

Dear Parents,

This Leadership Spotlight is going to talk about ***working a Vision with thoughtful Action.***

Sometimes in leadership you want to do something different. The first thing you need to do is pray about the change. Try this method the next time you want to put something forward:

1. Look above you: What does God expect of you? Will making this change match God's expectations?
 2. Look ahead of you: What is the big picture? What will each leaf on the tree look like if you make the change? (How is each leader in the situation influenced?)
 3. Look behind you: What have you learned or researched? Have you gotten the pulse on this idea from someone knowledgeable?
 4. Look around you: What is happening to others in the situation. Is it good? What specifically, is the reality for each person involved that might not be leading, but they are involved in the "doing?"
 5. Look within you: What do you feel about the change? Can you stand up strong for the decision and see good that comes from it? Is it "God" good? That's the real test. Is it something God would support?
 6. Look beside you: What resources are beside you? Have you gone to the people who are great resources to help with the change? Having "buy in" from the people beside you is important. Change does not come by trying to do something by yourself. It is always "we" in change. Not you, not just me...we is important.
 7. Great positive change does not always take the majority.
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- This week the teachers have a special Institute Day on Friday. I will tell you all about it next week.
 - I am sending out an early description of Christmas attire for The Christmas Concert. Parents asked me to send that out earlier this school year, so it is included in today's newsletter. I hope it is helpful to you!
 - Confirmation Date for 8th Grade: February 11th at 1:00 p.m. 2024 Remember each family receives 2 tickets.
 - I hope you have a blessed week and weekend!

In Christ's Love,

Mrs. DeMar



Annunciation School Newsletter
October 4, 2023
Annunciationbvm.org

This is a reminder that there is no school this Friday, October 6 as the teachers will be at Institute Meetings that day. There is also no school on Monday, October 9 for Columbus Day. Enjoy the long weekend.



Hot Lunch Day which was originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 has been changed to **Tuesday, October 17**. Hot lunch for October will be from McDonald's. Beginning tomorrow, you may place a hot lunch order for your child through your FACTS portal. Orders must be placed by noon on October 11.



By now, at least one parent should have received an email from VIP Photography with a link to your child's photographs. Even if you do not wish to purchase photographs, please look at the pictures to choose the one you would like to have used in the yearbook. If you did not receive an email, please contact the office.

Annunciation's annual Luminary Mass will take place this year on Wednesday, October 11. (The rain date is October 12 **If you would like to purchase Luminary Bags, please return your order envelope ASAP** to give the committee time to write out the names on the bags.

Also, we are in need of volunteers to bring in cookies for the reception in the gym following the Mass. If you are willing to donate cookies, please text Julie Cibulskis at 630//363-7073.



From Mrs. DeMar:

Last year you asked if I could tell you sooner what the attire for The Christmas Concert will be this school year. Here it is- nice and early!



Christmas Concert: Dec 13th 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the gym.
Attire: Students are to wear their Christmas dress up clothes.

Examples:

Girls: Christmas dresses, (Nothing low cut, nothing too short)
Skirts and blouses, bows in the hair are fine,
Dark flats or low heels please.



Boys:

Black or dark dress pants, belts are to be worn if the pants have loops.
long sleeved shirts tucked in, red or green tie,
black shoes.

NO HIGH TOP GYM SHOES FOR BOYS OR GIRLS

Our kids will look forward to performing for you as always!!! It's hard to think about Christmas, but it will be here before you know it!

Just a reminder that all volunteers at school must be current with their Safe Environment requirements. If you are planning to help at a party, drive for a field trip, etc. and do not know if all of your requirements are up to date, please contact Ms. Beth Clark, at bclark@rockforddiocese.org to find out what you may be missing. This is especially important if you are planning to help at a Halloween party. Thank you.



Annunciation is hosting 5th and 6th grade girls' volleyball games in our gym on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. The Athletic Committee is looking for volunteers to work during these times. Volunteers may be parents or high school students needing service hours. Younger students needing service hours may come with their parent to work. Please click on the link below to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C49A9AA2EA4F85-volleyball1>

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Pancake Breakfast in the gym on October 15 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. A family breakfast is still \$15.00. All proceeds benefit the Fr. George Glover Scholarship Fund.



Afternoon Patrol Schedule – Week of October 9

Alejandro Saucedo, London Tyler, and Gracie White



First Grade spent some time in church recently with Father Patrick, He explained different things they see in church and answered their questions.





Empowering God's Children® Safe Environment Program

Information Sheet & Optional Opt-Out Form

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Oct. 2, 2023

To assist in the monumental mission of protecting children from abuse, the Annunciation BVM is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your youth within the youth program. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves. This year, your child will experience one of the following age-appropriate lessons:

Empowering God's Children Program Information:

A program for children presented by Lesson Leaders, each lesson includes an age-appropriate video component along with engaging learning activities. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their safety rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them.

Lesson 1: *Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules*

Lesson 2: *Safe Adults, Safe Touches and Special Safe Adults*

Lesson 3: *Boundaries: You Have Rights!*

Lesson 4: *Secrets, Surprises and Promises*

Lesson 5: *Being a Safe Friend*

Lesson 6: *Boundaries: Feelings and Facts*

Research shows that child sexual abuse prevention is most effective when there is a partnership between parents and Lesson Leaders, when material is reiterated in a school setting, and when the training is interactive and activity based. As the primary educators of your children, parents and guardians are encouraged to review these materials ahead of time. Please review the lessons on your own to start these vital safety conversations at home. Two additional resources may be available to you for review through this location upon request: *The Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide*, and *The Lesson Leader Orientation and Certification Module*. Thank you for your partnership with us to protect youth.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Date(s) of in-program training: Week of October 16, 2023

Makeup training dates: _____

For questions, or to obtain access to the specific lesson and related activities, please communicate with:
(Name / Position / Contact information) _____

Please note: Parents and Guardians may "opt out" youth from formal in-program safety lessons. Please complete, detach and submit the form below only if you plan on offering the safe environment education at home and do not want your child to receive information via their youth program about ways to protect themselves. Your coordinator will reach out to you regarding relevant accommodations.

TO OPT-OUT THE CHILD FROM THE SAFETY LESSON, RETURN THIS PORTION TO:

(Name / Location) _____ BY (Date) _____

I, (printed name of parent or guardian) _____, have reviewed the actual safety lessons and DO NOT give permission for this location to present the *Empowering God's Children* Safety Lesson to my child (printed name of child) _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

2023 “Tradition of Excellence”

Are you ready for the big event?

Don't forget to RSVP!

525 Sold tickets is the goal, we need your help to reach it.

HAVE YOU PURCHASED OR SOLD YOUR RAFFLE TICKET YET?

We are still waiting for the purchase of many **Raffle Tickets**.

When paying with check, make the check payable to:

Annunciation BVM.

To purchase the **Raffle Ticket** you received in August, please send the filled-out raffle ticket and money, in a sealed envelope marked *raffle ticket*, to the school office. We will also have a couple of the members from the committee selling and collecting **Raffle Tickets** before school, and after school on:

Wednesday, October 11,

Thursday, October 12,

Friday, October 13, 2023

Thank you to all that sold more than 2 tickets!

Because of your efforts we have sold 130 raffle tickets!

We are asking for donations for class baskets.



Your time and donations are appreciated!

Please join us for Annunciation First Annual



TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday October 21st

1pm-3pm

School Parking Lot

1840 Church Rd, Aurora IL 60505

FOOD, FUN, PRIZES

Car decorating competition at 2 pm

Admission: \$5 - Families of 1 kid

\$10 -Families of 2 or more kids



Pumpkinpalooza!

Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide competition to promote school and Halloween Spirit!

Decorate a pumpkin! Use paint and other accessories to decorate a pumpkin. Be creative! You may make any style of pumpkin that you choose. It could be cute, funny, scary, an animal, whatever! Please just keep them appropriate for a Catholic grade school. Pumpkins must be decorated. They cannot be carved.

Pumpkins should be brought to the upper building before school on Thursday, October 26.

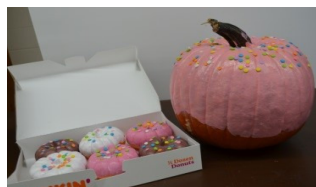
They will be put on display in the gym. All classes will view the pumpkins during the school day and students can vote for their favorites by putting a quarter in the bag in front of each pumpkin.

Students may bring as many quarters as they want and vote as many times as they like.

We will have some quarters available to exchange for dollars if necessary.

Every classroom will have two winners. Winners will be announced the following week.

All pumpkins should be taken home after school.



Our Annunciation Kids Need Team Sports!

The importance of regular exercise and physical activity for today's over-screened kids cannot be stressed enough. A quick look at the recent trends in youth physical activity in the United States, it's hard for parents not to be alarmed.

- **Only 1 out of 3 children are active every day.**
- **Only 28% of American kids 6+ are physically active at all—and the drastic increases in technology certainly compound these issues, as kids are exposed to more screen time than ever before.**
- **Team sports can have a profound impact on reducing obesity--especially among children aged 6 to 12.**
- **Playing sports from a very young age molds kids' brains to learn well academically and in life.**
- **Kids who play sports are nearly 10 times as likely to be active in adulthood compared to those who did not participate in sports as adolescents.**

Our Vikings Need Coaches!

Annunciation has always emphasized the need to balance both the physical, mental, and social development of our students. We have had a long and proud history of membership in the **Aurora Area Catholic League**. The League exists to promote the spiritual, moral, social, and physical development of students guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church.

And each school year we've been blessed by a talented and dedicated group of sports enthusiasts who dedicate their precious time and energy to share their love of a full range of the most popular team sports with our kids. Because of their selflessness, our students in grades 5 through 8 are usually able to choose from the following sports:

FALL CO-ED Soccer, Girls Volleyball

WINTER Boys Basketball, Girls Cheerleading (8th ONLY), Girls Basketball

SPRING CO-ED Track

At this moment, very few of these coaching and assistant coaching positions are filled. Please prayerfully consider whether this might be how and where God needs you to be serving our school family this year. Coaching at the grade/middle school level is all about teaching fundamental skills, discipline, team building, and modeling good sportsmanship. It's about instilling your love for the sport you've chosen in our kids--and having FUN!

If that sounds like a great way for you to spend more time with your kids and their classmates, please contact Johanna Rodriguez, our new Athletic Director, who can share more details: email her at athleticdirector@annunciation.org or call (630) 768-6975.

With Johanna's approval, you'll move on to the Safe Environment Clearance Process. As with all school volunteers, you'll have to have Safe Environment clearance **before practice for your sport starts.**

Clearance is a simple, 2-step process:

- 1) Background Checks
- 2) Training (2 or 3 Virtus online modules)

To start the process, send an email to Beth Clark, Safe Environment Administrator:
bclark@rockforddiocese.org. She'll email the necessary paperwork back to you and you'll be on your way.

If you've been volunteering at the school recently – or in the not-too-distant past – you're probably halfway to clearance already – you may just need the specialized online coach's training.

Make 2023-2024 a special sports year for you--and your time a gift
to the entire Assumption School family.



Veterans Day Assembly

Student Council is hosting a special Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 10, 2023. All students are encouraged to invite any family members, special friends, etc. who are veterans, to attend this assembly and be recognized by the student body.

Veterans are invited to come to school at 8:45 a.m. and enjoy coffee and doughnuts. The assembly will begin at 9:00 in the gym.

Veterans will sit in chairs with the students who invited them. They will be asked to stand and give their Name, Branch of Service, Years Served, Assignment in the Service and Who Invited Them.

We hope to have many veterans join us on this day.

If your child would like to invite someone to come to this assembly, please complete the form below and return it to school by November 2nd. Space will be limited in the gym, but if the veteran would like to have someone accompany him/her, he/she may do that.

Name of Veteran attending: _____

Please Print

Invited by: _____

Branch of Service: Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard

Number Attending: _____

Pictures Requested

Dear Annunciation Parish and School Families,

In addition to our Veterans Day Assembly we would like to invite everyone to submit pictures of the veterans in their family with the veteran's name, rank and one short sentence about the picture, if they would like. Please print and submit the picture(s) to the school office or email the picture(s) to nlitow@annunciationbvm.org. We will be hanging the pictures on the walls at school for students and visitors to look at through Veterans Day.

We would like to recognize an alumni of Annunciation as the first picture to be hung every year.

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U.S. Coast Guard





Home and School is partnering with Schaefer Greenhouses to put on a fundraiser to support Annunciation School. Please consider purchasing a poinsettia for a co-worker, friend, and/or family member. Please help spread the word. Your support is greatly appreciated! Be sure to place your order by OCTOBER 30TH. Make checks payable to Annunciation Home and School.

Quantity

Total

_____ Poinsettia 5-7 flowers \$21.95

_____ Poinsettia 7-9 flowers \$36.95

Name _____ Total due _____

THE ROYALS CROSS-COUNTRY CHALLENGE



“A TASTE OF CROSS”

Coach Vic Mead of the Rosary Cross-Country Team wishes to invite you to run our 1 mile steeplechase style cross country race. **The race is for all students 8th grade and under.** We will run separate races for 4th and under, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. Races may be combined depending on the number of participants in each division.

WHERE: The races will be run at **ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL**, 901 N. Edgelawn, Aurora. Registration is at the Athletic Building and Start is on the north side of the building. The course is all grass except for the finish on the track. The course is flat, with a few surprises, a water jump and straw bales to run over.
.....Park at the school or in the Advent/Redeemer Community Church lot.....

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th Registration is from 3:30-4:15 and races at 4:30. **Sign up will be at the Gym...**fill out the bottom of the form and pay \$1.00. Don't be shy, we've had as young as 6 years old run the race...

.....Parents/Coaches must accompany runners at the event!.....

TROPHIES.....AWARDS.....RIBBONS

Ribbons will be given to all finishers, with a trophy to first place and place ribbons for 2nd -5th places in each division. Awards will be given out after each race at the registration table

.....Water and Gatorade available at the end of the finish line.....

Coaches/ Parents can call Coach Mead at 630-701-0822 or Rosary 630-896-0831 with Questions

\$Donation \$1.00 per Runner\$

Please bring this form Wednesday “Race Day” October 11th filled out with your \$1.00.

NAME	ADDRESS
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AGE	GRADE	MALE	FEMALE	BIRTHDATE
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*PARENTS SIGNATURE _____

I acknowledge my child's participation in the "Taste of Cross" 1 Mile and waive Rosary High School/Redeemer Community Church and it associates from any claims, causes of action which may result from my or my child's participation in the run. **Parents or Coaches must accompany runners at the event!!**

FUN ON THE RUN>>>>>>>FUN ON THE RUN>>>>>>>FUN ON THE RUN>>>>>>>CCya There!

Come Visit Us

Rosary High School

October 25, 2023



Come join us for a first look at Rosary High School
October 25, 2023 from 5:30-7:30pm

www.rosaryhs.com