

**AUGUST 21, 2023** 

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Assumption Catholic School!

Whether you are a returning family or new to our school, you are valued members of our community and we are grateful for your choice and commitment to entrust your children into our daily care. The faculty, staff, and I are all committed to helping you fulfill your roles as the primary educators of your family. We are here to serve you. Please read this letter carefully - and look for some important information at the end.

Students at Assumption are "Knights of the Immaculata" - and our core values are leadership, empathy, reverence, and perseverance. Throughout the school day, whether in a classroom learning a new lesson to build up the mind in wisdom and virtue, in the gym learning to build a healthy body, in the cafeteria learning to appreciate the blessings of wholesome nutrition, or in the church learning to give God the worship that rightly is owed to Him, we form a community of Catholic formation for the whole person.

This academic year we are resolved to advance two particular themes: building a Culture of Respect, and fostering attitudes of Joyful Obedience. What does this look like? Building a Culture of Respect looks like hallways and classrooms filled with students who elevate the good in each other, treat school property carefully, and address adults with appropriate tone and honor. And this culture also looks like adults who model the respectful behaviors we expect from our students.

Second, we are committed to helping our students develop an Attitude of Joyful Obedience. In every moment, each one and all of us will continue to learn how to accept what is asked of us, so long as it is in accordance with what is just and right. Students will learn to joyfully accept the work their teachers ask of them, understanding that growth in wisdom and virtue requires sacrifice. And this also looks like students who develop the capacity and desire to give their very best to God through all they say and do.

Finally, in this Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival, we will be highlighting the central importance of participation in Sunday Mass at your local parish as absolutely necessary for the ongoing formation of students and families. You are invited to join us for All School Masses as well, which are at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays each week, or on Holy Days as announced. Students are expected to wear their Mass uniforms at these Masses - please help them remember! And we continue to join with Assumption Parish in Eucharistic Adoration each Thursday, when each of your students' teachers bring their classes to pray before the Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. What a joy we have to participate with the Church in this focused renewal of our Faith!

Once again, welcome to this new school year. Consider my office door always open! Reach out to me by phone or email, and look for announcements soon for other opportunities where we can connect and share our hopes for what God is going to do for us in the coming year!

In Jesus through Mary, Dr. Lovelace

## **MORNING ROUTINE AT ASSUMPTION**

At drop off, students should enter the double doors nearest the cafeteria. Our start time for the Morning Launch in the gym remains 8:00 sharp, and all entry doors will close at that time. The gate on the East side of the church will also close, and any latecomers will need to come in the front door of the school and check in at the office. Students will NOT be allowed to enter the gym when they are tardy.

## **ADJUSTED CAR LINE PICK-UP TIMES**

Please note there are slight adjustments this year to the times for car line pick up at school. Note the following times for gate opening, prayer time, and dismissal. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Lovelace. Of course, parents are always welcome to park in the lot across from the school and join us for opening and closing prayer times in the gym!

| REGULAR SCHEDULE              |           | HALF DAY        |            |
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| Gate Opens:                   | 2:50 p.m. | Gate Opens:     | 11:50 a.m. |
| Closing Prayer (in the gym):: | 3:10 p.m. | Closing Prayer: | 12:10 p.m. |
| Release:                      | 3:15 p.m. | Release:        | 12:15 p.m. |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - WED., SEPT. 6, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.