

December 20, 2024

The ASSUMPTION way

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates To Remember:



Dec 21-Jan 1	Christmas Break
Thursday	01/02 School Resumes
Sunday	01/05 BINGO @ Assumption
Wednesday	01/08 Royal Parents Meeting 6pm
Friday	01/10 Hex 3 Ends
Monday	01/13 Hex 4 Begins
Sunday	01/19 BINGO @ Assumption
Monday	01/20 NO SCHOOL
Saturday	01/25 Diocese of Lacrosse Brains & Brawn Tournament
Monday	01/27 Start of Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday	01/29 Parent Lunch at HS/MS

Wednesday, February 5th, 2025 Spring Board of Directors Meeting 4:30 pm in the AMS/AHS Library.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program updates and reminder of enrollment process for WPCP.

Please contact Kerry Meinel if you would like to attend.
kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org.

Upcoming Athletic Calendar of Events

December 20—January 7

BOYS BASKETBALL

FRI	12/20	5:45/7:15 JV/V @ HOME AUBURNDALE 4:15 (7-8grade) @ MARATHON
MON	12/23	5:45/7:15 JV/V @ MARATHON
THUR	12/26	1:15 VS AMHERST @ UWSP
SAT	12/28	NOON @ BONDUEL
FRI	01/03	5:30 JV VS PACELLI @ST VINCENT GYM
FRI	01/03	7:15 V HOME VS PACELLI
MON	01/06	4:30 - 7/8 grade @ COLUMBUS
TUES	01/07	5:45/7:15 JV/V @ ROSHOLT

GIRLS BASKETBALL

FRI	12/27	12:30/2:00 JV/V @ BONDUEL
FRI	01/03	7:15 JV VS PACELLI @ST VINCENT GYM
FRI	01/03	5:30 V HOME VS PACELLI
TUES	01/07	4:30 (7-8) @ STRATFORD
TUES	01/07	5:45/7:15 JV/V @ STRATFORD

HOCKEY (CO-OP)

SAT	12/20	7PM @ DEFOREST
THUR	01/02	7PM HOME VS ANTIGO
TUES	01/07	7PM @ TOMAHAW

WRESTLING (CO-OP)

SAT	12/21	7PM PARENTS NIGHT HOME
THUR	12/29	GIRLS @ LACROSSE
FRI	12/29	BOYS & GIRLS @ LACROSSE
SAT	12/30	BOYS @ LACROSSE
THUR	01/04	5:30 @ WESTFIELD. WAUPUN
SAT	01/06	9:00 @ MERRILL (BOYS & GIRLS)

Assumption Catholic Schools Mission and Vision:

Mission: To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition.
Vision: A community of academic excellence, Catholic in spirit and culture, nurturing integrity.

IN THE CLASSROOM & BEYOND

Campus Ministry has been busy this semester, and we have many exciting plans for the future! We recently had our Advent all school Reconciliation day, which was a great success, with nine priests being busy hearing confessions almost the entire time! We look forward to having the area priests at Golden Mass, as well as seeing lots of families and community members in attendance as well.

In November, Assumption hosted the NET missionaries to lead a retreat for our juniors. We had an amazing time with the young adult missionaries who came from all over the U.S. to serve God through the NET ministries! Our retreat had the theme of Identity in Christ, and messages and testimonies focused on our identity as a son or daughter of God. We played many fun games, had Adoration with praise & worship music, and finished the day with Mass. We have more retreats coming up for the rest of the middle and high schoolers, with the sophomore Confirmation retreat in January.



Junior girls in their small group at the NET Retreat



Outside of retreats, campus ministry has been full of opportunities for students to get involved. For example, we have a Mission group of high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who meet at lunch are devoted to the Faith, want fellowship with like-minded students, and want to volunteer for various causes around the school and community.

Pictured we have some Mission group students who volunteered to make dinners for the NET missionaries to take on the road after the retreat.

To utilize the longer Royal Time, we are starting up a group to attend Friday Mass & Bible study where high school students can be fed spiritually and learn Scripture with classmates. For middle schoolers, we will be offering a Tuesday Bible study led by high school volunteers and Fr. Weller.

IN THE CLASSROOM & BEYOND

Campus Ministry continued...



Adoration

Musically inclined students have also been volunteering to sing and play piano at Adoration for the entire school, which happens right before Benediction on certain Fridays. Mrs. Sommers and the students have sung a variety of praise & worship songs and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and continue to expand their repertoire. On Fridays when we have all day Adoration in the chapel (typically First Fridays), Assumption families are invited to come adore our Lord! **Look out for the SignUp Genius links going forward.**

In January, we have several fun social events coming up, like our high school **Fireside Night** and Fr. Weller's **Theology of the Storyteller (TOTS)** meetings. We will also continue our preparation for the Talent Show, which is in April! Stay tuned for more information.

Finally, students can be registering now for **Steubenville and Adventure Camp**. We highly encourage attending these life-changing events! This year, these awesome summer experiences are being coordinated through Matthew Aaseng, the deanery youth minister, and more details are included in the attached posters. Fundraising opportunities will be forthcoming!

STEUBENVILLE ROCHESTER

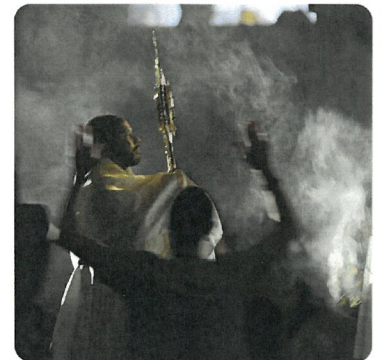
JULY 11-13, 2025

Event Price: \$400
Lodging, Transportation, and
Registration included.


Open to grades 8-12

**\$100 deposit due by
February 6, 2025.**

Register with the QR Code



QUESTIONS? CONTACT

 matthewa@rapidscatholic.org

T.O.T.S

STAR WARS

January 12

January 26

February 9

Noon- Food

12:30 - Talk

1:15 - Movie

4:00 pm - Sung Vespers



RSVP at



Location:

Our Lady Queen of
Heaven
750 10th Ave South,
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

CROSSWOODS ADVENTURE CAMP

JUNE 22-27, 2025

Event Price: \$600
Lodging, Transportation,
Meals, and Registration
included.

Open to grades 6-12

**Save your seat with your
\$100 deposit**

Register with the QR Code



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IN THE CLASSROOM & BEYOND



After a year off, **Board & Card Game Club** has made a comeback in the middle school Thursday's after school. Talking Battleship, Connect 4, Mastermind and a host of others are made available for the students to play.

One of the most popular board games is Stratego, a Napoleonic capture the flag themed game that goes back decades.

Here 7th grader Caleb Mohrbacher is shown getting strategic help from Keira De Jesus as they take on Mr. Diedrich. *Spoiler alert:* The game ended in a draw.



Ms. McCarthy shared some Slovakia tradition with the students in her Literacy classes this past week. They read about Slovakian Christmas traditions and completed a Christmas traditions assignment in which they compared their traditions with the traditions in Slovakia. Additionally Central-European style hors d'oeuvre were served to all students.

Our high school and middle school band and choir students both entertained us all with their beautiful Christmas concerts this December. We hope you were able to catch one or both of these musical treats.



**BAND & CHOIR
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

IN THE CLASSROOM & BEYOND

The Junior class and Freshman class participated at Rudolph Country Christmas on Saturday, December 14th.

The prepared, and served breakfast with Santa at St. Philip's Parish.



[Assumption Royals | Ink Splash](#)

Don't forget our online Assumption store is always open. Per multiple requests, Assumption stocking hats have been added to the order options.



GOLDEN MASS



As an alumni of Assumption it never truly feels like Christmas until we hear the singing of the Halleluiah Chorus at Assumption's Golden Mass.

May you all enjoy the Christmas season surrounded by your family and loved ones.

Merry Christmas from the MS & HS offices.

MILITARY APPRECIATION AND YOUTH HONOR AMERICA DAY

**FREE ADMISSION WITH MILITARY ID:
ALL ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIRED PERSONNEL**



POINTERS™
BASKETBALL

**TIP-OFF: 5:00 pm
vs.
UW-La Crosse**



Your donation is
appreciated.

**5 pm Saturday
Jan. 11, 2025**



**Come Watch UWSP Men's
Basketball at Quandt Fieldhouse**



One child 13 & under will
be admitted **FREE** with
each paying adult.



FREE ADMISSION to all
Scouts and Leaders,
in uniform.



Miniature Flags for the first
500 kids through the door
from **AMVETS Post 1051!**

REGISTER TO WIN!

**Kids register
BEFORE the game on
Sat. Jan. 11, 2025.**

**Drawings will take place
at 4:30 pm and Halftime!**

**Contact Coach Paul Combs
pcombs@uwsp.edu
for more information.**

**Kids can register for
Two Drawings!**

- 5 kids will be picked before the game to be introduced with the starting lineup. They will also receive a T-shirt. **Register on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025 starting at 4 pm. THIS DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4:30 PM SHARP!**
- At halftime, 20 names will be drawn to give away 20 basketballs donated by **POLITO'S PIZZA.**

ASSUMPTION MIDDLE SCHOOL Journalism Club

CHRISTMAS EDITION

Survey Question #1

What is the top gift on your Christmas Wish List?

Top Gift Wish List

25% Apparel & Accessories

Uggs, Converse, Nikes, Clothes, Socks, Jewelry

20% Gaming Systems/Video Games

PS5, Games, Monitors...

10% Sporting/Recreational Equipment

Hunting blind, fishing pole, pellet gun, golf clubs,
athletic trading cards weights, VKTRY insoles, massage gun

Other Requests:

Pokemon Cards

Legos Vanity desk

Owala / Stanley

Art Supplies

Soft blanket

Electric drum set

Heated blanket

Books Camera

Cell phone

Skincare Airpods

Watch Perfume

Suitcase RC Car

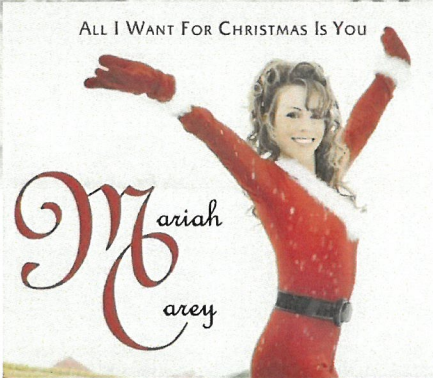
A bed money

Plushies & Stuffedies

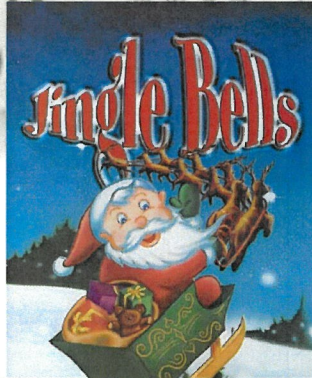
Survey Question #2

What is your favorite Christmas Song?

#1



#2



#3



Middle school students overwhelmingly chose "All I Want For Christmas Is You" as their favorite Christmas song.

Honorable Mention: "I Want A Hippopotamus for Christmas"

Survey Question #3

Favorite Christmas Candy/Treat?



#1

ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE RECEIVED THE MOST VOTES!



#2

CHRISTMAS COOKIES WERE A CLOSE 2ND



#3

CANDY CANES CAME IN 3RD





ASSUMPTION
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Live, Learn and Lead in Faith

JANUARY 2025

AHS/AMS Lunch Menu

MON TUE WED THU FRI

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!	AMS/ AHS Lunch Prices Students \$ 3.30 Adults \$ 4.65
Whole Grain Constitutes 80% of All Weekly Grains Being Served	Extra Entrée For All Grades \$1.90 Extra Milk \$0.50 Extra Juice \$0.60
All Meals Served with 1% White or Skim Chocolate Milk	Salad Bar Serve Daily From Locally Sourced Farms
This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider All Menus Are Subject To Change	harvest hocus—legumes comes from the Fabaceae family. This family bears fruit inside of a pod and consist of legumes, peas, and beans . Believe it or not peanuts are legume but green beans are not. This cheap dietary staple is full of iron, fiber, protein and folate.

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6 Hamburger Toppings Bar *Baked Beans Sliced Peaches	7 Our Signature Assorted Pizza Relish Tray Applesauce	8 Mexicali Potato "Loaded Potato Wedges" Tortilla Strips Street Corn Pineapple Tidbits Cookie	9 Chicken Pot Stickers Asian Rice Sesame Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	10 Cheese Lasagna Roll Garlic Breadstick Spinach Salad *Roasted Chickpea Sliced Peaches
13 Philly Sub Sweet Potato Fries Chicken Soup Fruit Cocktail in Jell-O	14 Chicken Nuggets Biscuit Potato Sliced Peaches	15 Beef Nacho Corn Medley Pineapple Tidbits	16 Vegetable Egg Roll Chicken Lo Mein *Sugar Snaps Tropical Fruit Salad	17 Mozzarella Stix Roasted Broccoli Blueberries
20 	21 Chef Boy-R- Dee *Roasted Chickpea Mixed Veggies Pineapple Tidbits	22 Chicken Fajita Cilantro Lime Rice *Refried Beans Spiced Apples	23 Chicken Tetrazzini Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches Breadstick	24 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Roasted Carrots Applesauce
27 Chicken Parmesan Bun Romaine Salad Sliced Peaches	28 Rotini Noodles Meatballs Red Sauce Roasted Broccoli Applesauce	29 Beef Nachos *Black Beans Tropical Fruit Salad	30 General T'so's Chicken *Peas & Carrots Jasmine Rice Pineapple Tidbits 	31 French Toast Casserole Hash brown Strawberries



ASSUMPTION
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
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JANUARY 2025

ACHS/ACMS Breakfast & Snack Menu

MON TUE WED THU FRI

AMS/ AHS Breakfast Prices	Extra Entrée for all	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Students \$ 2.70	Extra Milk \$0.50 Extra Juice \$0.60					
Adults \$ 2.90						
Whole Grain	We allow Offer vs Serve					
Constitutes 80% of All Weekly Grains Being Served	(the choice of 3 food items, one must be a fruit or veggie).					
All Meals Served with 1% White or Skim Chocolate Milk, Craisins, and Granola	This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider All Menus Are Subject To Change					
		6 Sausage Biscuit Mandarin Oranges Snack Baked Potato Chips 100% Juice	7 Grilled Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Applesauce Snack Brekkie Cookie	8 Apple Orange Smoothie Muffin Diced Peaches Snack Goldfish 100% Juice	9 Pancake Wrap 100% Juice Snack Fritos String Cheese	10 Cheese Quiche Sliced Peaches Snack Tortilla Chips Tomato Salsa 100% Juice
		13 Bagel Strips Diced Pears Snack Rice Krispies	14 Biscuit & Sausage Gravy Diced Pears Snack Baked Doritos 100% Juice	15 Froot Loops Cereal Tropical Fruit Salad Snack Sun Chips	16 Ham & Cheese Combo 100% Juice Snack Apple Muffin	17 Soft Cereal Bar Mixed Fruit Snack Soft Pretzel Cheese Cups 100% Juice
		20  TEACHER IN SERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL!	21 Breakfast Burrito Diced Peaches Snack Goldfish	22 Honey Nut Cheerios Cereal Mandarin Oranges Snack Hard Pretzel String Cheese	23 Blueberry Pancake 100% Juice Snack Smoothie Tiger Bites	24 French Toast Stix Applesauce Snack Popcorn 100% Juice
		27 Banana Bread Tropical Fruit Salad Snack Turkey Stick 100% Juice	28 Apple Frudel Diced Peaches Snack Confetti Cookies	29 Cereal Bar Diced Peaches Snack Tortilla Chips Salsa 100% Juice	30 Pancake Wrap 100% Juice Snack Brekkie Cookie	31 Assorted Muffins String Cheese Pineapple Tidbits Snack Baked Potato Chips 100% Juice

Assumption Catholic Schools (ACS) Royal Parents Association (RPA)

December 4th, 2024

<p>Board of Representatives: Jill Vruwink & Lindsay Graumann, Co-President Tania Halbersma, Treasurer Amanda Braaten, Secretary</p>	<p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jill Vruwink, Co-President ● Lindsay Graumann, Co-President ● Amanda Braaten, Secretary ● Stacy Laramée ● Sara Boyce
<p>School Representatives: AMS/AHS: Stacy Laramée, Tania Halbersma, Lindsay Graumann SVDP & OLQH: Sara Boyce & Nicki Gary St Lawrence: Amanda Braaten</p>	

Next Meeting January 8th, 2025 at 6pm-7pm AHS Library

Assumption Royals Clothing Store: <https://ink-splash.square.site/assumption-royals>

Opening Prayer	Hail Mary
Royal Parent Association Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concerns with Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doors are locking before meeting so it's difficult to get people in the building for the meeting. Suggestions to support this? ○ Need access to wifi during meetings for notes to be updated. ● Cranberry Classic Clothing Table made a profit over \$800, lots of requests for hats and beanies. This is being looked into. ● QR codes around the schools and building for Clothing Orders have been very helpful!
Treasurer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More to come next meeting
<p>Funds Requests</p> <p><i>Reminder for staff and student council members that they can request funds from the RPA for schools/classrooms</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None to Note
<p>BINGO</p> <p>NEED SERVICE HOURS? READ THIS!!</p>	<p>Friendly reminder you MUST have enough volunteers or another group will join you and funds will be split between the two groups. Please ADVERTISE for your groups date, the more players the more profit you stand to earn! We're off to a great start this year!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10/6 Senior Class \$724 ○ 10/20 Volleyball \$1400 ○ 11/3 DC Trip \$1049.50 ○ Freshman Class \$700 ○ Girls Basketball \$1200

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Progressive Jackpot currently growing! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winners will have a tax form to fill out based on the total funds won
<p>Upcoming Fundraisers and Events thru December 31st</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plant Sale: Lindsay Graumann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karthausers, ACS currently has an account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ March 18th orders for Mother's Day received ○ Wunrows was discussed as well. We stand to make more profit with this option. ○ Lindsay has meetings scheduled to determine the best action. ● Local Food Nights: Sara Boyce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider Qdoba, Rocky's, Grace's, Noodles ○ El Jefe just supported something for Port Edwards; will follow up with this as well
<p>Follow Up & Next Meeting:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lindsay: Flower Sales <input type="checkbox"/> Sara: Local Food Nights <input type="checkbox"/> Jill: Looking for ways to be more competitive with local schools and their version of the Royal Card
<p>What to Expect from the Royal Parents throughout the school year:</p>	<p>Teacher & Staff Meal & Snack Donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall Conferences: Dinner Meal - Catholic Schools Week: Breakfast Meal - Teacher Appreciation Week (Spring): Lunch Meal <p>Fundraisers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated monthly