

March 2, 2010

Principal's Comments

You have all heard me go on about what a special community we have here at Assumption. I know we are not perfect and that we have plenty of areas we could improve in, but I also see what a dramatic impact our school community and Parish have on our students. The consistent emphasis of academic excellence anchored in our Catholic faith does make a difference. Our partnership and our efforts let children know they have been given a wonderful gift. The work our community is doing with our children will instill in them the knowledge, faith, and discipline needed to positively impact their lives. Our efforts together will bring about young men and women who make a real difference in society.

I was moved to make these comments when I heard that yet another Catholic School will close its doors. While I feel for families and children who need to find another school, I wonder what have we all lost. I wonder doesn't tradition matter? Doesn't the closing of one of our oldest Parish schools matter? I wonder if the loss of these schools doesn't weaken our moral fabric. I don't mean to be overly dramatic here, but our schools do things public schools cannot do. We, together, put academics in a faith based perspective. We ground our education, INTENTIONLY in faith and morals. These schools matter and their closing means we all are losing. We are losing another chance to grow young men and women of purpose and faith. That is why I continually say we need to protect and nurture our school community. It is worth protecting and growing. Okay enough, thanks for listening.
Yours in Christ,
Mr. Micele
Principal

Registration for 2010-2011

A Registration Letter, Registration Form, and Tuition Contract will be sent home with your youngest or only this week. We ask that you turn in your registration information to the school office by March 31.

Kindergarten Informational Meeting

Mark your calendars for our Kindergarten Informational Meeting which will be held on Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 pm in the school gym. Any questions, please call the school office at 361-5483 Ext.250.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Reminder: Conferences are Tuesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 4. There will be a full day of school on both of these days. Conference schedules were sent home last week with your child.



Fine Arts Fair

The Art Fair will be held April 22, at 7:00 pm in the school gym. Reminder to all students that all art work is due no later than Friday, April 16.

Spring Pictures

All students will be photographed on Tuesday, March 23. This will be a dress up day. Packages are optional. Package prices and information will be sent home prior to picture day.

Future AABC Paper Drive Dates

- April 2-19
- Whole month of July
- October 1-18



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2010 Yearbook

There is still time to order your 2010 Assumption School yearbook. The price is \$9.00 per book. If you haven't placed your order, please stop by the office during conferences this week to reserve your copy of the memories. Don't miss out on the fun! Final orders need to be placed by March 5.

\$500 Tuition Credit

(Parish Board of Education Policy #324)

A family with children currently attending Assumption School in Grades K-8 who recruits another family to attend Assumption School (Grades K-8) will receive a tuition credit in the amount of **\$500**. Visit our website (www.assumptionbvm.com) or contact the school office for the **qualifying criteria**.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Olivia Gilbert**, who placed 3rd in the *Scripps Regional Spelling Bee*.



Parish Auction

The 2010 ABVM Auction Committee is looking for volunteers to help make follow-up calls to local businesses and parishioners regarding the Auction which will be held on Saturday, May 1st. Please contact Nathan O'Connell at 827-7374 if you are interested. Thank you for your support!

West Catholic Spirit Wear

On Wednesday March 17th in the WC Fitness Center, Johnny Mac Sports, and Under Armour will have a store set up for the friends and family of West Catholic.

Shirts, sweatshirts, hats, shorts, sweat pants, shoes, athletic equipment are all discounted and ready to go that day. Please stop by and enjoy this opportunity.

See attached flyer.

Thank you for all your help and support.



Cannonsburg Ski Club Cards

Cannonsburg Ski Club has notified us that students can share the remaining punches on their punch cards with family and friends until the season ends. Please call Cannonsburg or Michele Niles, 866-8309 with any questions. Enjoy the rest of the season!



Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp 2010

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp is again offering four sessions this summer. For scholarships, dates, and registration information you may call 1-800-221-3796, or visit their website at www.bluelake.org.

Nursery Helpers after the 11:00 am Mass for March

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| March 7 | Nick Solarewicz & Diana Dinkel |
| March 14 | Jeffrey Harmon & Liam Cowen |
| March 21 | Lindsay Kramarz, Madison Telder, J.J. Doman |

Lenten Outreach

A hard copy was sent home with your child(ren) in regards to details on our Lenten Project. This information has been attached to this newsletter if you did not receive it.

Aquinas Reading Clinic 2010

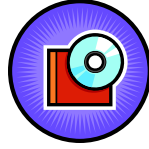
Aquinas College wanted us to inform you that they still have some openings in their Secondary Reading Clinics (opportunities 3 and 4). Scholarships are also available. For more information, you may contact Erin Melcher, Director of Aquinas Reading at mulhaeri@aquinas.edu.



2010 Earth Day Recycle Challenge

CDs and DVDs

The Earth Day Recycle Challenge is in its 11th year, always hosted by the Kent County Department of Public Works. This program is offered each winter to elementary schools in the Kent ISD.



4th Grade will collect CDs and DVDs until March 25, 2010

Please send in your unwanted CDs and DVDs to 4th grade. CDs and DVDs can be scratched or broken if you are concerned about the data on them.

A really good prize will go to the student that brings in the most!

Kids' Food Basket

We want to thank **Julie Watkins, Irene Denton, Kathie Kalinowski, and Mrs. Mattioli** for organizing and helping our kindergarten through 8th graders decorate 500 lunch bags for the Kids' Food Basket. Each bag will hold a take along lunch for a student in the Grand Rapids area who wouldn't otherwise have a lunch.



Next week—Loaves and Fishes (breakfast items)

Notice to 8th Grade Parents

The Parent Information Night previously scheduled for March 11 has been cancelled.



Mark your calendar-Spring Cook-Out

The Home and School and Board of Education will be sponsoring an Assumption Spring Cook-Out on Thursday, May 20. More details to follow.

Rockford Expo

Come check out Assumption's Booth at the Rockford Expo on Saturday, March 20 at Rockford High School.



Muddy March

As the sun melts the snow, our playground can be a real mess. Please insist your children bring and wear their boots for a little while longer. I know it's not cool, and it's a hassle, but it is necessary. Thank You!

