed to church, where Father Ivan introduced students and teachers to the tabernacle and the candle that symbolizes Jesus' constant presence among us. Together, we prayed Fifteen Minutes in the Company of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament—it was a truly beautiful and moving moment. We also lit candles with our own special intentions, filling the space with light and prayerful hearts.

🎉 Faith-Filled Fun 🎉Back at school, the energy soared with exciting activities that brought everyone closer together!

- Saints vs. Sinners Freeze Tag got everyone running and laughing.

- A Saint Scavenger Hunt had students racing through the halls to find Saints hidden throughout the building. Who doesn't love running in the halls—without getting in trouble?!

- After a quick pizza break, we played Guess Who I Am? with the Saints we discovered. The students amazed us with their knowledge and creativity!

📖 Ending with Reflection 📖As the clock struck midnight, we ended the night with heartfelt prayer, some quiet reflection, and a movie to wind down.

This evening isn't just an event—it is an experience that strengthens our relationships with each other and, most importantly, with God. 💙💛💙💛



Each year, the 8th-grade Ring Day stands as a deeply treasured tradition in our school community, symbolizing growth, unity, and the transition to new beginnings. This special event, serves as a rite of passage for our students as they prepare to take on greater responsibilities and opportunities in their academic and personal lives.

The celebration began with a beautiful liturgy that brings students, families, and faculty together in prayer. Following the Liturgy, Father Ivan blesses their rings and Mrs. Shumny presents each one.

Students receive their rings, which hold more than just symbolic value—they represent the bonds of friendship, the strength of character developed here, and the bright futures that await. This moment is so special, as parents and loved ones watch with pride, marking another milestone.

After the Liturgy all 8th grade families were invited to share breakfast and take many pictures! Ring Day is more than an event; it is a tradition that bridges the past, present, and future, celebrating our 8th graders' achievements while inspiring them to continue to grow as leaders and learners.
















Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 27th: Thanksgiving Feast - performance by Junior Drama at 9am! Remember it is a 12:30 dismissal: NO CLUBS and NO AFTERCARE

Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th: No Classes HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thank you to Jhavior and Melania Rodriguez's family, Jacob Gordon's Family and Victoria Novak's family for the turkey donations

Wednesday, December 4th: 12:30 Dismissal: NO CLUBS- ONLY AFTERCARE

Monday, December 9th: 1 pm St. Nick Program

Wednesday, December 11th: $3 dress down - 1 pm show choir and chimes have a performance: Ms. L will be sending home details shortly.

Monday, December 16th: 6-8th Christmas Project due and luncheon!

Thursday, December 19th: No PHYS ED! UGLY SWEATER DAY (wear to school in the morning) **7 pm Christmas Concert! Students in at 6:45pm SHARP**

Christmas Concert attire:

Pre-Kindergarten to grade 2: Christmas outfits - dress up!

Grades 3-6: Wear black bottom (pants or skirt) and a red or green top.

Grade 7: The Nativity - they will be asked to wear specific colors and/or given a school costume

Grade 8: Everyone Black pants and boys green top and girls red top

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Friday, December 20th: No Clubs!

Monday, Dec. 23-Jan. 1: No Classes! **Thursday, January 2nd:** Back to School!

Family and School Association Corner:

💙**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS**: Have any new and never opened gifts? Maybe a candle you don't love, a wallet that's never been opened? How about all those cooking gadgets you think you just will never use? Board games? Gift Cards? SEND THEM IN! Thank you to the Mavica Family, Rashkevych Family, Miranda Family, Metz Family, Hychun Family, Carmona Family, Rashkevych Family for the Bazaar Donations.Thank you to the Iammatteo Family, Soto Family and E. Marte family for the wonderful donations! MORE DONATIONS!!! Thank you to the Ortega Family, Carmona Family, Miranda Family, and Burzynski Family!

Mrs. Sills, Chairperson, is still collecting $2 or a promise to help her bake!

Thank you to the following families for signing up to bake and/or making a donation towards this table: Chobit Family, Tejada Family, Hall Family, Mavica Family, Fedchyshyn Family, Carapella Family, Metz Family, Hillers Family, Soto Family, Gonzalez Family, Calderon Family, Minier Family, Aleksidze Family, Centrone Family, Tkachuk Family. MORE FAMILIES! Thank you to Bermudez-Correa Family, Buryi Family, and Flati Family. Thank you to the Ballantyne Family, Mrs. Phyllis, Gonzalez Family, Torres Family, Bucior Family, Mussenden Family, Hychun Family! Thank you Novak Family and Beneche Family! Thank you to Kharchenko family, Terron Family, Miniez Family, and Suero De Leon Family and Byndiu Family! We are so blessed!!

🎄 **Christmas Bazaar! ALL FAMILY WORK TIMES WENT HOME - Check those backpacks!** 🎄

Mark your calendars for December 8th – our biggest fundraiser of the year! Bring your friends and family for a day filled with holiday cheer and plenty of fun.

✨ **What's in store?**

- **Shop from a variety of talented local vendors.**
- **Bid on amazing items at our auction.**
- **Savor mouthwatering Ukrainian Platters and Spanish Platters, available to enjoy here or take to go.**

It's a wonderful way to support a great cause while enjoying festive food and unique finds. We can't wait to see you there!

Parish Corner:

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

First Holy Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th. Mrs. Phyllis sent home letters October 7th - if your child did not receive it, please reach out 732-826-8721. Next information letter will go home in March.

Are you in third through eighth grade and want to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion for the first time? See Mrs. Shumny ASAP!