



February 1, 2010

Principal's Thoughts

Greetings,

Once I finish writing my section for this newsletter, I need to get cracking on my speech for the Catholic Schools Week Kickoff. But, of course, I have been thinking about what I want and need to say and not surprising, I have been thinking about what a huge, huge role you play. You naturally are the first and most important teachers in the lives of your children. And you've done an amazing job because you have sent us some wonderful kids. The staff and I love them dearly. However, it is also true that without you very little related to the school could get done. You sacrifice to pay tuition and you transport the students everywhere. You coach sports, Odyssey of the Mind, help with cheerleading, Science Olympiad, Math Counts, Book Fair, and even lunch, not to mention service on the Board of Education, Home & School, Boosters, and on and on. You touch and support EVERYTHING. It is truly remarkable that as busy and hectic as it is, you carve so much time out of your day to do what you do. Assumption truly is your school.

I hope you know that we value the trust you put in us to serve your children and your school. Assumption is special. Let us never take for granted what you have established here.

The challenge of preparing children to succeed in today's world is a monumental task. I strongly feel that much of the culture operates in direct opposition to what we are trying to do here. But as always, together we are succeeding. God Bless You All.

Math Counts

Congratulations to the 8th grade students who will compete as the Assumption School Team in the 2010 MathCounts Competition at GVSU on Friday, February 12, 2010.

Josh Balcom	Gr. 8	Charlie Riddering	Gr. 7
Grant Goodfellow	Gr. 8	Diana Dinkel	Gr. 7
Ryan Linak	Gr. 8	Ian Bach	Gr. 7
Alex Markules	Gr. 7	Whitney Hoving	Gr. 6

Science Olympiad Update

Twenty-three young scientists under the guidance of Mrs. Sack have been busy preparing solutions to problems they have been given as part of the competition. The competition will be held at GVSU on Saturday, March 27th. Go Eagles!

Scripps National Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Olivia Gilbert and Ryan Linak. They placed 1st and 2nd in our school spelling bee. They go on to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee that will be held here at Assumption on February 23rd.

Fifth Grader Kirsten Brinkmeier placed third. Nice job, Kirsten.

Good luck, Olivia and Ryan.

OM Practices Heating Up

Three Odyssey of the Mind (OM) teams have been working hard to be ready for their competition to be held at Greenville High School on Saturday, March 20th. We are very excited to be able to field three teams for our first year. Our teams and coaches are:

3rd,4th, & 5th grade team

Beth Weber, John Stuiwe, and Emily Foster

6th grade team

Michele Niles, Lori Hoving, and Donna Brower

6th, 7th, and 8th grade team

Jan Barclay, Marianne/Paul McWatters,
Richard Leatherman

Mr. Mike Micele

MISSION STATEMENT

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School is dedicated to providing a quality Catholic education for students in levels K-8

Our goal is to teach, model, and promote Gospel Values within a God-centered environment.

Our commitment is to living the Good News of Jesus Christ through Message, Community, Worship, and Service.

Who I am Makes a Difference



National Geographic Bee

Our local National Geographic Bee was held at Assumption School on January 8.

Congratulations to the winners below:

1st Place **Michael Kalinowski**
Runner Up **Diana Dinkel**



Michael Kalinowski will take a written test to qualify for the State Competition in March.

Our sixth grade students were recently recognized for their writing with the following correspondence from Creative Communication:

January 5, 2010

Dear Mrs. Bolin,



We are writing this letter to thank you for sending in the poetry entries from your class for our fall contest.

It is such a pleasure to read through so many excellent poems in one packet. Ordinarily about half of the poems sent in are rejected during our preliminary judging. However, from the packet you sent in we had an extremely high percentage accepted. This is very unusual.

We would like to congratulate you and your teaching efforts. Clearly, your students have a great talent for writing poetry, but the teacher is the one who helps bring that talent to the surface.

Thank you again for your interest in our contest and sharing the talents of your students with others. We look forward to seeing many of your students' poems in print.

In a week or two the students that have been accepted will be notified by mail. Good luck to your poets!

If you have any question, please contact our editor, Tom Worthen.

*Sincerely,
Shannon Hernandez
Assistant Editor*

Congratulations to the entire sixth grade class:

Morgan Benoit, Kelsey Brower, Matthew Burns, Bridget Eshleman, Madison Hagle, Cassie Herrington, Lydia Hillary, Whitney Hoving, Michael Kalinowski, Sam LaBarge, Michael Luczyk, Blake McWatters, Hayden Mox, Maddy Niles, Matthew Novak, Sophia Paganelli, Shelby Pitchure, Daniel Simmons, and Melanie Steiner.

NEW COMMUNICABLE DISEASE RULES 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Beginning January 1, 2010 the following requirements will be in effect:

Required for all children entering kindergarten, all 6th grade students, and all children changing school districts:

**TWO DOSES OF VARICELLA (Var) VACCINE
OR HISTORY OF CHICKENPOX DISEASE**

Required for all children 11 - 18 years of age who are changing school districts or who are enrolled in 6th grade:

**ONE DOSE OF MENINGOCOCCAL (MCV4 or
MPSV4) VACCINE**

**ONE DOSE OF TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/
ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS (Tdap) VAC-
CINE (IF 5 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE
LAST DOSE OF TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA
VACCINE - DTaP, Td or DT)**

For more information contact:

Your health care provider
Your local health department
Michigan Department of Community Health •
www.michigan.gov/immunize
Centers for Disease Control (CDC) •
www.cdc.gov/vaccines
Vaccine Education Center • www.chop.edu/vaccine
Vaccines for Children program •
www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc

*The official notice of INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS is attached to this e-
mail message. (2 pages)*

Nursery Helpers for the 11:00 am Mass the month of February

Feb. 07 Whitney Hoving & Shelby Pitchure
Feb. 14 Matthew Burns & Danny Simmons
Feb. 21 Maddy Niles & Melanie Steiner
Feb. 28 Charlie Riddering & Travis Hoving

West Catholic "Hoops for Haiti"

Join West Catholic on Feb. 5, 2010, at the West Catholic gymnasium for the WC vs Cedar Springs girls and boys varsity basketball games. With your help they will be raising funds for Haiti Relief. They are selling White "HOOPS for HAITI" t-shirts for a suggested \$5.00 donation starting on Monday, Feb. 1. The T-shirts will be available at the WC school office and on Thursday, Feb. 4, former ABVM parents (Nikki Wasielewski and Jan Kuzma) will be selling t-shirts during our lunch hour. During the game on Feb. 5 they are planning to have a "White Out", and everyone is encouraged to wear white to show your support for the Haiti Relief Efforts! When you come to the game on Friday, Feb. 5 wearing your shirt, kids get in free and will get a free hot dog and chips. Their goal is to raise at least \$10,000.00.

Dawn Rosinski - 334-3068



5th / 6th

Lady Eagle Basketball

Your ABVM Lady Eagle basketball team is off to a high flying start! After harvesting a 3rd place trophy in the holiday invitational tournament, these girls have battled their way to a 4 & 0 start to the regular season. With all 13 players having put points on the board and with true grit and determination on the defensive side of the ball, these girls have demonstrated that they have what it takes to win both at home and on the road. Be sure to congratulate your following classmates the next time you see them: **Erin Dood, Libby O'Brien, Emily Schwanzl, Katie Cruickshank, Taylor Benoit, Margarita Whyte, Maddie Ripple, Natalie O'Connell, Lydia Hillary, Morgan Benoit, Madison Hagle, Sophia Paganelli and Whitney Hoving.**

Coach Benoit

Congratulations to former ABVM Grad—Ashlynn Couturier

Ashlynn Couturier, was on the Dean's List this past fall semester at Ferris State College of Education and Human Service. Congratulations to Ashlynn!

D&W School Days

February 14-20 - when you shop at any Family Fare remember to give our school code—**88181**, or mention Assumption School and 2 % of your total purchase comes back to our school.

Family Fare—Cash for Class

February 21-27 - when you shop at any D & W remember to give our school code—**88181**, or mention Assumption School and 2 % of your total purchase comes back to our school.

Thank you for your support!

Hotdog Lunch



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 8th Grade Hot Dog Lunch Sale. **It was a huge success!**

The 8th grade is putting on another Hot Dog Lunch in February. On **Monday, February 15, 2010** a lunch consisting of a hot dog, chips, dessert, and drink will be available for \$2.50 (extra hot dogs are available for 50 cents each).

Order forms will be sent out soon. We would like to have all of the orders turned in by **Wednesday, February 10, 2010.**

Thank you for supporting the 8th grade!!

PSAS Forms

PSAS packets were sent home with your youngest/only child. The **PSAS form and the scholarship application** need to be turned in by **March 1st** to be eligible for the tuition assistance. This is a new system that is being put in place to assist the central office with how they allocate the tuition assistance to our families. Additional packets are available in the school office.

Internet Crime Prevention

February 24 is the date for the second presentation in the Catholic Central Parent Speaker Series. The next topic is on **Internet Crime Prevention**. It will be at **7:00 pm in the Catholic Central cafeteria**. **Detective Sergeant Jay Poupard of the Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit** will be there to give an informative talk on how to keep our children safe on the computer. The session will take a look at how the Internet is being used to victimize and exploit kids and how to prevent it.

Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting

Our Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting will be **Thursday, March 18**, in the kindergarten room at 7:00 pm. A letter will be going out in February for those that are on our list for next year. For more information or questions, call the school office at 361-5483 Ext. 250

Registration 2010-2011

Registration Forms and Tuition Contracts for the 2010-2011 school year will be sent to current Assumption families sometime in February.

Assumption School Pre-School
Open House



Assumption's Pre-School will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, February 4, 2010, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Parents are also welcome to visit any day during class time (8:45-11:30 AM). If you know of anyone with a 3 or 4 year old, advise them to come to the February Open House. We are now enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. For more information or to pick up an enrollment packet, please call the school office at 361-5483 Ext. 250.

Congratulations to Kathy Ockaskis



Congratulations to Kathy Ockaskis in receiving two grants from the Rockford Education Foundation in the amount of \$3,392.00. Her grants will cover the materials to help our students enhance their reading skills. Job well done!