



"SCHOOL NEWS"

THE ASSUMPTION

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SNOW AND SCHOOL CLOSURE CLARICATION



Dear Parents,

The weather office is predicting a rather snowy winter. Obviously, snow could create very hazardous situations for driving, walking etc. When it snows overnight and it appears that driving conditions for both staff and parents is simply too dangerous, the decision to close the school for the day will be made by 7:00 am. At that time we ask that you do the following:

- 1. Do not call the school telephone number**
- 2. Please listen to your radio CKNW 98 or watch on TV Global morning news.** You can also go to their websites for information.
- 3. Check your emails for an email from Assumption School regarding a school closure.**

As always, if the school is not closed, you as parents are the final decision makers in regards to whether it is possible for you to get your child/children to school safely. If you have any concerns, please err on the side of caution.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.
Ms. R. Heffernan
Principal

REMINDER : STUDENT LED CONFERENCES – NOV. 29th, 2011

This is a reminder to parents that First Term Report Cards will be sent home on Monday, November 28th, and that Tuesday, November 29th will be reserved for Student Led Conferences – no official classes will take place on that day.

Our Student Led Conference day appointments will begin at 12:30 p.m. and then every half hour up to 4:30. There will be a short break from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and then appointments will begin again at 6:30 p.m. with the last appointments of the day starting at 7:30 p.m. ending at 8:00 p.m.

For our new parents, Student Led Conferences is a day set aside for parents to come to school with their child(ren) at which time they will show you around their classroom and exhibit for you their ideas of the best work they have produced over the first three months of the school year. **This is their day to proudly show what they can do.** There is also opportunity to 'touch bases' with the teacher. Please note that all parents are asked to schedule appointments regarding this special day.

Student Led Conference "Sign - Up" sheets will be placed in the hallway bulletin board beside the school office. Please make sure that you schedule your appointment by adding your name to a specific time slot. **These sign-up sheets will be placed in the hallway by next Wednesday, November 23rd.**

Note: All students must come to Student Led Conferences in full uniform.

GR. 7 – "EPICURE SELECTIONS" EXTRODINARY SAUCES/ DIPS

The grade 7 class are having an Epicure fundraiser to raise money towards their Loon Lake retreat and Farewell. They will be selling three jars of their spices/dips at a cost of \$20. Samples of the dips will be available at the Student-Led Conferences on Tuesday November 29th. Packages will be available for purchase as well, or you can complete the order form at the end of this newsletter. Orders are due by Nov 30th, to allow delivery before the Christmas parties.



BC's EDUCATION PLAN

The BC's Education Plan has been officially released and the website is live. Please share the following message with your friends, colleagues, listservs, and other networks at your earliest convenience.

The government is looking for feedback from educators, students and parents on the BC Education Plan and it is important that independent school voices are also heard. Please ensure that individuals within your association and/or school are informed of this opportunity for input and dialogue.

The Ministry of Education has just launched a new website detailing its B.C. Education Plan. To learn more about the Plan and to share your thoughts and ideas with us on the direction you would like to see education go in the future, please visit <http://www.bcedplan.ca>. You can also follow us on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/#!/bcedplan>. We will be posting regular updates here including highlights of what we are hearing from the conversations in the discussion forum.

CANDY FOR AGAPE

Thanks to the Assumption community for their very generous Halloween candy donations. Because of you, the Grade Seven class was able to put together over 800 candy bags for Agape. A special prayer card was placed in each bag and the Grade Sevens added their own prayers as they put together the candy bags. The dedication and efforts of Assumption students will bring love and support to the many women who the Agape Street Ministry cares for.



DARE TO SHARE!

Recent news stories in our local papers have drawn attention to Share Food Bank's desperate need for donations especially at this time of the year.

The Kindergarten and Grade Seven classes will be sponsoring a school wide "DARE TO SHARE" food bank collection the week of **November 28th to December 2nd**.

Please bring **non-perishable food items** to your classroom – as much as you can and for as many days as you can! As this is also the week of Student-led conferences please consider bringing food items when you attend your conference. The Kindergarten classes with their Grade Seven buddies will count the number of food items brought by each class every day and the total number will be recorded on a chart on our service bulletin board outside the staffroom. At the end of the week, the class who has brought in the most food items will receive a special treat made by our Student Council themselves. In addition to this, **Friday, December 2nd will be Crazy day** to celebrate our week of Dare to Share spirit. On Friday, December 2nd Assumption students are welcome to leave their uniforms at home and wear their craziest outfits. Think of bright colours, stripes, polka dots, layered clothing, backward clothing, mismatched socks and shoes, crazy hairstyles, accessories and more. Thank you for your support – Assumption families always dare to make a difference.

GRADE SEVEN VOW OF SILENCE

At “We Day” the Grade Sevens were introduced to the idea of a “Vow of Silence”. The purpose of the “Vow of Silence” is to stand up for children who are subjected to exploitation, poverty and the denial of their basic rights. Because every day millions of children are silenced by these abuses, the “Vow of Silence” is something we can do to raise both awareness and funds for them.

November 30th 2011 has been designated “Vow of Silence” Day. Last year 102 493 youth in 57 countries participated by pledging to be silent for the day. Our goal as Grade 7’s at Assumption is to participate in this day as fully as we can in order to raise awareness of the plight of children around the world. The Grade 7’s will spend the entire day being silent – no talking, no cell phones, no texting, no emailing, no social media. The Grade 7’s have chosen to raise money to provide clean water to the people of Sierra Leone. We are accepting pledges – please see any Grade 7 student if you would like to support us as we stand in silence for those who are silenced.



PARENT PARTICIPATION SIGN-IN SHEETS REQUESTED

A reminder to all participating families that work independently in a category, that your sign-in sheets for all hours worked in **OCTOBER 2011 ARE NOW PAST DUE**. If your sign-in sheets are not turned in, we have no way of crediting you with the hours.

Please note that the sign-in sheets are to be put into the blue basket located in the photocopier room (the room to the right of the school office) and please take a blank sign in sheet from the yellow basket for your next month's hours.



You are now able to print a blank sign-in form from our school website:
www.assumptionschool.com under the Parent Participation link.



MUSIC NOTES!

Liturgy Choir: The Liturgy Choir will be singing at the 11:30 mass this Sunday, November 27th. Please remember to wear your school uniform and arrive by 11:00 so we can warm up our voices. See you there!

Christmas Concert: Christmas is coming...and so is our Christmas Concert! This year's concert is titled "**It's Christmas, Karol!**" and will involve all of our students. There will be two performances on Wednesday, December 7th - one at 1:30 pm and another at 7:00 pm. (The dress rehearsal will be on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 pm.) Please consider attending the afternoon concert if you are able as we anticipate a **huge** crowd at the evening concert . Costume information was sent home this week and is included with this newsletter. Please read it through and note that we will be having our **costume check on Friday, December 2nd.**

\$10,000 Draw

Dear Parents,

At this time of momentous history in our parish, with the completion of the Building of our New Church, we exhort & encourage anyone who might have a gift of selling our \$10,000.00 (also 2500 and 1000) Cash Draw tickets by Dec 16th 2011.

May the Lord bless you in your part to help realize all this!

Tickets are available for pick-up from the school office. We have one booklet for every family that has not yet picked up tickets. Families who have already sold their first booklet, extra tickets are available in the Parish office.

As an incentive, the PEC is offering participation hours in lieu of tickets sold (minimum of \$200 worth of tickets required). If you sell \$200 worth of tickets, you will be credited 8 hours of participation (to be taken off your 50 hour requirement this year). If you sell more than \$200, the hours of "in lieu" participation will increase. For more information, please contact the PEC Participation Coordinator at olaparents@live.ca

In gratitude!

Fr. Ron Thompson

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

TRIVIA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4TH, 2012

Save the Date!!! This year's trivia night will be on **Saturday, February 4th, 2012.** Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE GRADE 3 BOOK SALE:

Hear ye, hear ye and read all about it, we have a story or two to sell. Biographies, fiction and fantasy too there is at least three books just waiting for you. What a novel idea to give a book for a gift, send someone on a reading fantasy trip. This is truly one sale you don't want to miss; one size fits all, who's next on your list. SEE OUR FLYER ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER EMAIL!!



Come and see what story waits for you: Sunday Nov 27th, 9 am – 2 pm – Tuesday, Nov 29th, 12:30 – 7:00pm

**1 book - \$3.00, 2 books - \$5.00, 5 books - \$10.00 – cash only.
Thank you.**

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COMING EVENTS



- NOVEMBER 27 - SUNDAY OLA STUDENT MASS – 11:30 AM
- NOVEMBER 28 - 1ST TERM REPORT CARDS
- NOVEMBER 29 - STUDENT LED CONFERENCE – NO SCHOOL
- DECEMBER 2 - LUNCH LADY
- DECEMBER 7 - CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm
- DECEMBER 8 - LUNCH LADY
- DECEMBER 8 - POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER - GYM
- DECEMBER 9 - SCHOOL MASS 9AM
- DECEMBER 11 - SUNDAY OLA STUDENT MASS – 11:30 AM
- DECEMBER 13 - PEC MEETING – 7:30 PM - Staffroom
- DECEMBER 15 - OLA PIZZA DAY
- DECEMBER 16 - SCHOOL DISMISSAL AT 12 NOON
- JANUARY 3, 2012 - SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- JANUARY 9-13 - HIP HOP WEEK
- JANUARY 17 - GR. 5 SKI TRIP
- JANUARY 31 - GR. 5 SKI TRIP
- FEBRUARY 8 - OPEN SCHOOL MORNING
- FEBRUARY 9 - SCHOOL MASS – 9 am
- FEBRUARY 16 & 17 - CEC CONFERENCE – NO SCHOOL
- FEBRUARY 20–24 - INHOUSE REGISTRATION 2012-13
- FEBRUARY 27 - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2012-13



KAZUN'S KORNER

It is good to be a woman: (next week it's the men's turn)

1. We got off the Titanic first.
2. We don't look like a frog in a blender when dancing.
3. If we marry someone 20 years younger, we are aware that we will look like an idiot.
4. We will never regret piercing our ears.
5. There are times when chocolate really can solve all your problems.
6. We can make comments about how silly men are in their presence because they aren't listening
7. A woman can take a drive without trying to beat her best time.



Epicure Selections' Extraordinary Cheese Dip

In order to raise funds for our upcoming Loon Lake retreat and Farewell, the **Grade 7's** are selling 3 versatile dip mixes by Epicure.

For just \$20 you will receive:

110ml jar 3 Onion Dip Mix
110ml jar Cheese, Chives and Bacon Dip
110ml jar Lemon Dilly Dip Mix
Colour booklet of easy recipes

This is all packaged in a reusable bag.

While these three Dip Mixes combine to create Epicure's most extraordinary dip, each is also a versatile, flavourful seasoning for dozens of delicious dishes. Mix with mayonnaise and sour cream or yogurt for fantastic dips or use as one-step herb seasonings for easy, **healthy** family meals.



Use them to make dips for your upcoming Christmas parties;
Or give as a hostess gift or stocking stuffer.

Samples of the dips will be available at the Student-Led Conferences on Tuesday November 29th. Packages will be available for purchase as well, or you can complete the attached order form.

Order deadline is Nov 30th. Pick up of orders will be on Thursday
Dec 8th from 2.30-3.30pm.

Epicure is 100% Canadian owned and operated. Epicure selections' is a purveyor of fine herbs and spices.

Hello! I'm raising funds for:

Assumption's grade 7 class

(Name of organisation / Nom de l'organisme)



I will pick up my items using the drive through option (check box)

100% Canadian owned and operated, Epicure Selections® is a purveyor of fine herb and spice blends and quality cookware.

Épicure Sélections®, une compagnie à 100 % canadienne, offre une gamme de mélanges d'herbes et d'épices, et d'ustensiles de cuisine de qualité.

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GIGANTIC BOOK SALE

Over 5,000 NEW books

Unbelievably Low Prices

Our Lady of the
Assumption School

2255 Fraser Ave,
Port Coquitlam
IN THE SCHOOL GYM

SUN, Nov 27 9am-2pm
TUES, Nov 29 12:30pm-7:00pm

Just in time for Christmas!
Don't miss this awesome sale.
We have books for everyone.

1 for \$3

2 for \$5

5 for \$10

(cash only)

Grade 3 Fundraiser

