

# Annunciation Newsletter

Updates for school families from the desk of :

Principal Beth Cunningham

September 22, 2021

## REMINDERS

**Sept 24** Spirit Day

**Sept 27** Safe Environment Week

**Oct 8** NO SCHOOL

**Oct 11** NO SCHOOL



*Class of 2022*

## Tradition of Excellence News

**The message below comes to you from the Tradition of Excellence Committee:**

Huge thank you to everyone that came out to Food Truck Friday. Although the weather took a turn on us, we still had a great turn-out and wish we didn't have to end early. We would also like to thank all of the parents and kids that helped out that night and sent in baked goods, as well as Team FIB and Duke's Dogs for the delicious food.

Congratulations to Jason Phillips who was the winner of the Early Bird drawing for \$500. The tuition raffle winner will be pulled at the Top Golf event on October 17th so there is still time to purchase those. Lastly, we would like to give a huge thank you to Phil and Kelly Bergeron, without all of their time and hard work, Food Truck Friday would not have been possible. Thanks Phil and Kelly!

## Safe Environment

As an extension of Protecting God's Children for Adults, all students (K-12) are required to participate in age appropriate Safe Environment lessons. Teachers will be presenting these lessons to students during the week of September 27th. You can access in-depth resources for parents on the diocesan website:

<https://www.rockforddiocese.org/safe-environment/virtus/>

Also attached is an Opt-Out form should you decide to have this discussion on your own. If you would like to Opt-Out, please complete and return the form to us no later than Friday, September 24.

## Student Council

On Friday, September 17th, the Student Council elections were held. The students did a wonderful job on their speeches and I applaud them for their servant leadership. The following students will serve on Student Council for the 2021-2022 school year and help to make Annunciation School a better place.

**6th grade:** Katerina Aiello, Dominic Buttice, Kristina Harron, Izzy Pasternak, Bella Renteria, Ethan Stanescu

**7th grade:** Mauro Alanis, Anna Hefke, Analyse McCarty, Elly Tuma

**8th grade:** Aiden Aristuk, Aidan Baer, Sophia Gay, Abby Mendez



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences for students in kindergarten through eighth grade are scheduled for Thursday, November 4th from 12:30 to 7:00 p.m. Due to COVID restrictions we will be offering the parents the choice to attend an in-person conference or a virtual conference with your child's teacher.

Information to sign-up for in-person conferences will be in the newsletter on October 6th. If you would like a virtual conference, please contact your child's teacher **after** October 6th directly through email to schedule a time. The virtual conferences may be scheduled on a day other than November 4th if the time works for both you and the teacher.

## School Counselor

Catholic Charities of Rockford will provide a school counselor to Annunciation BVM this school year. Sr. Adele Human is a licensed counselor and will be available to meet with students each week on Monday. Please have a discussion with your child's teacher before you contact the office to complete a counselor authorization form.





This Friday, September 24, is the first School Spirit Day of the year. “Spirit Day” is held once a month, usually on the fourth Friday of the month. Dates are indicated on the school calendar. **On this day, students may dress down for free if they wear “Annunciation” or Vikings” apparel, or the school colors of blue and white.** Spirit wear does not include a shirt with a logo

from a professional sports team, a college, or high school, etc. If a student chooses not to wear spirit wear, he/she may wear the regular school uniform. All rules for dress down days apply to spirit days also.

School spirit wear may currently be purchased through the company “Naperville Spirit Wear”. Please go to the school website, [annunciationbvm.org](http://annunciationbvm.org). There is a link to Naperville Spirit Wear in the middle, right side of the home page.

Show your school spirit this Friday!



As you know, everyone inside the school is required to wear a mask. While we do have a small supply of masks in the office for students who forget their mask, or to replace broken masks, we do not have enough masks to supply the same students with a mask every day. Please remind your student before he/she leaves the car to take with his mask. Also, **please send several masks for your child to keep in his/her locker** in case he/she forgets a mask on a regular basis. Thank you.

### Morning Drop-Off at Upper Building



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Morning drop off at the upper building is through the circle drive in front of the main building. Students exit cars and walk around the building to the back playground. Please pull up all the way and do not pass other cars in line. There is no parking in the circle drive in the morning. The only reason any parent should drive into the parking lot is to park to come into the building or walk a younger student to the primary building. Please do not use the parking lot as a drop off zone for your children in grades 4 – 8, even if the cones have not been placed. Thank you.

This is a reminder that all students entering grades P, K, and 6 are required by the state to have a complete physical. If you have a child in P, K, or 6 and have not yet submitted his/her physical form, you should have received an email asking you to do so immediately. These forms were due on the first day of school. **Any child not in compliance on October 1 will not be able to return to school until he/she is in compliance with this state law.** Thank you.



Thank you to all of the parents who answered the call to volunteer for pizza Friday. We appreciate your help and are happy that Pizza Friday will be able to continue. Please remember to contact Jessica Zinken at the rectory to be sure all of your Safe Environment paperwork is up to date. Jessica’s email is

[jzinken@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:jzinken@rockforddiocese.org). The diocese has also mandated that all volunteers must provide school with a copy of their vaccination card, or a negative co-vid test before being in school as a volunteer. Thank you VERY MUCH for your co-operation with these diocesan requirements we must adhere to.

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Student Council will begin selling pop in the Upper Building ONLY on Pizza Fridays. Students may bring \$.50 to purchase a can of pop at lunch time. **Please note that change will not be given in cash. If a child brings more than \$.50 he/she will receive a ticket for another can of pop on another date.**

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After School Patrol Schedule – Week of September 27

Abby Mendez, Trey Seifrid and Karissa Walczak

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TO: Parents  
FROM: Mrs. Cunningham, Principal  
PARISH or SCHOOL: Annunciation School  
SUBJECT: Opportunity to "opt your child out" of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program  
DATE: September 15, 2021

Annunciation School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, to our students on the week of 9/6. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*® program developed the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Rockford and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at Annunciation School. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the program Overview so you'll be aware of the nature of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Mrs. Cunningham at 630/851-4300. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the "Opt-Out" form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child's teacher no later than Friday, September 24, 2021.

For more information on the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

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**Opt-Out form for use with the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program:**

\_\_\_\_\_ does not have my permission to present the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, to my child whose name is \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ I request training materials to be sent home

☐ I do not request training materials to be sent home

Parent's name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# CLASS BASKETS

Class baskets have always been a very popular raffle item at the Tradition of Excellence event. This year we are doing a battle of the buildings. If you have access to something on any of the lists please share this donation or we can do the shopping for you with your monetary donation. You can get a couple families to go in on one large item as well. The goal is to get these baskets full of great items we all want to win. This year's event will take place NOVEMBER 12<sup>h</sup>.

**Please consider donating to your building's class baskets. Don't forget "Manna" gift cards... Let your donation give back to you! NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL.**

## **Elementary School building grades PK-3rd**

### **WEEKEND FAMILY FUN BASKET**

Foldable Wagon, Tent, Cooler, Firepit, folding chairs, Cornhole game, Sleeping bags, air mattress, camping stove, outdoor games, Adult group games, kids card games, camping or picnic supplies

### **GOLF LOVERS BASKET**

Golf Club Sets, Golf Bag, Push Cart, PGA Store GC, Top Golf GC, Local Course GC  
Smaller items: Golf balls, gloves, tools, umbrella, bag coolers

## **Middle School building grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

### **TECHNOLOGY JUNKIE BASKET**

Ipad, Apple watch, wireless headphones or earbuds, Flat screen TV, Amazon Stick, Amazon Echo, Fitbit, Game consoles (xbox, switch, PS5)

### **STOCK THE BAR**

Mini Fridge, Margarita Machine, Hard liquor, beer, wine, Liqueurs and mixers  
Grocery store GC, Binny GC

\*\*\*\*ANY CHECKS FOR "CLASS BASKETS" please make out to: **LISA CIBULSKIS**\*\*\*\*

All Cash or Check donations can be sent to school labeled **CLASS BASKETS**. Zelle is available too!

A final due date will be sometime end of Oct but please help by donating early so we have time to shop.

Please contact **Lisa Cibulskis** or **Gabi Saucedo** for in person donations or with any questions at  
[LISACIBULSKIS@gmail.com](mailto:LISACIBULSKIS@gmail.com)



# Free Tuition Raffle

**ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!**

**\$50 a ticket**

Be the lucky winner of free tuition for the 2021-2022 school year at Annunciation B.V.M. School! Purchasing a ticket not only gives you the opportunity to win a free year of tuition for one student, but is a great way to support Annunciation B.V.M. School.

The winner will be chosen at random by Fr. Patrick at the Food Truck Festival on Friday, September 17th. Buy as many tickets as you like; each ticket purchased will increase your odds of winning! But remember: **only 200 tickets** will be sold!

## Tuition Raffle Details:

- Tuition prize amount is for one student and all other fees are not included.
- Only 200 tickets will be sold at a face value of \$50 each.
- If fewer than 200 tickets are sold, the winner will receive a discount on tuition to be determined based on how many tickets are sold.
- Redeemable only for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Winner need not be present to win and will be notified by phone.
- Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

To purchase tickets, contact:

Camille Dulceak- [camilledulceak@gmail.com](mailto:camilledulceak@gmail.com),

Jolyce Seifrid - [jolyceseifrid@yahoo.com](mailto:jolyceseifrid@yahoo.com)

or [tradition@annunciationbvm.org](mailto:tradition@annunciationbvm.org)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

# **HOMEcoming2021**



MARMION ACADEMY | 1000 BUTTERFIELD ROAD | AURORA, IL 60502 | [MARMION.ORG](http://MARMION.ORG)

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## **KICK-OFF PARTY, BONFIRE & FIREWORKS**

**Saturday, October 2 from 6:00-10:30 PM**

Purchase wristbands in advance (\$5 each) for unlimited access to the Family Fun Zone! Visit [marmion.org/homecoming](http://marmion.org/homecoming)

## **HOMEcoming BBQ**

**Thursday, October 7 from 4:30-7:00 PM**

Purchase meals (\$17 each) in advance at [marmion.org/bbq](http://marmion.org/bbq)

## **FOOTBALL GAME & PASS-IN-REVIEW**

**Friday, October 8 at 7:30 PM**

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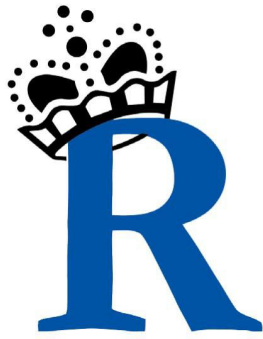
## **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**OPEN HOUSE:** Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021 at 1 PM

**ENTRANCE EXAM:** Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 at 9 AM

DETAILS AVAILABLE AT [MARMION.ORG](http://MARMION.ORG)





# Rosary Royals Volleyball Middle School Night

September 28, 2021  
vs. IC Catholic Prep

4:30 pm (Freshmen Game)

5:30 pm (Jr. Varsity Game)

6:30 pm (Varsity Game)

Wear your team jersey  
or Rosary Blue!



**Middle School Girls:** Free admission for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls  
**Be Our Guests!** Free cheese pizza for each 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girl

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**Bring this flyer to the game for Free Admission/Pizza!**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

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