

Newsletter: October 31, 2025

Assumption Catholic School

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

November is here, and it's one of my favorite times of the year—a time to pause and be grateful.

I'm truly thankful for the strong, supportive community we have here at ACS. From our dedicated parents who so generously give their time, to our hardworking FSA Board who are constantly planning and creating wonderful opportunities for our students—your commitment makes all the difference. I'm also grateful to my teachers who really go above and beyond for all our students and this year…WOW - working double time towards our reaccreditation. AND of course to all the scholars who walk these halls - I pray for each one every morning - we do have simply the best "kids"!

Wishing you all a month filled with gratitude and togetherness. Here's a couple of reminders

- Parent–Teacher Conferences: Conferences are being scheduled. If you have not yet submitted your form, your child's teacher will schedule a time for you.
- End of Marking Period: November 7th.
- New Club Schedule: Attached! Don't miss the Bowling Flyer—get ready to bowl!
- Support "Rep Day": Represent Your Culture Day is coming soon! Join us for a fun celebration filled with food, music, entertainment, and cultural pride! Take a look at the whole week of celebration created by the student council.

Many parents enjoyed learning about math in last month's newsletter, so here's a little insight into how reading grows in young learners:

1. Reading builds language and thinking skills. When children read or are read to regularly, they expand their vocabulary and learn to express complex ideas more clearly.
2. Early reading habits shape future success. Children who read for fun at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to nearly 2 million words a year—boosting both comprehension and confidence.
3. Reading aloud strengthens connection. Listening to stories helps children develop empathy, imagination, and attention—skills that support learning in every subject.

<u>The Science of Reading: How Skills Build from Pre-K to 8th Grade</u>

Pre-K : Focus: Oral Language & Phonemic Awareness

- Example: Children play with sounds — clapping syllables in “ba-na-na” or noticing that “cat” and “hat” rhyme.

Kindergarten: Focus: Phonics Foundations

- Example: Students connect letters to sounds — learning that M says /m/ and blending sounds like /c/ /a/ /t/ → “cat.”

1st Grade: Focus: Decoding Words

- Example: Beginning readers sound out and blend words to read simple sentences like “The dog ran.”

2nd Grade:Focus: Fluency & Automaticity

- Example: Students read short passages smoothly and accurately, focusing on pacing and expression.

3rd Grade: Focus: Vocabulary Growth

- Example: Students learn new and complex words — for instance, understanding that “predict” means to make a good guess about what will happen.

4th Grade: Focus: Comprehension Strategies

- Example: Students summarize what they read and make inferences about why characters act a certain way.

5th Grade: Focus: Text Structure & Analysis

- Example: Students identify how an author organizes ideas — like comparing and contrasting or showing cause and effect.

6th Grade: Focus: Critical Reading

- Example: Students evaluate whether an author’s claim is supported by facts, examples, or opinions.

7th Grade: Focus: Integrating Information

- Example: Students combine information from multiple sources — such as an article and a chart — to form conclusions.

8th Grade: Focus: Advanced Comprehension & Reasoning

- Example: Students analyze themes, perspectives, and symbolism to understand deeper meanings in literature.

🧠 The Big Idea: The Science of Reading shows that strong reading develops in clear stages: Phonemic Awareness → Phonics → Fluency → Vocabulary → Comprehension.
Each layer builds on the one before, guiding students from learning to read to reading to learn.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 4th: Lifetouch Picture Day!! (In uniform!)

Wednesday, November 5th: 12:30 dismissal, no clubs, yes aftercare

Friday, November 7th: END OF MARKING PERIOD 1

Monday, November 10th: wear your favorite jersey day.

Tuesday, November 11th: Veteran's Day! Wear red, white and blue today! We will have some special guests

Wednesday, November 12th: Dine and Donate Evening at Woodbridge Brewing Co. 4-10pm

Thursday, November 13th: 12:30 dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences - report cards will be distributed

Friday, November 14th: "REP DAY" - Represent your Culture Day! Buy your tickets! It will be a wonderful event where all our cultural projects will be displayed, delicious food served and some special musical guests will entertain! WEAR something traditional or represent your country by wearing the flag's colors.

Friday, November 21st: 6th-8th grade Fall Dance 6:30pm.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - Thank you to Mrs. Mavica, Mrs. Jackson and the 8th graders and Mr. Gonzalez for all their help!

FSA sponsored Pancake breakfast WEAR YOUR FALL COLORS to school ! Thank you to all our volunteers who came to help us today! A special day to welcome fall!

Family & School Association - What's Happening?

1. Family School Association (FSA): Fall Clothing Drive going on until November 15th.
2. **Gertrude Hawk Due November 7th! YOU ONLY HAVE UNTIL THURSDAY END OF DAY! ORDERS GET SENT TO THE COMPANY ON FRIDAY!**
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! SEE ALL THE PAPERWORK - help where you can, get involved!

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