



December 1, 2021

Annunciation Newsletter

Updates for school families from the desk of :

Principal Beth Cunningham

REMINDERS

- Dec 3** Dress Down Day
- Dec 8** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Toys for Tots School Mass
- Dec 17** Spirit Day
- Dec 21** Christmas Parties
11:30 Dismissal



First Week of Advent



The Best Preschool

I am happy to announce that Annunciation BVM School has been voted in as The Best in the Preschool category of the 2021 Aurora Best of the Fox Readers' Choice Awards contest! This was officially published yesterday in a special section of the Best of the Fox which is distributed to local venues within Aurora. Congratulations to our Preschool Teacher, Mrs. Julie Mattas on this recognition, and to her classroom aide, Mrs. Michele Sojka. Thank you to all who voted for Annunciation BVM School and letting others know about the excellent preschool program that provides students with a strong academic foundation. The strong academics continue as a student progresses on to kindergarten through grade eight at Annunciation. We will be given a banner in a few weeks to proudly hang outside the school. This is something we should all be proud of and celebrate!

<https://www.shawlocal.com/best-of-the-fox/readers-choice/>

Christmas Break

Christmas Break will begin on December 21st with an 11:30 a.m. dismissal. Christmas Classroom Parties will be held on this morning from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Faculty and Staff will be enjoying a Christmas Luncheon together after dismissal.

Tradition Dress Down Passes

If you purchased dress down passes at the Tradition of Excellence, the passes will be distributed to the students on Friday, December 3. If you would still like to purchase dress down passes, please see information in the following pages. Thank you for supporting the Tradition of Excellence.

Advent Prayer Service

We held our first Advent Prayer Service for this season on Tuesday, November 30th. Thank you to our kindergarten students for leading us in this special time of prayer. Thank you to our 7th grade student readers and doing such a wonderful job working with our kindergarten friends. Advent is a special time to pray more to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Faculty and Staff Christmas Gift

Home and School has arranged a convenient way for parents to provide the teachers a monetary Christmas gift. If you wish to participate, please see detailed information in this packet. Monetary gifts must be returned to the school office **no later than December 15**. The faculty and staff are always so appreciative and amazed by parents' generosity through this gift-giving program.

Tradition Dress Down Day TOMORROW

As you remember the families who sold at least one raffle ticket for Tradition already participated in their one Dress Down Day. However, as promised by me, these students were also given an additional Comfy Clothes Day (slippers included). We will have our Comfy Clothes Day TOMORROW, December 2. Families who sold at least one ticket are as follows: Aiello, Alanis, Alba, Aristuk, Austin, Y. Avila, Baer, Becker, Bergeron, D. Bohr, Bonilla, Bostrand, Brouch, Brown, Burke, Buttice, Cibulskis, Curry, Davis, DeKing, Digate, Dulceak, Dutler, Eilermann, Fancsali, Faust, Favela, Fearday, Frieders, Gallenbach, Gutierrez, Harron, Hefke, Hurd, Johnson, Jungels, Kackert, Lopez, Mayer, McCarty, McQueary, Mendez, Meneses, Miller, Moon, Moreno, Nies, Pasternak, Penne, Popdan, Quinn, Reneteria, A. Rios, J. Rodriguez, Saucedo, Seifrid, Shankle, N. Shimp, Schuster, Sojka, Szilage, Thomas, Tranchita, A. Tuma, J. Tuma, Urbealis, Urbik, Vargas, Walczak, Watermann, A. White, J. White, Wolf, Zepp, Zwart



Grade 8 STEM
Simple Circuits



Dear School Parent,

As COVID continues to bring new unwanted challenges in our lives, we continue to overcome them by working together. As we enter these winter months we will also face flu season. We ask that you please keep your child home if they are not well. Students should be fever free from **any** illness for at least 48 hours without taking fever reducing medications before returning to school.

Please note:

- A student who tests positive with COVID must quarantine for 10 days from the date of their positive test (meaning they can return on day 11).
- Students who were a close contact of a positive case must quarantine for 14 days (meaning they can return on day 15) from last date of exposure. OR the student who had close contact may return after 10 days of quarantine (meaning day 11) if they have a negative COVID test done within 48 hours of returning to school.
- Students who travel out of the country will also have to quarantine upon their return. Please contact Mrs. Brouch for this information if it applies to your family.

It is difficult to have a set plan in place as the things remain fluid and ever changing with COVID. Please know that the faculty, staff, and administration will be understanding and compassionate if your child needs to miss school due to COVID illness or quarantine.

Please note:

- If your child is ill with COVID, teachers will continue to send their schoolwork home. If the child is symptomatic, we understand they it may take a while for the student to complete work after they return to school.
- If a child is in quarantine due to close contact and is asymptomatic, the expectation is that the student does their very best to keep up with their school work on a daily basis. However, we understand that they may need to be taught some material once they return to school and may need extra time to complete their schoolwork.
- Although we do not anticipate this happening, if necessary, we will be ready to return to remote learning. If this were to occur, the teachers and I would communicate a plan that would include guidelines of time expectations for Synchronous and Asynchronous Classes, a list of virtual resources that will be used, and the time and location the schedule for the following day will be posted.

The faculty and staff is dedicated to our students' academic growth as well as their social and emotional well-being. I encourage you to have open communication with your child's teacher, as working in partnership is the most effective for student growth. Thank you for entrusting your children to us and we will continue to do our best to serve them until we can fully return to normal.

God bless,

Beth A. Cunningham



This Friday, December 2 is our Dress Down Day for charity. Students may pay \$1.00 for the right to dress down. Fifth grade will choose which charity to receive the money collected. Last month sixth grade donated \$357.00 to Hesed House for their Thanksgiving dinner.



Next Wednesday, December 8, Annunciation School will hold its annual toy collection. If possible, each child should bring an **unwrapped** toy to school that day. The students will bring their toy to the altar during a procession at Mass. Please consider toys for children of all ages. The toys will be donated to Toys for Tots. Please call the office if you have any questions and thank you in advance for your generosity.

As a reminder, for a variety of reasons, the difficult decision was made not to have a Christmas Program this year. We know people arrange work schedules, etc. to be able to come to the program, so we want to make sure you are aware that it will not take place this Christmas.

The Dress Down Day passes purchased from Tradition of Excellence will be sent home this Friday. Please watch for them. If you did not order passes on the night of the event, you may still purchase tickets from the office through December. Dress Down passes are \$5.00 each per child. There will be three days after Christmas designated as TOE Dress Down Days. Each pass is good for one day and you may purchase either one, two or three passes per child. Please put your payment in an envelope with your child's name on it and send it to the office. Your passes will be sent home.

Passes will only be available through December. You will not be able to buy the passes right before the dress down days.

Mark your calendars for Home and School's next dine out night. It will take place at Portillos in Batavia on December 8. You can get more information in the flyer at the end of the newsletter.



Boomer T's is currently selling Annunciation School apparel. Orders can be placed through today, December 1. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

After School Patrol Schedule – Week of December 6

Josh Shimp, Elly Tuma and Will Wilde



The Advent Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place after the 5:15 p.m. Mass on December 4. It will be followed by a chili supper in the gym. Also coming Dec. 4th and 5th -

Christmas Wreath & Greenery Sale. The sale supports the Waterleaf Pregnancy Center and is sponsored by the Respect Life Committee

Christmas Gift Program

'Twas weeks before Christmas
And all through the school
Not a teacher gift had been purchased
What would parents do?

The artwork was hung
In the hallways with care,
In hopes that the parents
And students would stare.

The children were studying,
Struggling to stay awake,
While anxiously waiting
For a long Christmas break.

The parents were looking
To spread Christmas cheer
And thank teachers and staff
Who in their hearts they hold dear.

So Home and School came up with a plan
To make life easier on parents with so many demands.
Don't spend your time shopping for trinkets galore.
Send in a contribution and avoid the store!

Away with your worries
Without further delay
Decide on your cash contribution
And send it to the office today!



Home and School is coordinating a voluntary Christmas Gift Program. This is a great way to show your appreciation for our faculty and staff, instead of purchasing traditional presents or gift cards. If you would like to participate, please place your contribution in an envelope addressed to Home and School and enclose the attached form. Mark on the form the faculty and staff members you would like to include and the amount of the contribution for each person. **Return the form with CASH only.** Any checks will be returned. Home and School will distribute the money to each faculty and staff member along with a list of those families who contributed to her gift. Donation amounts will not be listed. Any amount you would like to give is appreciated.

The submission deadline for contributions is Wednesday, December 15.



Annunciation Christmas Gift Program 2021

Family Name: _____ (as you would like it on the gift.)

Phone Number: _____ Contribution Total: _____

Contributions must be turned into the office by December 15, 2021. **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE**

CASH ONLY. Checks will be returned.

Julie Mattas - Preschool	\$
Michele Sojka – Preschool Aide/Primary Library	\$
Jen Kopin - Kindergarten	\$
Jacquie Jungels – Kindergarten Aide	\$
Audra Rizzo – First Grade	\$
Nancy Brown – Second Grade/Primary Aide	\$
Heather Ruffalo – Third Grade	\$
Clare Sweet – Primary Aide	\$
Pam Brabeck – Primary Technology	\$
Michell Nies – Fourth Grade	\$
Courtney Decker – Fifth Grade/ After Care	\$
Shannon Hermann - Jr. High Teacher, 6 th Homeroom	\$
Lisa Brouch – Jr. High Teacher, 7 th Homeroom	\$
Susan Mazur – Jr. High Teacher, 8 th Homeroom	\$
Jeune Winkel – Technology Coordinator	\$
Dawn Vogt – STEAM Teacher, Technology	\$
Tracey Kozak – P.E.	\$
Kris Reyna - Art	\$
Cathy Unruh – Music, Upper Building Aide	\$
Diane Hinterlong – Upper Bldg Aide/ Morning Care	\$
Meloni Wilde – Upper Building Library	\$
Father Patrick - Pastor	\$
Beth Cunningham - Principal	\$
Patti Brouch – Administrative Assistant	\$
Kim Becker – Office Assistant	\$
Sherry Frieders – Morning Care	\$
Amara Fata – After Care	\$
Sr. Jackie – After Care	\$
Mary Ellen Genovese – After Care	\$
Laura Valdez – Custodial, Misc.	\$



CALLING ALL VIKINGS!

Gear up for the Holidays!

Did you hear the news? We have opened a Spirit Wear Store With **NEW ITEMS!**
<https://annunciationholiday21.itemorder.com/>



Missed out on our last sale?
Here's your chance to show your **VIKING PRIDE** with a Brand New Look!

Check out these amazing new designs with our Viking logo! We have T-Shirts, Long Sleeves, Hoodies, Fleecees, and More!

These items make great gifts for the holidays!

Be sure to order your Viking Gear **NOW!**

Give your kids some fresh gear to show off their "cool school" to friends and family!



Sale starts on Wednesday November 17th and ends on December 1st

Visit annunciationholiday21.itemorder.com and order today!

Numerous shipping options available: Ship to your child's class room, ship to your home, or pick up at Boomer T's Oswego.



You're invited to a

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Bring this flyer to the restaurant or show it to the cashier on your phone and 20% of the proceeds will benefit:

Annunciation Home and School

December 8, 2021

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

at the Portillo's located at:

531 N. Randall Rd.

Batavia, IL

Learn more about Portillo's Fundraisers at portillos.com/good.

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