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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Students,

I want to officially welcome all of you to the 2011-2012 School Year. I hope you have had a restful and rejuvenating summer and I hope you are as excited as I am to begin the new year. I am honoured to have the opportunity to work in this position of leadership in the Parish and School community that I love so much.

Welcome to our new families. Choosing a new school for your child is a difficult decision and we are pleased that you chose us. I am sure you will be very happy here. We have an amazing, professional and dedicated staff, a supportive Parish Education Committee, an involved Parent community and loving and caring students. This year's theme of our Catholic Schools in the Vancouver Archdiocese is 'Serve with Joyful Hearts' and you will see plenty of evidence of this service from all members of our community.

We are blessed to have Dominican Sisters of St. Cecelia joining our staff this year. Sister Mary Sabina will be teaching Grade Five and Sister Marie Blanchette will be our Religious Education Specialist. We also welcome Mrs. Jodi DeJulius, our Kindergarten teacher assistant, and Mr. Mark Mandrusiak, our new school custodian. All of our new staff members are very talented professionals and we are excited to have them join our Assumption family.

Many members of the school and Parish have been working over the summer to improve the grounds and school building and we are very grateful for their hard work. The new Church is nearing completion and we look forward to this year's First Communion class and Confirmation class being able to celebrate these sacraments in the new church. We thank you for your patience in these last few months of construction.

I look forward to the continued educational and spiritual growth of our community in the upcoming year.

God Bless
Rosaleen Heffernan

CORRECTIONS TO SCHOOL CALENDAR:

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| September 27 th | - | Meet the Teachers Night – 7:30 pm |
| November 9, 2011 | - | School Mass 9 a.m. (not Nov. 10) |
| January 9-13 th , 2012 | - | Hip Hop Lessons (K-7) |

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2011

Entertainment books for 2011-2012 are available for purchase in the school office from September 12 to September 26 at a cost of \$46.00 per book. All profits from the sale of the books will go toward the school parking and front playground area. These books are a great value for young families because they not only provide wonderful restaurant opportunities but great coupons for discounts at major department stores, sport stores etc. **The deadline to order and pay for a book is Monday, Sept. 26th.** Thank you for your support.

CISVA WEBSITE

The CISVA (Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese) website is a very useful tool for parents. The website offers information on the Structure of our Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese, our Philosophy of Education, our Vision Statement, complaints and appeals processes, the annual school calendar, and other information pertaining to our Catholic Schools. Feel free to explore the website at www.cisva.bc.ca.

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING NOTES:

1. ABSENTEE CALLS AND NOTES TO THE OFFICE:

All student absences must be reported by telephone to the school office by 9:00 a.m. If our lines are busy please leave a detailed message on the answering machine stating your child's name, grade and reason for absence. **ALSO**, in accordance with the Ministry of Education, parents are required to supply an absentee note to the school office upon the return of your child (children) to school.

2. SIGNING STUDENTS OUT/IN

The safety of your children is of utmost importance to Assumption School Staff; therefore, we would like to **remind all parents that after the school day begins (at 8:50 a.m.), you must report to the school office if you are taking your child out of the school for any reason. A "Sign Out" sheet must be filled out with the name of the child, the date and the time you are leaving. This form may be found next to the office in the photocopier room. Also, you must sign your child back in if they are returning to school during the same day. This will help to ensure that we know where your children are at all times during the school day.**

3. OFFICE TELEPHONE USAGE

We ask parents to remind their children that the telephone located in the school office is for **EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY.** One reason often used by students when requesting the use of the telephone is: **"I need to know who's picking me up today". Please make your child (children) aware of who will be picking them up from school so that unnecessary telephone calls are not required as we do not enjoy telling children that they may not use the telephone. Any students asking to use the telephone for non-emergency reasons will be denied usage.**



Examples of what constitutes an "emergency":

Injuries, illness, school related activities have been cancelled or times have changed, information is needed by the school office or by the classroom teacher.



- **Examples of "non-emergency" calls:** "Mom – I forgot my gym strip, "Who is picking me up today?", "Mom can my friend come over to my house after school today?", "My friend and I are doing a project together and we need to go to my house after school so we can finish it – I need to call my Mom to ask permission" (this usually means that the project is due the next day and it hasn't been started yet).



4. MEDICAL ALERT INFORMATION:



It is **VITAL** that the school administration and your children's teachers be informed if your child has specific medical problems that would require a Medical Alert tag being placed next to your child's name in our student records. The office has noted that although some parents have listed specific health problems such as serious allergic reactions to such things as peanuts, nuts, fish, etc. they have not supplied the office with emergency Epi-Pens.

Shortly we will be contacting all those parents who have indicated that their children have serious allergies and we will be requiring you to supply us with the specific instructions, medications and if need be an Epi-Pen. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office for clarification. Thank you.



5. STUDENT SUPERVISION

This is a reminder to parents that supervision of students begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. each school day. If you drop your children off before 8:30 a.m. or pick them up after 3:30 p.m. they will not have adult supervision.

CONDOLENCES:



We would like to express our sincere condolences to the Lezama & Bowering/Melchiorre families on the passing of Mrs. Lezama's dad & Jonathan, Anthony and Jeneca's grandfather. May he rest in peace and may his soul and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Also, We express our condolences to the Matsui and Moore families on the passing of Emily and Christian's grandmother. May she rest in peace and may her soul and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

LUNCH LADY: Sept. 13 and Sept 20

The Grade Four class will be hosting the "Lunch Lady" hot lunch program for this coming school year. This is not a mandatory program – it is offered as a convenience to families on a twice monthly basis. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Grade 4 major fieldtrip this coming year.

September Order Forms have been sent home with your children on Tuesday and are due back to classroom teachers by Friday, September 9th. The hot lunches for September are scheduled Tuesday, September 13th and Tuesday, September 20th. Thank you.

Lunches may be ordered online by visiting: www.lunchlady.ca



STUDENT INDIVIDUAL PICTURES

Individual Student Pictures from Grades K through 7 will take place on Friday, September 16th. Students must come to school in full uniform, however, if they are missing a sweater, one may be purchased from the school uniform coordinator, Ms. Ronie Lo. Please email her at: ronie.lo@hotmail.com

If your child(ren) miss their student picture day due to absence their pictures will be taken on Picture Retake Day, **Monday, October 3, 2011**.

COMING EVENTS

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| SEPTEMBER 12 | - | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KNDG. |
| SEPTEMBER 13 | - | LUNCH LADY – HOT LUNCH |
| SEPTEMBER 16 | - | INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PICTURES - K TO 7 |
| SEPTEMBER 20 | - | LUNCH LADY – HOT LUNCH |
| SEPTEMBER 27 | - | MEET THE TEACHERS – 7:30 PM |
| SEPTEMBER 28 | - | TERRY FOX OLA STUDENT WALK |
| OCTOBER 3 | - | PICTURE RETAKE DAY - K TO 7 |
| NOVEMBER 9 | - | SCHOOL MASS – 9 am |
| NOVEMBER 10 | - | REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY |
| NOVEMBER 11 | - | REMEMBRANCE DAY - HOLIDAY |



From the Editor

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