



"SCHOOL NEWS"

THE ASSUMPTION

December 2, 2011 WEEK #13

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OUR ADVENT PREPARATIONS...

Dear Parents,

The Mass is the most important hour that we spend each week. I know it can be trying to take small children to Mass. I commend those of you who have formed that habit. If you are not in the practice of weekly Mass attendance, I highly encourage you to do so. The season of Advent is a wonderful time to begin. We spend these four weeks preparing for God's greatest gift to us, His Son, Jesus. Having your family attend Mass together would be a beautiful gift to God.

Sister Marie Blanchette.



Caring, Sharing, Daring through Restitution

Restitution program is based upon creating an environment free of fear, anger, and guilt to an environment based on self-evaluation and fixing problems. It is a belief that all behavior is internally motivated; our behavior in any situation is our best attempt to meet one or more of our five basic needs:

- **Survival** - The need for food, clothing, shelter.
- **Power** - The need to feel important, competent, proud.
- **Love** - The need for belonging to a group, such as a team, a family, a club.
- **Fun** - The need for learning, laughter.
- **Freedom** - The need to feel in charge of oneself, independent, able to make choices

The Grade Sevens started the year off by helping to welcome their kindergarten buddies to the school. They also shared their Assumption school spirit with our visiting Japanese students. Both of which helped to meet the needs of Love, Fun and Power. In helping to meet their spiritual needs the Grade Sevens were blessed to attend the "We Day" conference at Roger's Arena. In preparing for the Remembrance Day assembly the Grade Seven class learned the song "Seasons

of Love' which truly united the class and exemplified our School Beliefs. These deeds show how we care about making all the students feel like they belong to a group and the family of Assumption school and how we Dare to work together to ensure our needs are met.

LATE ARRIVALS:

We have noticed an increase in the number of students coming late to school in the mornings. We would like to remind all parents that the school day starts at 8:50 am and we would truly appreciate an effort to have your children in their classrooms at that time. Late arrivals are quite disruptive to classroom schedules and class prayer time.



Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Signing In:

A reminder to all participating families that work independently in a category, that your sign-in sheets for all hours worked in **NOVEMBER 2011 ARE NOW DUE. Parents please remember that if we cannot read your first and last name we cannot credit you with participation hours. It is very important to print your name so that we can read it.**

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 months hours. **Or**, you can also print a blank sign in sheet from our school website www.assumptionschool.com under the parent participation link.

NEED EXTRA HOURS: See posting below

Any extra time you can give is greatly appreciated to make our school run as efficiently and economically as possible. All hours will count towards your 50 hours of parent participation. Please note that these opportunities for hours **are in addition** to the hours obtained in your current category. If you feel that your present category will not provide you with the required 50 hours of participation by June 30, 2011 please use these opportunities to make up for any short falls in your hours.

We need help with Poinsettias:

I need 2 people to help out on Thursday, December 8th for the receiving, sorting and distributing of the poinsettias. It is in the school gym from 9:30 - 3:30.

Please contact the participating co-ordinator at olaparents@live.ca if you are interested (first come first served).

MUSIC NOTES!

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.

Performance Times: 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.

Concert Admission: by donation of non-perishable food items for the food bank.

Other Notes:

- There will be no reserved seating for the concert. The doors will open at 6:30
- Please recharge your batteries if you plan to record the concert. There will be no electrical outlets available for your use.
- **Most students will be sent home in their costumes on Tuesday afternoon. They are to return, in their costumes, by 6:45 pm to report to their classrooms.**

Costume Check: Our costume check is Friday, December 2nd. Please send your child's costume to school that day.

Liturgy Choir: The Liturgy Choir will be singing at the 5:00 mass on Saturday, December 10th. A permission slip was sent home this week and one is included at the end of this newsletter. Please return the slip as soon as possible.



Mark your calendars! Christmas Singing for Seniors!

Our Intermediate Choir will sing for the residents of Eagleridge Manor **on Wednesday, December 14th at 10:30 am** and our Primary Choir will sing for the residents of the Hawthorne Care Center **on Friday, December 16th at 10:30 am.**

We cannot make these events happen without you! We really need your help to drive us to and from these care centers. In the past, we have had to cancel these events for lack of drivers. If you have ever come with us to sing at Christmas time, you



know that when our children sing and mingle with the residents, it truly brightens up their lives, even just for the time that we are there. We hope that you will help us to spread Christmas cheer to those who really need it!

Permission slips were sent home this week and should be returned by Friday, December 9th.

Calling for Evergreen Boughs! We are hoping to decorate our stage with evergreen boughs on Tuesday, December 6th in the morning. If you can help by bringing in a bagful or two, please drop them off in the gym that morning. And if you are able to stay and help decorate, even better!!

Intermediate Choir Practices

There will be no early morning practices next week. In fact, there will be no morning practices until the week of January 9th, 2012!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS SARAH!!

Congratulations to **Sarah St. John** (former OLA student and the daughter of our Music Teacher, Mrs. Karen St. John), who has just been named "Rhodes Scholar" from British Columbia and will be attending Oxford University in the fall. **WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU SARAH!!! YOU GO GIRL!!!**



PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING:

The Parents Association will be meeting on Monday, December 5th at 1:30 P.M. in the school library. Please join us if you can, we will be brainstorming and discussing the upcoming Family Dance. If you would like to help with this event please join us on Monday.

Marisol Arntorp
Parents Association

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.



COMING EVENTS



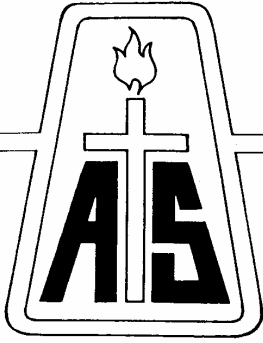
DECEMBER 7	-	CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm
DECEMBER 8	-	LUNCH LADY- Gr. 4 Fundraiser
DECEMBER 8	-	POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER - GYM
DECEMBER 9	-	SCHOOL MASS 9AM
DECEMBER 10	-	SUNDAY OLA STUDENT MASS – 5:00 pm
DECEMBER 13	-	PEC MEETING – 7:30 PM - Staffroom
DECEMBER 15	-	OLA PIZZA DAY
DECEMBER 16	-	SCHOOL DISMISSAL AT 12 NOON
JANUARY 3, 2012	-	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
JANUARY 3	-	LUNCH LADY- Gr. 4 Fundraiser
JANUARY 9-13	-	HIP HOP WEEK
JANUARY 17	-	GR. 5 SKI TRIP
JANUARY 17	-	LUNCH LADY- Gr. 4 Fundraiser
JANUARY 31	-	GR. 5 SKI TRIP
FEBRUARY 4	-	OLA TRIVIA NIGHT
FEBRUARY 7	-	LUNCH LADY- Gr. 4 Fundraiser
FEBRUARY 8	-	OPEN SCHOOL MORNING
FEBRUARY 9	-	SCHOOL MASS – 9 am
FEBRUARY 14	-	LUNCH LADY- Gr. 4 Fundraiser
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 man:

- Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
- You know stuff about tanks.
- A five day vacation requires only one suitcase.
- Monday Night Football.
- Your bathroom lines are 80% shorter.
- You can open all your own jars.
- When clicking through the channel, you don't have to stall on every shot of someone crying.
- You don't have to lug a bag of useful stuff around everywhere you go.
- You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
- You can be showered and ready to go in 10 minutes.



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November 30th, 2011

Dear Parents,

Though we originally scheduled the fourth weekend of every month, due to the Christmas holidays, the Liturgy Choir has been asked to sing again on Saturday, December 10th at the 5:00 Mass. We will meet at the church at 4:40 so that we can warm up our voices (and save the seats we need!)

Please fill out the form below and return it to the school by Wednesday, December 7th.

Thank you for your continued help and support,

Mrs. Karen St. John



My child _____
(first and last names please)

_____ will attend the Parish Mass on Saturday, December 10th at 5:00 pm.

_____ is unable to attend.

(Parent Signature)



Christmas Singing for the Primary Choir



The Primary Choir will be singing for the seniors at Hawthorne Care Center on Friday, December 16th at 10:30. We will leave the school at 10:10am and return by 11:20. **If your child is legally required to use a car seat, please send it to school that day.** We would appreciate the help of parent drivers. All drivers must leave a copy of their auto insurance with the school office and sign the "Field Trip Rules" sheet before leaving. Please fill out the permission slip below and return it to the school by Friday, December 9th.

Thanks for your help and support.

Karen St. John

*****Please note: At Assumption School, - "We wear our uniforms with pride!"- The choir will wear their full school uniforms (including school sweaters) for this outing. We will provide Santa hats!**



My child _____ will sing at Hawthorne Care Center on Fri. Dec. 16th.

_____ I am able to drive _____ choir members (this number includes my child) to and from the care center. I will leave a copy of my insurance with the school office.

_____ I am unable to drive.

Parent Signature





Christmas Singing for the Intermediate Choir



The Intermediate Choir will be singing for the residents at Eagle Ridge Manor on Wednesday, December 14th at 10:30 am. We will leave the school at 10:00 and return by 11:30. We would appreciate the help of parent drivers. All drivers must leave a copy of their auto insurance with the school office and sign the "Field Trip Rules" sheet before leaving. Please fill out the permission slip below and return it to the school by Friday, December 9th.

Thanks for your help and support.

Karen St. John

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_____ I am able to drive _____ choir members (this number includes my child) to and from the manor. I will leave a copy of my insurance with the school office.

_____ I am unable to drive.

Parent Signature

