



## Annunciation School Newsletter

March 31, 2021

[annunciationbvm.org](http://annunciationbvm.org)

I want to wish all of you a very blessed Easter and a safe Spring Break. I hope you can take some time to enjoy all that spring has to offer – tulips and daffodils, trees budding, the grass turning green, the longer, warmer days, and the overall sense of new life. Enjoy and be safe!

Please do NOT let your child get in or out of your car while you are in the traffic line on Church Road. You need to be parked in one of the lots.

Here are the winners of the World's Finest Chocolate sales:

The class winners are:      1<sup>st</sup> place – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (pizza party)  
   2<sup>nd</sup> place – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (dress down)  
   3<sup>rd</sup> place – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (ice cream)

The individual winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Delgado family (gift card)  
   2<sup>nd</sup> place – Szilage family (gift card)  
   3<sup>rd</sup> place – Hefke family (gift card)

All prizes will be awarded after Spring Break.

There will be chocolate for sale outside the upper building Thursday after school.

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Tomorrow is Holy Thursday. Dismissal is at 11:55 and there is no after school extended care.

There is no school on Good Friday, or all of next week. School resumes on Monday, April 12.

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Congratulations to our Character Counts winners for the month of March. The quality for March was "Trustworthy". The following students were chosen by their teachers for being honest, reliable and having the courage to do the right thing.

Kindergarten: Kendall McQueary, Charlize Penne  
1st Grade: Mila Gonzales, Scarlett Zwart, Evan Bohr  
2nd Grade: Scarlett Cepeda, Erynn DeKing  
3rd Grade: Reilley Hren  
4th Grade: Mason Szilage, Sophia Schupbach  
5th Grade: Arielle Rogers, Analeigha Rodriguez  
6th Grade: Lily Helfer, Joshua Shimp  
7th Grade: Alex Quattrocchi  
8th Grade: Meghan Burke, Chelsea Hirner



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Congratulations to Audrey Brown in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Alejandro Saucedo in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. They are the winners of the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest for good penmanship!

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Starting tomorrow, April 1, uniform shorts may again be worn to school.

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Report cards will be available to view on SchoolSpeak tomorrow, April 1 after 12:30 p.m.

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The School Calendar for 2021-22 has been completed and can be viewed on the school website or by pushing Ctrl and clicking on this link.

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/5412/documents/2021/3/Calendar%202021-22.pdf>



You will see that the first day of school is scheduled for Monday, August 23. Please note that events scheduled for next year are subject to any covid restrictions at the time.

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As you know, next year we will be changing our tuition management system from TADS to FACTS, which will hopefully be clearer and easier to navigate. Last week one parent in each household should have received an email explaining how to set up the FACTS account. If you do not find the email in one parent's account, please check the other parent's account. Also check your spam folder. Once the account is set up you will be able to change or add emails.

**Please note that book fees are included on the FACTS account and are due no later than April 10.** Book fees must be paid for your child to be considered registered for next year.

Book fees should be paid on FACTS, but the remainder of your 2020-21 tuition should be paid on your TADS account.

**If no one in your household has received this email, please contact the office tomorrow. Thank you.**

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Home and School is having its next restaurant fundraiser at Chipotle on Kirk Road on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

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If you would like to order hot lunch for your child/ren place your order and pay online through SchoolSpeak by end of day on **Wednesday, April 14th**. Meals will come with chips only.



The 2019-2020 yearbooks are here and they are well worth the wait. Thanks to Mrs. Jacquie Jungels and Mrs. Sojka for their work on the yearbook. We still have some yearbooks available for purchase. Hardcover are \$21.50 and softcovers are \$17.00. Just send your payment to the office and we will send home a yearbook.

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**Manna tomorrow will be from 11:45 – 12:15. There will also be manna next week, Thursday, April 8 from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

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We need your help! Annunciation Church is holding its first blood drive on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 see the flyer at the end of this newsletter or go to [https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/)

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Patrol Schedule – Afternoons the Week April 12

Alex Quattrocchi, Ivey Reece and Gabrielle Rogers

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March 25, 2021

Dear Parents,

Last week, marked the first anniversary of our Diocesan Catholic schools' shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The past 12 months have been filled with difficulties, challenges, and issues none of us would have ever imagined possible before March 2020. However, due to the indomitable spirit and strength of you, your principals, teachers, staff, and pastors, these obstacles were overcome so that quality in-person learning became the rule and not the exception in our Catholic schools in 2020-21.

As we enter the holiest week of the Church year, in anticipation of the glorious celebration of Easter, most of our schools will be beginning spring break. Spring break means different things to different people, but for all, it means some well-earned time away from school. Some will relax at home, while others may be planning to get away somewhere. If you are one of those families who are planning to travel, either out of state or out of the country, we want to remind you that you must read and follow the travel guidelines currently defined by the CDC and your local county health department. These travel guidelines include testing and or quarantining requirements.

For all travel into the US from another country, you must have proof of a negative COVID test within three days of boarding your flight in the non-US country and show it to the US when you arrive, or you must have proof that you had COVID and recovered. And when you arrive in the US you must get tested within 3-5 days after arriving home AND you must quarantine for 7 days. This COVID protocol applies to anyone returning to the US after international travel.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>

Cruise ship travel: CDC recommends all people avoid cruise ship travel. If you go on a cruise, it appears the pretesting is required before you enter the US, and you should get tested 3 days after arriving home, and quarantine for 7 days. If you do not get tested, quarantine for 10 days.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/covid-4/coronavirus-cruise-ship>

We want to wish you a Holy and Blessed Easter celebration and a safe and healthy spring break.

Sincerely,

*Michael Kagan*  
Superintendent of Schools

*Vito DeFrisco*  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Annunciation BVM Home & School. Come in to the Chipotle at **2902 Kirk Rd Ste 100** in Aurora on **Wednesday, April 14th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Annunciation BVM Home & School.

## NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code HA26LMB before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



MEXICAN GRILL

All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



# BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs  
eternal

**DONATE  
BLOOD**

**Saturday  
April**

**24**

**8:00am – 11:00am**

**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.

**PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.**

## **ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE**

Located in the School Gym  
at 1840 Church Rd, Aurora

Appointments greatly appreciated; walk-ins  
welcome as the schedule and social distancing allow.

To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the  
Versiti Donor app, or call (800) 7TO-GIVE.

The SARS COV-2 antibody test, AKA COVID-19  
Antibody Test (CAT), will be performed on all blood  
donations as part of our standard testing.

**EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!**

Eligible if received COVID-19  
vaccine on or before 4/21.

