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Next PTO Meeting: Thurs., October 20th at 5:30 p.m.

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest, and we bless each other. That the beauty of this world and the love that created it might be expressed through our lives, and be a blessing to others now and always. Amen.

READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

The **Book Fair** is once again being held in conjunction with conferences in the Assumption gym. Plan to spend some time looking through books with your children when you come through! All the profits will be used to purchase new books for the library and classrooms. The Book Fair hours are as follows:

- Saturday, Oct. 29, after Mass
- Sunday, Oct. 30, after Masses
- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 3, 12:00-7:00 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 30th, the Knights of Columbus will also host a pancake breakfast during the Book Fair.

Committee Co-Chairs: Mrs. Pantzar, Mrs. Biley
Committee Members: Cheryl Burkhart, Kristin Koop, Kim Grubb, Nikki Massey.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tues, Nov. 1 – 2:00-6:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 3 – 12:00-4:00 p.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL on Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 3rd & 4th

Last Day for Summer Uniform Clothes

We've been getting a taste of the cooler weather that is headed our way, as the fall season is upon us. The last day to wear shorts, capris, and skorts is Friday, October 28th.

If you have younger children at school and have needed to provide an extra set of clothes to keep at school, please remember to have appropriate weather clothes in that extra set!

Iowa Assessment Testing

Iowa Assessment Testing (formerly known as ITBS, Iowa Tests of Basic Skills) is approaching for Assumption students in 3rd-8th grades. Tests will be taken in the mornings during the week of Nov. 14th-18th. Be sure the kids get a great breakfast on those mornings!



For all parents of 2nd graders:
Parent First Communion Mtg.
Sunday, Oct. 23rd, 5:00 p.m.

SCRIP News.....

The first round of desks and chairs were purchased from the SCRIP account, and installed into classrooms a few weeks ago. With everyone's help in purchasing SCRIP, we could easily make another purchase to complete this project! Our next order date is Monday, October 24th. It's not too early to start that Christmas shopping!

And don't forget about those weekly grocery store and gas trips.

Your SCRIP Chair, Brenda Erps.; Co-Chairs: Christie Creighton and Cathy Moellenbeck.

Do you have ideas to share? Would you like to be a bigger part of making Assumption School the best it can be for our students? PTO officer contact information can be found at www.assumptionschoolgranger.org/pto.html. Or better yet...come to our next meeting!

2011-2012 PTO Officers	Gina Derry, President	Bret & Anne Posegate, Treasurers
	Cathy Moellenbeck, Vice President	Erin Schmitz, Secretary
	Brenda Erps, SCRIP Chair	



FOOTBALL

A few Assumption students played on the St. Francis 'Bears' football teams this fall through the Catholic Football League. Playing on the 6th grade team, which placed 3rd overall in the regular season, were Jack Bertram, Thomas Derry, Connor Erps, and Zac Robinson. Playing on the 5th grade team, which went undefeated for the season, were August Rosenmeyer, Joseph Watznauer, and 4th grader Matthew Watznauer. In addition to regular season play, Jack, Thomas, and Connor were chosen to play on the 'Raiders' tournament team. They will play in the Ankeny tournament this Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Assumption also had a few students play on the W-G Hawks Middle School football teams. Suiing up for 8th grade were Nick Musich and Grant Sims; 7th grade, Drew Jacobson; and 6th grade, Joey Burkhart.



VOLLEYBALL

The Assumption Middle School girls' volleyball team has finished regular season play, and is gearing up for the tournament this weekend. The team plays at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, October 22 at Dowling, with their first opponent being Holy Trinity. Admission is \$3 for adults; children, students, coaches, and players are free. The girls have really come together as a team, and all have improved their skills throughout the season. Come on out and help cheer for our team!



BASKETBALL

Girls: The Assumption Middle School girls' basketball team started practice this week, and will be playing other teams in the Catholic Basketball League in just a couple of weeks. Team members are 5th graders Megan Burkhart, Tristen Lyddon, and Lydia Steier; 6th graders Lilly Creighton and Anna Moellenbeck; 7th grader Annemarie Darr; and 8th graders Reilly Bertram, Margaret Creighton, Amanda Erps and Abbie McKernan. Their season will wrap up with tournament play on December 10th.

Boys: Practices will begin after school resumes in January.



Mock Trial

The students involved in the Middle School Mock Trial program have been working their way through the case of STATE vs. FLYNN FLETCHER over the past few weeks. Witnesses have been learning their parts, and lawyers have been drafting questions that they will be asking the witnesses. They've learned about direct and cross examinations. Dress rehearsal for all participants will be on Sunday, October 30th, in preparation for the tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd & Thursday, Nov. 3rd at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines.

**** Good Luck at the Tournament! ****

Teacher Recognition Opportunity

Do you think we have the BEST teachers in town?
In the state?? In the country???

Then let's let others know that, too!

On the PTO webpage, you'll find links for local and national awards for which we can nominate our teachers. All it takes is a little time and a wonderful experience to share. Please take a moment to take a look at the links and get familiar with these awards – then consider taking action and telling your stories about our wonderful teachers!

Fun Facts about Mr. Mikota (Middle School Associate)

- I was raised on a farm in Northeast Iowa.
- I am the earthly father to three AWESOME kids: Jonathan (10), Zach (8) and Grace (8); and their sister Olivia (11), who is with her Heavenly Father.
- When I was 5, I thought our Black Angus cows produced chocolate milk.
- I am a fan of the Twins, Cubs, and Dolphins (the latter HAD a great franchise at one time!).
- I like a good underdog, because God can do ANYTHING through those that are willing.
- My favorite musicians are Fernando Ortega and Chris Rice; I'm also a fan of the tv series The Waltons.