



## **Assumption B.V.M. School News – August 20, 2018**

Assumption B.V.M. Catholic School Community is a Christ-Centered learning environment that advances educational excellence and discipleship.

We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing summer, and you are excited to begin the 2018-2019 school year! An explanation of the brown envelope, or Family Envelope, is first, followed by the contents of the first brown envelope.

### **Brown Envelope (Family Envelope)**

Every Wednesday, the oldest child attending Assumption B.V.M. School will bring home a Brown Envelope. Please *read* the contents, *sign* the envelope, and send the brown envelope back to school each week with your child. This process has been an excellent way to communicate between school and your family. One part of the brown envelope is the weekly school newsletter. You can receive a hard copy in your brown envelope, or you can read the newsletter on our school website at [www.abvmeducation.org](http://www.abvmeducation.org). On the Home page, scroll down to the bottom and click on the Newsletter button. **On the top of the brown envelope, please indicate whether you prefer to receive a hard copy -or- to view it online/website.**

### **Contents of the First Brown Envelope**

1. **September Lunch Menu** – also on the website. On the Home page, scroll down to the bottom and click on the Lunch Menu button. Assumption B.V.M. School continues with the Independent Lunch Program, approved by our Board of Education. Students can enjoy their favorite, healthy lunches.

***Kindergarten through Grade 5*** – When you send lunch money to school, please place it in a sealed envelope with your child's first and last name, grade, and "Lunch Account".

**NOTE:** All lunch money is placed in a **separate** lunch account and should **not** be combined on a check with other expenses or fundraising.

Parents can use the ACH system to automatically pay for lunch. An ACH form **is included** in this brown envelope. They are also located on the Information Table in the school's main entrance.

Please plan to make a payment on your account before school begins. Please maintain a minimum of **\$20.00** positive balance.

Wondering if you would qualify for Reduced Lunches? The Reduced Meals Application form is on the school website, found on the Resources page in the middle column. The forms are also located on the Information Table in the school's main entrance.

If your child is **allergic** to any type of food, please complete a Medical Statement to Request Special Meals and/or Accommodations Form, located on the Information Table in the school's main entrance. *Our Food Service Staff must be informed of children with food allergies.*

**Birthday Table** - All Day 4K through Grade 5 students with birthdays in the month of September will celebrate during lunch at the "Birthday Table" on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome to join us. We continue this throughout the school year for each month. Watch the school newsletter for monthly birthday table dates.

2. **Student Emergency Information Form**

New Families – Please return this form on School Supplies Drop Off day – **Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**.  
Returning Families – Please update the enclosed form for each child. If there are no changes, print “None” on the top of the form. Return the form to the school office by **Friday, September 7, 2018**.

3. **Safe Environment/Protecting God’s Children** – If you would like to volunteer in your child’s classroom, go on a class field trip, etc., you need to attend a Protecting God’s Children class.

Enclosed are the date of Assumption B.V.M.’s class, instructions for how to register, and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct for Volunteers. If you have already attended the class, please sign the enclosed Agreement Form, cut, and return that half to the school office.

4. **Home and School Association packet** – Enclosed are the 1) Welcome Letter, 2) List of Home and School Events, and the 3) Volunteer Form. You are encouraged to become active participants in this important organization. The first Home and School Association meeting is Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Resource Room. Meetings last no longer than one hour. Complimentary Child Care is offered.

5. **\$CRIP Information letter and Assumption B.V.M. \$CRIP Order form**

**Third Source Funding Tips & Examples Sheet** - See enclosed sheet for tips with various fundraising opportunities, as well as examples of how to use \$CRIP.

Kindergarten - Grade 5 students - each family is required to bring in at least \$450 of fundraising, with a maximum of \$650 for families with more than one child.

Preschool & 4K students - each family is required to bring in at least \$175 of fundraising.

6. **Parent & Student Handbook - Kindergarten and families who are new to Assumption B.V.M. School** have a Parent & Student Handbook enclosed in your Brown Envelope. Please keep it in a convenient place in your home, as we will be referring to its contents throughout the year in the school newsletters. It is also accessible on our website on the Resources page in the first column.

7. **Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2018-2019 book**

This book is a great way to reflect on the weekend Mass, looking specifically at each week's Gospel. It is intended to help you engage your children with the Mass and deepen your appreciation of your faith life. It gives a number of options to choose from:

- a question to discuss on the way to Mass
- a question for on the way home from Mass
- reading the Gospel as a family under "Hearing the Word"
- reading the "Reflecting on the Word" and discussing it
- an activity you can do with your family, as suggested in "Living the Word"

When our children are Baptized, we learn that we, as parents are the first and most important teachers of our Christian faith. Bringing them to Mass is one of the ways you model and teach them about our Catholic faith. "With God, everything is possible!"

8. **Assumption B.V.M. School 2018-2019 Activities Calendar**

9. **Pulaski School District Calendar** (which Assumption B.V.M. School follows)

## Other Notes

### **Extended Care Programs**

The *Before Care* program is available from 6:30-7:35 a.m. Welcome back Mrs. Carrie Jahnke who cares for the students in this morning program.

The *After Care* program is available from 2:45-6:00 p.m. Welcome to Ms. Taylor Amell who will be caring for the students in this afternoon program. She is also our new Preschool teacher.

*Wrap Around Care* is available for AM Preschool and AM 4K families. It begins at 11:00 a.m. and goes until the student is picked up or 2:45 p.m., whichever comes first.

All three forms are located in the brochure holder in our school's main entrance. You can also find them on our school website on the Resources page in the first column.

### **Support Programs**

During the 2018-2019 school year, we will collect the following items. The money earned from these programs supports all of our field trips during the school year, as well as other educational items for our classrooms.

- **Clean plastic caps** from Kwik Trip milk containers (Milk Moola). We can also accept **clean Milk Moola labels** from the Nature's Touch plastic milk bags. Our school is credited 5 cents for each cap or label collected.
- **Box Tops** for Education – Our school is credited 10 cents for each box top. We have 4 challenges each year: some of them will be the whole school working together toward a goal, and some of them are to see which classroom can collect the most - again, with an incentive.
- **Old cell phones** and any empty computer **inkjet printer cartridges** that can fit in the palm of your hand.
- **Aluminum cans** - Please put your "bagged" aluminum cans in the CAN KENNEL, which is located on the southwest corner of our school parking lot.