



Annunciation School Newsletter
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I had the privilege of judging some of the Academic Fair projects yesterday. I was so impressed with the topics chosen and the wealth of knowledge the students shared. The students conducted themselves with such maturity and confidence. It makes me so proud to be a part of this school where our students shine in so many different ways.

Please take some time between now and next week to look over the Student Handbook, specifically the haircut policy. There will be a uniform/haircut inspection sometime next week.

Congratulations to the following 8th graders who received awards for their project in the Academic Fair:

For Backboard:

1st Place, Chelsea Hirner, Marley Cwinski
Honorable Mention: Sarah Wessels, Riley Cwinski, Danielle Tranchita, Austin Baloun

For Oral Presentation:

1st Place, Meghan Burke, Molly Lambert
Honorable Mention: Vince Hefke, Nate Bostrand
Finn Windle, Katie Phillippe



Will Schwartz received the highest combined score for backboard and presentation and was the overall winner.

The Academic Fair is a proud tradition at Annunciation School. The 8th graders have been working on this for months. Congratulations to all of them on a job well done and to Mrs. Mazur for guiding them through the conclusion of this project.

Thank you to our judges, Mrs. Ruffalo, Mrs. Mattas, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Peters for spending the afternoon listening to presentations and judging the projects. Thanks also to Danielle Tranchita and Finn Windle for answering the call to help take down tables at the end of the day.

There is no school this Friday, March 19. This day was scheduled as a retreat day for the faculty and staff.

Extended Care envelopes are being sent home today with your oldest child. Please remember that day extended care bills are due within seven days. Parents falling behind in extended care payments are not allowed to use extended care until their balance has been paid.

You can find billing information on your SchoolSpeak account by following the directions printed on the green envelope.



Home and School is currently running the World's Finest Chocolate sale. There are still some boxes available if you would like to help Home and School raise funds for the school by selling these delicious candy bars. You can send in \$60.00 to receive a box of candy. You will get your money returned as you keep the money from the candy you sell. Please call the office if you would like to purchase one of these boxes of candy.



Home and School is having its next restaurant fundraiser at Panda Express on Route 59 and Liberty St. on March 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

We have had several calls from parents asking about quarantine regulations if their family takes a trip over Easter break. At this time the Department of Public Health advises that students do not need to quarantine when returning **unless they have been out of the country. If a student goes to Mexico over break, he/she will need to quarantine for two weeks before returning to school.**

Just a reminder that we are required to follow the guidelines given to us by the Diocese of Rockford which state that any treats coming into the building must **be individually wrapped, meaning each piece must be wrapped. We ask that you please follow this rule. Thank you.**

We need your help! Annunciation Church is holding its first blood drive on Saturday, April 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the school gym. While we understand not everyone is able to donate blood, we are also looking for volunteers to help us with a 1 to 2 hour shift of greeting and checking donors as they arrive at the blood drive. Training for this position will be done when you arrive and the only requirements are a face mask and willingness to offer a warm greeting to all of our lifesavers. If you would be willing to take a volunteer shift please contact

Tory Wade at (630)362-7779 or vwade1986@yahoo.com. Please remember that all volunteers (age 16 and older) need to have a current safe environment form on file. Please feel free to contact parish office to check if you have completed yours.



If you are interested in donating blood, please watch for an update to come shortly with a link to sign-up. Each donation can save up to 3 lives and our local blood center is in urgent need of donations at this time! There is no substitution for human blood, so it is vital to come together to help our local patients in need by rolling up our sleeves and giving an hour of our time. All

donors, staff and volunteers will be required to wear a mask throughout their time at the blood drive and COVID screening questions will be asked upon arrival.



Volunteer Paperwork Update

If you have completed volunteer paperwork in the past, you will be receiving an email from VirtusOnline. Virtus is the new system for tracking all volunteer Safe Environment forms. When you receive the email, please log into your account and click on the forms you need to update. Below is more information. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Zinken, jzinken@rockforddiocese.org, 630-851-1436

Thank you for volunteering and completing all your paperwork! 😊



Patrol Schedule – Afternoons the Week March 21

Neil Mayer, Matthew Busch, and Isaias Corona

Are you an Employee or Volunteer of the Diocese?

The Diocese of Rockford Safe Environment required paperwork and trainings are now accessed online! All employees and Volunteers now have an account.

How do I access my account?

You will receive an email, from Virtus, informing you of your User ID and instructions on how to access your account. This will include a direct link to the website. If you are unsure of your password you can click Need Login Information and it will allow you to set your password to whatever you would like!

If you do not have an email, each diocesan location has a Virtus Site Administrator who will be able to provide you with your User ID so you can also enter your User ID and click Need Login Information to choose a password you would prefer.

What do I have to do right now?

Please access your account, by logging into Virtus, and update your contact information. Our Virtus Site Administrators have been working diligently for the last few months manually entering all the dates of everything you have already completed so you are not being asked to resign or retake any trainings previously completed. If you are missing any documents or trainings the system will make that visible when you log in and ask you to complete or acknowledge those requirements.

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FUNDRAISER EVENT Help Us Raise Money For: Annunciation Home & School

When	848 North Route 59	Online:
Wednesday, March 24,	Aurora, IL 60504	Enter 322596 in the promo
2021 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM	6308622810	code box during online
Where	How	checkout at
Panda Express located at:	In-store:	order.pandaexpress.com.
ROUTE 59 & LIBERTY	Show paper or digital	Orders must be placed on
	version of flyer	the event day

20% of event sales will be donated to: Annunciation Home and School

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.



ATTENTION VIKING NATION!

We have a **BRAND NEW** Spirit Wear Store!

It's time to show our **VIKING PRIDE** with a Brand New Look!

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

Great opportunity for new Annunciation families to acquire your Viking Spirit Wear!
Current families...it's time for a much-needed update to your Viking gear, right?!

Our FIRST SALE starts NOW!

Sale starts on Wednesday March 17th and ends on March 28th

Order now for delivery in time for April 16th Dress Down AND April 23rd Spirit Day.



Be sure to order so your kids are stylin' along with their friends for Spring Dress Down and Spirit Days!
Visit annunciationcatholicschool.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

 3 Colors	Port & Company Core Cotton Tee \$13.00	 3 Colors	Port & Company Long Sleeve Core Cotton Tee \$16.00
 3 Colors	LAT Girls Stripe T-Shirt \$19.00	 3 Colors	Port & Company Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt \$27.00
 3 Colors	Port & Company Essential Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt \$24.00	 3 Colors	Holloway Ladies Advocate Hoodie \$45.00
	Team 365 Microfleece Jacket \$30.00		Boxercraft Flannel Pant \$30.00
	Jerzees Adult Nublend® Jogger \$24.00	 2 Colors	Gildan Heavy Blend Open Bottom Sweatpant \$21.00
	Sportsman 12" Striped Pom-Pom Knit Cap \$17.00		Puma Adult Sport P48 Fleece Track Jacket \$64.00
	Puma Sport Adult Iconic T7 Track Jacket \$78.00	 2 Colors	Under Armour Men's UA Tech Polo \$49.00