



## Assumption B.V.M. School News – August 21, 2019

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 2019-2020 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. The first enclosure is the weekly school newsletter. You will receive a hard copy in your brown envelope, and 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.

### 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.

#### **Lunch Information**

**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". If you have more than one child in grades K-5, each student has a separate 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.

**ACH Form – School Lunch Program** – We encourage parents to use the ACH system to automatically pay for lunch. The form is also located on the Information Table in the school's main entrance. In addition, it is on the school website, found on the Resources page in the middle column. Please plan to make a payment on your account before school begins, and **maintain a minimum \$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 form is 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 Friday, 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 – **Wed., August 28<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 6, 2019**.

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. **\$CRIP Information letter** – Explanation of what \$CRIP is and how it can be used.

**Assumption B.V.M. \$CRIP Order form** – Shows a list of businesses that partner with the \$CRIP program (the list is not all inclusive), and the percentage amount each business allocates.

**\$CRIP Examples** – Shows how families can use \$CRIP to earn money toward their Third Source Funding portion of tuition costs.

Kindergarten - Grade 5 students - each family is required to bring in at least \$450 of Third Source Funding, 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 Third Source Funding.

5. **Financial Peace University** – Of all of the responsibilities parents have, managing the family budget can be one of the most difficult. If you would like help with managing your finances, please read the enclosed information about this course that can help **you take control** of your money. For information or to sign up, call Chad or Lisa @ 715-851-7201.

6. **Parent & Student Handbook** – All 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. The handbook is also accessible on our school website on the Resources page in the first column.

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

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

9. **Bus Schedule** – If your child(ren) will be riding the bus, a bus schedule is enclosed in the brown envelope.

## Other Notes

### **Home and School First Meeting**

The Home & School Association is reviewing meeting dates & times. The first meeting of the year is **Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.** in the School Resource Room. Future meeting dates will be discussed and decided at that time. *Complimentary childcare* for students who attend Assumption B.V.M. School is provided. Meetings last no longer than one hour and all parents are encouraged to support the efforts of the HSA. All parents are welcome to attend and participate.

### **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 back Mrs. Cindy Olsen who cares for the students in this afternoon program.

*Wrap Around Care* is available for 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 2019-2020 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.

- **Box Tops for Education** – Our school is credited 10 cents for each Box Top. The program is changing to an “electronic format” with the actual Box Tops eventually being phased out. The program will continue, but with different instructions. **Stay tuned** for more information in a future brown envelope. **Please keep collecting** the cardboard, paper, and plastic Box Tops that you see on purchased items!
- **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.

**NOTE:** All Milk Caps programs and the Soup Labels for Education **have ended**. We no longer accept them. Thank you for your past support!