

December Newsletter: December 19, 2024

# Assumption Catholic School

## Desk of Mrs. Shumny

Dear ACS Families,

Are we ready to welcome 2025? I think the answer is both yes and no! The year has certainly flown by, and we've accomplished so much. Our Math Curriculum Mapping, which was one of our school's key goals, is nearly complete. We've pushed our students to excel, and it's been wonderful to see them settle into their new grade, making it their own. Along the way, we've witnessed significant emotional and academic growth, as we face daily challenges together. Always keeping God at the center of everything we do is what makes ACS so special. It's been a year of progress, perseverance, and faith. Take this Christmas break to rest, make memories and middle school....review for those midterms lol!

Going home today:

1. January Calendar & Menu

The attached January Calendar has a change!! Friday, *January 17th will be no school for students (Friday* before Martin Luther King Jr. Day - teacher professional day)

2. Spring Concert is tonight - students arrive at 6:30pm, Concert starts at 7pm sharp!

3. Catholic Schools Week Schedule - start planning! Invites included

**Merry Christmas ACS! See you at the concert tonight!**

God Bless,

Mrs. Shumny

## St. Ann Society Sponsors New Cabinets

A section of the ACS auditorium has undergone $10,000 renovation as the result of a beautification project sponsored by the parish St. Ann Society. New cabinets and a new granite countertop have been installed, providing a brightness and clean finish to the existing bar area. The countertop was procured

through the efforts of Mr. Laffey, the owner of Granite Man LLC and the cabinets were installed by Mr. Peter Kukuruza, parishioner and husband of Mrs. Kukuruza, a current ACS teacher. The entire project was spearheaded by Mrs. Colette Baginsky and her husband John. Mrs. Baginsky is a long time member of St. Ann Society, who sponsored and financed the project.



# ACS Fall/Winter Recap

## 2024 Bazaar a Success!

The Christmas Bazaar is one of the longest-standing traditions at ACS, dating back to December 1-2, 1968! For decades, this cherished event has been a cornerstone of our community, bringing together generations of alumni, students, parishioners, teachers, and friends to celebrate the spirit of the season and our shared love for this little Catholic school. Even the boy and girl bikes from Holy Name and St. Ann's have become a beloved part of the tradition!

Over the last couple of days, we've shared many pictures on Facebook as we try to highlight and thank parents who have contributed so much time and effort to making our Bazaar a success. The final profit total for this amazing event is $32,334! We truly have to say again, a heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to all the parents who contributed their time and efforts to make this event what it is. When we are united in a common goal of doing great things for our children, we can accomplish so much! What I love most about the Christmas Bazaar is how it unites us all—alumni, students, parishioners, teachers, and friends—around a common goal. It's more than just an event; it's a celebration of connection, community, and a deep, abiding love for our little Catholic school.

Here's to traditions that remind us of what truly matters. And here's just a small collection of selfies I took throughout the day. Check our Facebook page for even more pictures! (I missed many special people but I will catch you next year December 7, 2025!)




















# On the Go Principal





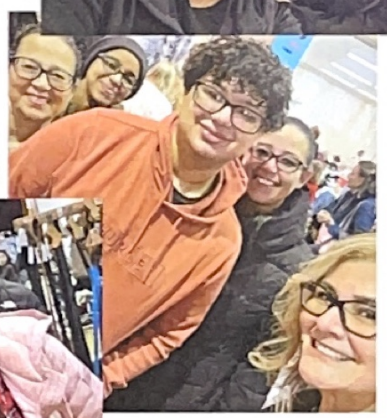



Our principal, Mrs. Shumny, was just as busy as anyone else at the bazaar, but she still found the time to take *tons* of selfies! It may seem like just another thing the "kids" do nowadays, but the myriad of selfies - only some of which we reprinted here, you can see the rest on Facebook, of course - really represent one of the most special and unique things about this beloved and longstanding event.






It's not just the current students and their families who come to the Bazaar. Our church parishioners attend, as well as recent graduates, not so recent graduates, their familes, and even just friends from the neighborhood. The ACS Christmas Bazaar isn't just a big event for our *current* community, it's a big event for the whole ACS family, going back through decades of graduating classes, and *their* friends and family. ACS might not be a school with a Homecoming event every fall, but we've got something even better - we have our very own Christmas Bazaar, where reuniting with old friends is just as awe-some a part of the event as the games, the prizes and the food! We hope to continue seeing all these smiling faces at our Bazaar for years and years to come.









# A Thanksgiving Feast

Thanksgiving is a time when all kinds of families get together and give thanks. and that includes our school family, too. The Annual Thanksgiving feast is a whole school affair, from the Junior Drama play about the pilgrims and indians, to all the food prep done by parent volunteers and students alike. Our students and staff enjoyed a full Thanksgiving meal, from the turkey to the stuffing, plus a tasty slice of pie for dessert. It's fun to celebrate holidays with family, but we love celebrating with our school family just as much!



























# St. Nicholas and the Battle of Time

Of course St. Nicholas travels to homes and delivers gifts to children every December 6th, but he also makes a special trip to visit the children at ACS! Junior drama put on a play in his honor, "St Nicholas and the Battle of Time" written by our own alumna, Samantha Shumny!

After the play, St. Nicholas made an appearance and brought gifts for all of our school children, and even our teachers and sisters! It's always a magical time for the young and young and heart when St. Nicholas pays us a special visit.



















# Spreading Christmas Cheer Through Song

the ACS Chimetteers and Show Choir visited the Alameda Center for Rehabilitation in Perth Amboy this afternoon. First we entertained staff members in the lobby with a surprise performance of Mi Burrito Sabanero. Then we performed a short set of holiday favorites for the seniors gathered in their community room. Residents enjoyed the performance and sang along with the songs they knew - which was most of them! After we played, we presented seniors with cards that middle school students had written, and wished them all a Merry Christmas! We are thankful to be able to share our gifts with the community and brighten their afternoon with our music!









# Family and School Association Corner:

Our next FSA Meeting will be February 27th 7:00pm

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# 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!

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, 684 Alta Vista Place, Perth Amboy, NJ

Christmas Schedule 2024

Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 4:00 PM - Children's Divine Liturgy (Eng.), 10:00 PM - Great Compline (Eng/Ukr.), 11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Wednesday, Christmas Day, December 25, 9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.), 11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Thursday, The Synaxis of the Theotokos, December 26, 9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng/Ukr.)

Friday, St. Stephen Protomartyr, December 27, 9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng/Ukr.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, The Nativity Play will be presented to the entire parish following 9:00 am Liturgy.