

Newsletter: November 13, 2026

Assumption Catholic School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all of the parents who came out yesterday, Thursday, November 12th, for parent-teacher conferences. What a wonderful opportunity to sit down together! Your child's education is a partnership between home and school. When parents and teachers talk openly, raise concerns early, and celebrate progress together, our students benefit. Thank you for making time for these conversations and for trusting us with your children. As always, I want to share a few academic updates, some important reminders, and a little bit of what is happening around ACS.

Academic Updates

MAP Testing: Your child's MAP report will go home next week. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) shows us what each student knows and what they are ready to learn next. Grade 1 students are tested in math and reading. Students in Grades 2–8 are tested in math, reading, and language arts, which includes grammar.

Why is MAP so important? The test adjusts to your child: a correct answer leads to a harder question, and an incorrect answer leads to an easier one. Each student receives a RIT score, and we compare these scores over time to see how much that child has grown. We want every student to show growth, no matter where they started. Our teachers use these results to plan differentiated instruction, so each child gets the right support and challenge. The results also show which skills still need to be taught. When you receive your student's reports, please reach out to their teacher if you have any questions.

PowerSchool and Marking Period 2: We are five days into Marking Period 2, and the halfway point is **December 11th**. Time flies when you're having fun! Please check PowerSchool regularly.

- **Kindergarten-Grade 2:** Please keep enjoying those book sacks! I want to see more reading levels rising! This is the foundation for learning and I am so proud of the growth we have seen on the first floor.
- **Grades 3-5:** It's so important to master those multiplication tables! We showed strong growth in mathematics - let's keep the momentum going!
- **Middle School:** The second marking period brings more work and higher expectations. Assignments become longer, tests cover more material, and students are expected to take more responsibility for their own learning. Please help your child stay organized: keep up with homework, study a little every night instead of cramming, and check PowerSchool together each week. Students who fall behind should speak with their teachers right away. Small habits now make a big difference by the end of the year!

School News and Shoutouts

Shoutout to My Teachers! Thank you for a wonderful first quarter! Our teachers give so much of themselves every day, in the classroom and far beyond it. They teach with patience, love, and faith—and at Assumption Catholic School, we do more than teach lessons; we nurture the whole child and feed the soul.

Our students are better for the care and dedication they receive each day. Catholic school teachers are truly a blessing, and I am so grateful for each of them. 💙

FSA SHOUTOUT

- **Clothing Drive:** clothes is being picked up today! This was a huge success. Thank you to every family who donated!
- **Gertrude Hawk:** Thank you, families, for all of your hard work selling Gertrude Hawk! We are anxiously awaiting the delivery of the orders and will let you know as soon as they arrive.
- **Restaurant Night:** Our Taco Express night was a huge hit. Thank you to everyone who came out to eat and support our school!
- WHAT'S NEXT: SKATING NIGHT! See flyer :)

Christmas Bazaar: Sunday, December 6th: Our Christmas Bazaar is one of our most exciting traditions and our largest fundraiser of the year, and we truly need everyone's participation. **Work assignments went home with your child.** Please look for yours, mark the date on your calendar, and plan to help. Every shift counts, and many hands make light work!

Each class is putting together a themed basket for the Bazaar. Please help your child's class by sending in an item that fits their theme. Please send items in by **Tuesday, November 24th**!

- **Pre-K:** Arts & Crafts Basket
- **Grades 1 & 2:** All Things Grill Basket
- **Grade 5:** All Things Coffee & Tea Basket
- **Grade 7:** Baking Basket

Kindergarten: Sweet & Salty Snack Basket
Grades 3 & 4: Disney Basket
Grade 6: Movies & Munchies Basket
Grade 8: Sports Basket

50/50 Raffle: A huge thank you to the Scarpa family for organizing our 50/50 this year! Make sure you sell those tickets. I love opening the school's social media and seeing everyone using every resource they have to spread the word. Last year's winner took home **over $7,000**. This year, our goal is **$10,000 to the winner**. Let's see if we can make it happen!

All of your support helps us keep tuition low without cutting programs. :)

Thank you for continuing to partner with our teachers. Together, we are making a real difference for our students. May we always remain focused on why we are here: to teach our children to know, to love, and to serve God. Here's to a grateful and faith-filled November! Make sure you take a few minutes to enjoy our First Marking Period Round Up! ***God bless, Mrs. Shumny**