



Assumption BVM School News – August 26, 2020

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

We are so excited to welcome you back! This will be a unique year, and working together, we will make it a fantastic year.

Brown Envelope/ Family Envelope

Every Wednesday (Thursday for 3-Year-Old Preschool), the oldest child attending Assumption BVM School will bring home a Brown Envelope/ Family Envelope. Please *read* the contents, *sign* and *send the envelope back* to school the **next day** with your child. This is one of our primary ways to communicate information, and it is vital that you review the information each week.

Virtual Learning Families

For students who are learning virtually, all information from the Family envelope will be sent via email with attached PDF files. There may be times when, due to the nature of the contents, it will be necessary to come to school to pick up the family envelope. An email will be sent to virtual families in these situations, notifying you that a **physical pick up** of the family envelope will be necessary.

Enclosures

1. **School Newsletter** - The first enclosure will always be the weekly school newsletter. Newsletters are also on our school website www.abvmeducation.org. On the Home page, scroll down to just below “Welcome to Assumption BVM School” and click on the Current Newsletter button. To see an archived list of all school newsletters, hover over the Resources tab and click on School Newsletters. They are in chronological order with the most recent newsletter on the top.
2. **September Lunch Menu** – We are asking all families to please pack a lunch for your child/ren for Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 4. Milk will be available for \$0.50 per carton. School lunch will begin on **Tuesday, September 8**, the day after Labor Day. The cost is \$3.50 for children and \$4.00 for adults. The September lunch menu will be in the Wednesday, September 2 family envelope. The menu is also on the website. On the Home page, scroll down just past “Welcome to Assumption BVM School” and click on the Lunch Menu button.
Note: For 3-Year-Old Preschool and 4K All Day students, lunch is included in your tuition.

Lunch Payments

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. It is okay to send one check for all of your children’s lunches.

NOTE: All lunch money is placed in a **separate** lunch account and should **not** be combined on a check with other expenses, such as Third Source Funding, other fundraisers, etc.

ACH Form – School Lunch Program – We encourage parents to use the ACH system to automatically pay for lunch, just like many families do for their tuition payments. A copy of this form is in the family envelope. Copies are available on the Information Table in the front hall. It is also on the school website. Go to the Resources tab, Forms & Links. It is in the middle column. Please plan to make a payment on your account by the first day of school 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 under the Resources tab, Forms & Links in the middle column. The form is also located on the Information Table in the front hall.

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 front hall. Our Food Service staff **must be informed** of children with food allergies.

3. **Student Emergency Information Form**

New Families – Please return this form by the first day of school – **Tuesday, September 1.**

Returning Families – Please update the enclosed form for **each** child, making any corrections in red. If there are no changes, print “**None**” on the top of the form. Return the form to the school office by **Friday, September 4, 2020.**

4. **Safe Environment/Protecting God’s Children** – If you are interested in volunteering at school and have not yet attended a Protecting God’s Children session, you need to complete all Virtus requirements. During this time of COVID-19, the Green Bay Diocese has added an online training version. Click on the following link <https://www.gbdioc.org/protecting-our-children/virtus> for an explanation of what Virtus is, why the Diocese of Green Bay requires it as part of their plan to create a safe environment, etc. Next, go to Online VIRTUS Training and select English or Spanish for instructions explaining all required parts to complete the process. Please contact the school office with any questions, or if you would like a hard copy of the online process.

Parents Who Have Already Completed the Process

If you have already attended the class and completed all requirements, please sign the enclosed Agreement Form For Volunteers, save your half, and return the signed half to the school office. If you need another form (both spouses have completed), please request one from the school office.

5. **\$CRIP Information letter** – Explanation of what \$CRIP is and how it can be used, including to satisfy Third Source Funding.

Assumption BVM \$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.

4K through Grade 5 students – each family is required to satisfy \$150 per child by purchasing \$CRIP and earning a percentage, or by paying the \$150 with cash or a check.

3-Year-Old Preschool students – Exempt from Third Source Funding.

6. **Assumption BVM School 2020-2021 Activities Calendar**

7. **Pulaski School District Calendar** (which Assumption BVM School follows)

8. **Bus Schedule** – If your child(ren) will be riding the bus, a sheet with pick up & drop off times, locations, and Bus Route numbers is enclosed in the family envelope.

Parent & Student Handbook

The Parent & Student Handbook had a major revision, so all families will be receiving a hard copy. It is also on the website under the Resources tab, Forms & Links in the first column. The handbook will be included in the Wednesday, September 2 family envelope.

Please note that there is an addendum at the beginning of the handbook with specific procedures for COVID-19. Make sure you look through the entire handbook, and feel free to contact the school office with any questions. 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.

Other Notes

Mass Link

You may be attending weekend Masses in person. Were you aware that you can also watch from home? Click on this link to “attend Mass” at home. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGWyo0u9_Ys

Home and School Association

All parents are members of the Home & School Association (HAS). We would like to encourage you to become active participants in this important organization. The purpose of the HSA is to support the mission and goals of Assumption BVM School. We need your help to meet the goals for this year’s events and make it a successful year.

Enclosed is a Service Hours Opportunities Sheet for grades 4K through 5, indicating a wide variety of events to choose from, and to meet your 20 Service Hours, per your contract. Also enclosed are 2 documents with specifics of the coordination & details for the Fall Open House. This is to give you an idea, using one event, of how your help is needed. This is for example only, as we are not able to host our Open House this year.

Note: 3-Year-Old Preschool students are exempt from Service Hours.

Extended Care Programs

- ✓ The **Before Care** program is available from 7:00-7:35 am. If a family would like to use Before Care prior to 7:00 am, you need to give at least 24 hours’ notice prior to the day(s) needed.
- ✓ **Wrap Around Care** is available for AM 3-Year-Old Preschool and 4K families. It begins at 11:00 am and goes until the student is picked up ~or~ 2:45 pm, whichever comes first.
- ✓ The **After Care** program is available from 2:45-6:00 pm.

All three forms are located in the brochure holder in our front hall. They are also on the website under the Resources tab, Forms & Links in the first column.

Support Programs

During the 2020-2021 school year, we will continue to collect the following items. The money earned from these programs supports educational opportunities for our school. In a “non-COVID” year, they fund all of our field trips. Thank you for your support!

- ✓ **Box Tops for Education** – Our school is credited 10 cents for each Box Top. Last year, the program changed to an “electronic format” with the Box Tops app. For complete instructions, go to the website under the Resources tab, Support Programs and scroll down to Box Tops Program.
Note: If you do not want to download the app ~or~ do not have a device which accepts apps, you can bring in your store receipt and we will scan it for you. Please drop them off in the white 3-drawer bin located to the left of the Information Table in the front hall. The first drawer is labeled “Box Tops Clips and Receipts to Scan”. Receipts must be scanned within **14 days of purchase** to count.
- ✓ **Old cell phones** and any empty computer **inkjet printer cartridges** that can fit in the palm of your hand. Please drop them off in the white 3-drawer bin located to the left of the Information Table in the front hall. The second drawer is labeled “Inkjet Cartridges”.
- ✓ **Aluminum cans** - Please put your “bagged” aluminum cans in the CAN KENNEL, which is located on the southwest corner of our school parking lot.