

March 16, 2022

Annunciation Newsletter

Updates for school families from the desk of :

Principal Beth Cunningham

REMINDERS

- March 17** Happy St. Patrick's Day
Green & White Dress Down Day/
Grade 8 Uniforms
Grade 8 Academic Fair
- March 18** No School-Faculty and Staff Retreat
- March 21** One Book, One School Kickoff
- March 25** Grandparents Day
11:00 Dismissal
Feast of the Annunciation
Report Cards



Parent Volunteer Commitment Program

Please take the time to read the letter in this week's newsletter in regards to the Parent Volunteer Commitment Program that will be implemented for the 2022-2023 school year. This is a program initiated by the Annunciation Education Commission and supported by Fr. Patrick and myself to reignite the volunteer culture that has been an important part of this community. Please keep in mind that the biggest takeaway you should have after reading this information is that "We Need You!" Each of you contributing your time as a volunteer will enhance the student experience, build a stronger school community, and help Annunciation thrive!

Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Jeune Winkel, Mrs. Nancy Brown, and Mrs. Tracey Kozak will not be returning to Annunciation BVM for the 2022-2023 school year. I would like to thank them for their dedication to Annunciation School, Catholic education, and to our students. Each one of them consistently goes above and beyond for students and truly encompass the qualities of a Catholic educator. I especially appreciate their contributions this year during my transition to Annunciation BVM School. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors and God's blessing.

Scholastic Book Fair Returns

Home and School will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from April 5-7. Students will be coming home with their Wish List on Tuesday, April 5 and will have the opportunity to purchase books on April 6 and April 7.

One Book, One School

On Monday, March 21 will be the kickoff for One School, One Book. Students will gather in the gym on this morning where the novel will be announced and they will watch an introduction to the novel. Students will be coming home with the novels on this day with information. There will be one novel per family to share and read together. Thank you to Home and School who has provided the novels for our families.

Walk-a-thon

Thank you to the families who have returned their Walk-a-thon Packets and Sponsor Lists. Students will be signing their letters to their sponsors during the week of March 21. Once these are all completed they will be mailed, so be aware that your family and friends will be receiving them in the near future. I am looking forward to the school community coming together on the day of this event to share in fellowship and fitness. If you have any questions in regards to Walk-a-thon, please contact Michele Woodward, President of Home and School.

Home and School

There will be two open positions on Home and School for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in serving on Home and School, we invite you to attend the next meeting on Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the STEAM Lab.

Athletic Director

Please consider filling the role of Athletic Director or Co-Athletic Director for the 2022-2023 school year. This will be a stipend position in addition to earning your Parent Volunteer Commitment credits. If you are interested in this important leadership role, please contact Michele Sojka, Dave Schuster, or myself.

Kindergarten Sight Word Musical Chairs



Easter Eggs by: Grade Buddies



Reminder: There is no school this Friday, March 18. The faculty and staff will be participating in a retreat that day.



In honor of St. Patrick's Day, **tomorrow will be a free green dress down day for students in grades K – 7.** Since oral presentations and judging will be taking place for the 8th grade academic fair tomorrow, 8th graders are required to wear uniforms tomorrow but may have a free dress down day on Monday, March 21.

Tomorrow will bring to culmination the work the 8th graders have done on their academic fair projects, when judging takes place on each oral presentation and backboard. The 8th graders will be in the gym next to their project from 2:15 until 3:00. Anyone interested in the projects is welcome to visit the gym during this time.

Home and School will be hosting its next Dine-out Night **TONIGHT, March 16** at Noodles. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information. Make dinner easy tonight! Visit Noodles!



Friday, March 25, 2022 is Grandparent's Day. Grandparents are invited to the gym for a short introductory program and a welcome by Mrs. Cunningham. (Please note, refreshments will not be provided this year.) Grandparents will then be able to visit their grandchild's classroom and see the school. Students may be dismissed with a grandparent when their visit is complete. Grandparents will be required to sign out grandchildren.

Dismissal on March 25 is at 11:00 a.m. and there is no after school extended care. Students without a grandparent present should be picked up by 11:00 a.m. Students without a grandparent will not be allowed to leave school early with anyone other than a parent unless the student has a note stating a specific person to whom they may be released.

Doors will open at 8:40 a.m. – not before. Grandparents should not come early as it will interfere with drop-off.

If a student does not have a grandparent that can attend, he/she may invite a special guest such as an aunt or uncle. However, due to limited space in the gym and school buildings, we ask that parents please do not attend grandparent's day. If there are special circumstances, please call the office in advance.



Any students in Grade 2 – 8 who would like to sing as a group on the altar for the Wednesday all-school Masses, may meet Mrs. Unruh in church next Wednesday morning at 8:15 a.m. for practice. Please notify your child's teacher in advance if your child will be going directly to church that day.



We would appreciate it if every student in the upper building could bring in one roll of paper towels to get through the rest of the year. We would increase the number of paper towel rolls required on the school supply list, however, we do not have room to store that many paper towels at the start of the year.



The walkathon is scheduled for May 4 (rain date May 5). Many volunteers will be needed that day to help with course set-up, counting laps, handing out water, etc. Please click on the following link to volunteer to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4DAFA62BA3FA7-walk>

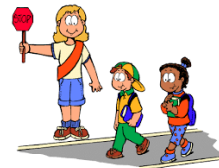
All volunteers must be sure to have up to date volunteer paperwork on file.



It is time to start getting your act ready for the Annunciation School Talent Show which will return this year on Wednesday, May 4. All students in grades Preschool through 8th grade are invited to perform an act. Groups may also perform. Acts can include singing, playing an instrument, gymnastics, comedy etc. All acts and music must be approved by Mrs. Kopin or Mrs. Jungels and Mrs. Cunningham.

Patrol Schedule – Week of March 21

Mariah Barocio, Giuliana Vazquez, and Cole Wolf



Annunciation BVM Catholic Elementary School

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of qualifying sales will
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Annunciation home and school

Wednesday,

March 16, 2022

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m

PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS:

North Aurora
2365 N Farnsworth Ave
Aurora, IL 60502

Guests must mention the organization or
show the flyer when ordering. If ordering
online, please enter code GIVING25 at
checkout. Cannot be combined with other
offers or discounts. Not valid for delivery.



ANNUNCIATION'S GOT TALENT

May 4th at 6:30 in the gym

Come share your talent with everyone!

Please fill out the form below and send it back to the office by April 13th.

First practice will be April 27th in the gym right after school until 4:15 (this may change depending on how many acts). Second practice/dress rehearsal will be May 3rd in the gym right after school until 4:15.

Please make sure songs and acts are appropriate for school. They will need approval from Mrs. Jungels or Mrs. Kopin and Mrs. Cunningham.

Thank you, Mrs. Jungels and Mrs. Kopin



Names _____

What you will be doing _____

Song _____

Parent's email _____

Please email any music you plan on using and if not using the whole song where to stop it. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Jungels at

jjungels@annunciationbvm.org.



Annunciation BVM Catholic School

Parent Volunteer Commitment Program

In the summer of 2025, Annunciation BVM Catholic School will celebrate 150 years of educating students. The longevity and success of the Annunciation community is due to strong leadership, dedicated faculty and staff, and supportive and involved parents. By volunteering at Annunciation, your child sees you as a role model living the Catholic value of service to others and your commitment to the school community. Bringing people together and working toward a common goal or mission builds a stronger community, a school family. Vibrant Catholic schools possess a high level of parent involvement and volunteerism and continue to thrive and grow.

Volunteerism has declined in recent years, partly due to the impact of the pandemic. Fr. Patrick Gillmeyer, Pastor; Mrs. Beth Cunningham, Principal; in partnership with the Annunciation Education Commission are working toward bringing a volunteer culture back that is part of the strong tradition at Annunciation. Parent volunteers are essential in building fellowship, providing programs, and enhancing the school experience for students. The Parent Commitment Program is a tool that is designed to welcome and invite ALL families to become involved in areas where they have interest or experience that can positively affect the students and community of Annunciation.

Our expectation is that each family (K-8) minimally contribute 10 credits of service/volunteer to the school and or parish. Families who only have a child in Preschool are expected to give a minimum of 5 credits of service/volunteer. I would again like to stress that WE NEED YOU and invite you to volunteer.

The Parishioner Tuition Rate is the rate granted by the pastor to each Annunciation parish school family who faithfully attends Sunday Mass, who regularly contributes to the parish, and who volunteers their time to the school and parish. Parish school families that do not meet their obligation of time, talent, or treasure (tithing) will be charged the Non-Parishioner Tuition Rate. The school families who are not members of Annunciation BVM Parish and charged the Non-Parishioner Tuition Rate, are expected to volunteer at school and will accrue an additional fee if volunteer obligations are not met.

*Please note that if your child participates in the Annunciation Athletic Program, there is an additional 5 credits per family volunteer requirement. The volunteer policy for athletics can be found in the Annunciation Athletic Handbook.

Families will be able to view volunteer opportunities, allotted credits, and sign up through SchoolSpeak. Below is a list to give you a general idea of how to earn credits. A complete list with more details will be available on the SchoolSpeak sign up. The SchoolSpeak sign up will be completed during the summer months and we will notify you when it is open for the 2022-2023 school year.

Opportunities to Be Involved and Allotted Credits

Serving on an Annunciation Board or Chair an Event (10 Credits)

Officer position of the Education Commission
Officer position on Home and School
Athletic Director
Member of Athletic Committee
Chair or Co-chair of The Tradition of Excellence
Chair or Co-chair of the Annunciation Walkathon

Lead of a Committee (7 Credits)

Book Fair(s)
Food Truck Friday
Hot Lunch Days
Lead Decoration Committee for the Tradition of Excellence
Coach

Serving on a Committee (5 Credits)

Supply Provider for entire school year for Hot Lunch Days
Decoration Committee for The Tradition of Excellence
Organize Faculty and Staff Appreciation Events for the entire school year
Head Room Parent
Father/Daughter Dance Chair
Food Truck Friday Chair
Hot Lunch Days Chair
Dine Out Nights Chair

Being Present and Helping on the Day of the Event (1 Credit)

Father/Daughter Dance Food Server
Father/Daughter Dance Clean up
Grade 7 & 8 Halloween Dance Chaperone
Grade 7 & 8 Christmas Dance Chaperone
Serving at the Beginning of the Year Faculty and Staff Luncheon
Parent/Teacher Conferences Faculty Treat Bags
Working at the Walkathon
Working at the Book Fair
Tradition of Excellence Set up
Tradition of Excellence Clean up
End of the Year Picnic
Serving students on Pizza Fridays
Serving students on Hot Lunch Days
Present at a Halloween Room Party
Present at a Christmas Room Party
Present at a Valentine's Day Room Party
Field Trip Driver/Chaperone

Serving Annunciation Parish

Lector at Sunday Mass (1 credit)
Usher (1 credit)
Minister of Holy Communion (1 credit)
Greeter at Confirmation (1 credit)

So many programs/events at Annunciation BVM Catholic School simply could not exist without volunteers. Please know we appreciate your time, talent, and treasure to our school and parish. You will discover that being a volunteer at your child's school is rewarding and allow you to form lifelong friendships with other school parents. If there is an area where you feel you can best contribute (ex: Marketing, Finance, etc) that is not listed, please contact me to discuss. All volunteers must have completed the Protecting God's Children Workshop and all Safe Environment documentation through the parish.

I am inviting you to be involved in your child's school, be a role model for all our students, and build a stronger community and future together.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Cunningham
Principal

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**Saturday
April**

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8:00am - 1:00pm

**Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.
Photo ID & Mask required.**



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ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

**Located in the School Gym
at 1840 Church Rd, Aurora**

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