



Annunciation School Newsletter

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*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life. John 8:12*

Dear Parents,

I want to address some concerns you might have regarding the coronavirus. I have a meeting on Friday with local Catholic school principal colleagues and representatives of the diocese to discuss contingency plans for our schools. Principals are informed with updates from the CDC and Kane County Health Department. You might have heard that Marmion is closed today. This decision was not based on any confirmed case of the virus, rather on the fact that a faculty member had recently traveled to the Holy Land and only after his return to the classroom was it recommended by a source in Israel that travelers from that region self-quarantine. As a precaution, Marmion closed today to perform deep cleaning of the school. Just as we have done during this particularly tough flu season, we will continue to be vigilant in disinfecting the lunch tables, classroom desks, drinking fountains, door handles, chromebooks, and other high traffic surfaces. The primary teachers have instructed the students on proper handwashing techniques. Please continue to follow protocol if your child is sick. Children must be fever free for a full 24 hours before returning to school. Also, please keep your child home if he/she is showing any other signs of sickness.

Annunciation School is partnering with our parish in a **Lenten/Easter Food Drive**. This project is a very simple way for our families to work together to help out dozens of needy families in our local east Aurora area. The **plan** is to put together bags of non-perishable food items, such as pasta, soup, cereal, rice, etc., along with a \$20-30 gift card to Woodman's so the family can purchase perishable items, too. The **goal** is to collect enough food to fill at least one bag per class and we can always fill more bags than that! Parishioner Anne Stephans is sponsoring this project and is supported by our Knights of Columbus who provided the tote bags.

To make the food collection easy, I have created a Signup.com link. Please look at the list of foods and sign up for 1-2 items you can pick up at the store and send in to your child's class by MARCH 31. Once all the food has been donated, we will organize the items into each class's bag. You'll note that we are also looking for donations of \$5.00 to be combined into gift cards for the family. You can also help by sending in \$5.00☺ Here's the link for the **Lenten/Easter Food Drive**: <https://signup.com/go/AGyCKxk>



We are looking for 20 parent volunteers to work our Walk-a-Thon on Wednesday, April 29 from 8:30am – 11:30am. Parent volunteers work in conjunction with Home & School to set up the course, monitor the walk, distribute water and snacks, and help with clean up. All volunteers receive a Walk-a-Thon t-shirt, so please indicate your t-shirt size in the comments. Please use this second Signup.com link to volunteer: <https://signup.com/go/sYDcGuQ>



Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Wardynski



PENNY WARS 2020 WINNERS!!



The recent **PENNY WARS** contest sponsored by the Annunciation Service Club was an overwhelming success! For over two weeks the pennies poured in and classes in both buildings battled each other with secret sabotages of silver coins and paper dollars. We literally had to find bigger and bigger containers for the coins that were coming in. It was fun to see the children so excited about this event. Our generous and competitive **students raised over \$900 for Waterleaf Women's Center in Aurora.** This Friday, members of our Service Club will get a tour of Waterleaf's new facility and present them with our donation. This donation was in conjunction with our parish's baby bottle drive to fund programming at Waterleaf.

There were many ways to measure a winner in this contest due to the nature of all non-pennies canceling out the pennies for total money collected. Because we had such a success with this project, we decided to reward three classes from each building with an ice cream treat for their winning participation. All six of these grades will receive an ice cream treat later this week.

- The OVERALL top class was **5th Grade** with the highest number of pennies collected AND the highest total collected. They brought in 4,980 pennies and collected \$261.85 in their jar.
- **4th Grade** had the second highest number of pennies with 4,073.
- **Kindergarten** collected the third highest number of pennies with 3,216.
- **1st Grade** collected the highest total in the primary building with \$117.50.
- **Preschool and 6th Grade** had the most pennies that "counted" from each of the two buildings.

Thank you to all of our students and families who supported this very worthwhile project. I'm always so impressed by the generosity of our families.

Also, **THANK YOU to Mrs. Eversole and Mrs. Kozak** for their work with the Service Club counting and tallying all the money!!





Hot Lunch Day in March is on **Tuesday, March 17th** and is from **A&W**. If you would like to order hot lunch for your child, you may order and pay online through SchoolSpeak. Orders must be placed online through SchoolSpeak and are due no later than **Thursday, March 12th**.

Tomorrow night, March 12, is the Home and School Fundraiser at Noodles & Co. The event runs from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please come and bring your family and friends! Have fun and don't worry about cooking! More information can be found at the end of the newsletter.



Reminder and Talent Show rehearsal date change: If your child wishes to participate in the Talent Show on Thursday, March 26 and has not yet sent in the registration form, please do so ASAP. We will accept additional acts until Friday, March 13. Also, please note that the rehearsal dates are now set for **March 17th** and **March 24th** right after school until 4:30.

If your child would like to participate in the **Talent Showcase** portion of the evening, please send in the attached registration form ASAP.



REMINDER to Complete Six Flags Read To Succeed by April 17th!

Six Flags Read to Succeed is a free program that allows students in grades K-6 to earn tickets to Six Flags Great America just by reading six hours for fun.

Here is how your child can earn a free ticket to Six Flags:

- 1) Register using this link: www.sixflags.com/books
- 2) Use Annunciation BVM School's code: WNBRF
- 3) Your child may read any books they choose.
- 4) Keep track of your child's reading.
- 5) Record your child's reading at our website.
- 6) Receive a free Six Flags Great America ticket from Annunciation BVM School in May.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Michele Sojka at msojka@annunciationbvm.org

Manna Workers:

Thursday, March 12
Thursday, March 19

Kim Becker
Volunteer Needed

Patrol Schedule – Week of March 16

Morning: Ceci Drudi and Evie Precup

Afternoon: Sophia Gay, Ella White, Karissa Walczak, and Katelyn Jungels



Server Schedule:

Thursday, March 12	8:00 a.m.	Jess Seaton	Devin Seaton
Friday, March 13	8:00 a.m.	Jess Seaton	Devin Seaton
Saturday, March 14	5:15 p.m.	Lily Helfer	E. Zinken
Sunday, March 15	7:30 a.m.	Jacob Gay	Volunteer
	8:45 a.m.	Zach Hultgren	Ben Hultgren
	10:00 a.m.	Chelsea Hirner	J. Hirner
	11:30 a.m.	Ceci Drudi	Brooke Feltes
Monday, March 16	8:00 a.m.	James Digate	Mia Digate
Tuesday, March 17	8:00 a.m.	James Digate	Mia Digate
Wed., March 18	8:45 a.m.	Katie Phillippe	Elly Tuma

FUNDRAISER NIGHT.

Eat well and do good—that's the basic recipe with Noodles Fundraising. Join us for the flavors you love while we help our community.



**THURSDAY,
MARCH 12, 2020
4pm-8pm**

**NORTH AURORA
2365 N FARNSWORTH AVE
Aurora, IL 60502**

25 %

of qualifying sales will directly
benefit:
Annunciation BVM School

Only in-restaurant sales will benefit this organization. Guests must mention the organization or show the flyer when ordering.

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& COMPANY

**Many students have amazing talents that may not lend themselves to doing an act on stage.
We want to have a forum to feature these unique skills too.**

**Last year's Talent Showcase was a huge hit!
We are excited to see what our students have to share this year!**

Annunciation Talent Showcase

Thursday, March 26, 5:30 p.m.

Each Talent Showcase participant will have a table to fill with their special items. There will be plenty of time allowed after school for participants and their parents to set up their display. The showcase will be open for about an hour before the Talent Show begins. Participants will stand by their table to talk about their showcase and answer visitors' questions.

Examples of Showcase Ideas

- ◇ Display your artwork ~ This may include drawing, painting, or photography
- ◇ Show off your ability to knit, sew, carve, build things, or make slime!
- ◇ If you cook or bake, give away samples of those amazing chocolate chip cookies
- ◇ Share your favorite collection ~ Maybe Legos, dinosaurs, or trading cards
- ◇ Amaze people with your skill at decorating cakes or doing magic tricks
- ◇ Create a display and impress everyone with your expertise on your favorite topic
- ◇ Aspiring authors, poets, graphic designers, or illustrators can display their projects
- ◇ Future veterinarians may bring in a small animal in a tabletop cage for show and tell
(For instance: a fish, hamster, or lizard. No cats, dogs, or large animals, please.)



Talent Showcase Reservation

Name _____ Grade _____

Description of Showcase _____

What size of table do you want for your display? _____ Large _____ Small

Parent Signature _____ Phone _____

Return to the school office by Monday, March 16.

If you have questions, contact Mrs. Eversole at ceversole@annunciationbvm.org

Annunciation's Got Talent

March 26th at 6:30 in the gym

Come share your talent with everyone!

Please fill this form out and return to the office. First practice will be March 19th in the gym right after school until 4:30. I will need music sent to me by this date! Dress rehearsal will be

March 24th in the gym right after school
until 4:30.



Name(s) _____

What you will be doing _____

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Jungels at
jjungels@annunciationbvm.org.

Knights of Columbus

Pasta Night



All you can eat Pasta!

WHERE: Annunciation gym
1840 Church Rd, Aurora, IL

WHEN: Saturday, March 14th, 5:30-7:30
\$10/person or \$25/family
Purchase tickets at the door

**All proceeds benefit Annunciation youth attending Camp
Rock**

Any questions, please contact Mark Fletcher:

mfletcher@Rockforddiocese.org or call 630-851-1436