

Dear Annunciation Parents,

Welcome to the first week of school! We are so excited to see the children back and settled into their routines. Goodness we started during a hot week, did we not? We are all still excited to be back with the students and our teachers are getting to know your children quickly. I have seen “All About Me” projects in many different forms in different classrooms based on the grade level!

Today and tomorrow as you know, temperatures are sweltering! We as a staff are taking all precautions to keep the kids safe and hydrated. Tomorrow once again, is a free dress down day. Please make sure shorts that the students wear are not too short! Also, please don’t worry, we will make SURE they are out of the heat!

In addition, I wanted to make you aware that our teachers are in the process of turning over to a new communication system called FACTS. You all have used it before to pay tuition, but they have to switch everything over to it so PLEASE be patient with them as they learn the system. Some of you may receive emails right away and some of you may receive hard copy Newsletters for the first couple of weeks! We will certainly get the process down as we all work with it. Our Tech Coordinator (Deacon Ken) is working out quirks with the company and our teachers are gaining knowledge as they can enter the site.

Please save the date of Sept 6th for Curriculum Night/Open House (Curriculum Night always begins in the gym for both buildings) and **Sept. 15th for Food Truck Friday.** (More details to come!) Curriculum Night is one of the most important nights you can attend at school. This is the night that you learn what the school year will look like. We thank you for saving these date!

We know that we are going to have a truly blessed year this school year! Today at mass Father Patrick shared with the students that he wants them to be JOYFUL. He shared this statement with the students. ‘Joy is the echo of God’s life in us.” Think about that for a minute. Being with YOUR children brings us utter joy! They are smart, they want to learn, and they are fun. Who wouldn’t want to spend their days with children like ours at Annunciation.

Welcome to the new year! I am thrilled to be back at Annunciation and so excited to be with our students and teachers once again!

Many warm blessings to each of your families,

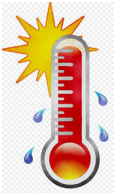
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Welcome to all of our new families and welcome back to our returning families. We hope you had an enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive school year.

Due to the excessive heat predicted for tomorrow, students may have a free dress down day and recess will be held indoors.



As you may recall from last year's newsletters, the diocese has instructed all school to change from our past Student Information System, SchoolSpeak, to a different system, FACTS, which we have already been using for tuition management. We have experienced some delays in working with the company that have caused us to be behind in our ability to communicate with parents, etc. We believe the system will be fully functional very soon and you will receive email instructions on how to

log-in to your account very soon. FACTS tuition management is still the same. SchoolSpeak is no longer accessible.

So far teachers have had limited capability to receive emails, send emails or post grades, etc. That will all be corrected soon. However, if you have emailed a teacher and not gotten a response, feel free to call the office and leave a message.

We would like to take this opportunity to review procedures for drop-off and pick-up for arrival and dismissal.

Primary Building – The lane in front of the primary building is a drop-off zone in the morning. Faculty and staff members will be present every morning between 8:15 and 8:25 a.m. to help students out of cars. Students in grades preschool through 3rd will go to the back of the primary building and wait for the first bell to ring at 8:25 a.m., when they will line up and enter the building.



In the morning there is no parking allowed in the drop off zone or in the parking lot at the primary building. If you would like to walk your child to the playground in the morning, you may park in the upper building parking lot or in the parking lot at the community center across the street. Parents are not allowed inside the fenced in area of the primary building.

At pick-up time, parents may park in front of the school or in the upper building parking lot or the community center. Students will be walked out of the building and will remain in the gated area with a teacher until “their adult” is seen. At 3:03, any students who have not been picked up by an adult will be walked to the grotto where an adult or older sibling may meet them and walk them safely to the car. Any student not picked up by the grotto at 3:12 will be walked to after-school care in the primary building.

Upper Building – The horseshoe drive in front of the upper building is the drop off zone for students in grades 4 – 8. Parents dropping off students in the upper building must use this drop off zone and should not pull into the parking lot to drop off students. If you need to come into the building, you may park in the parking lot. There is no parking in the horseshoe in the morning.

Once students exit their car, they should proceed around the building to the back where they will line up when the first bell rings at 8:25.

Dismissal at the upper building is at 3:00 p.m. for grades 4 and 5, and at 3:05 for students in junior high. Parents may park in the horseshoe or parking lot for dismissal.

Annunciation will once again have a milk program for anyone who would like to purchase milk.

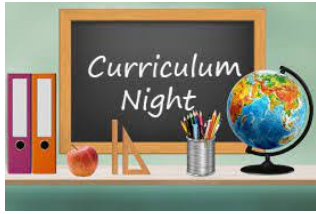


In the future milk orders will be handled on our new Student Information System, FACTS. However, because that is not fully functional at this moment, for the first semester we will be taking milk orders the old fashioned way. Please see the sheet at the end of this newsletter. **If you would like your child to receive milk, please complete the form and return it with payment ASAP. Milk distribution will begin immediately once we receive your order.**



reporting to school first.

Any students in Grade 2 – 8 who would like to sing as a group on the altar for the Wednesday All-school Masses, and be a part of the “Joyful Noise Choir,” should meet Mrs. Unruh in church on Wednesday mornings, starting August 31, at 8:15 for practice. Please notify your child’s teacher in advance if your child will be going directly to church that day and not



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00. Our annual curriculum night will be held that evening. More information will be in next week's newsletter.



Afternoon Patrol Schedule – Week of August 28

Grace Bergeron, Alejandro Saucedo and Drew White

Milk Orders for First Semester, 2023-24

Dear Parents,

Milk distribution for the first semester will begin immediately. If you would like to order milk for your child, please complete this form and return it to school, along with your payment ASAP.

Milk orders are for the time period of August 24 through January 19, 2024. One half pint cartons of low fat chocolate milk are available. Students may order more than one carton of milk.

The charge for milk for the first semester is \$35.00, which is approximately 40 cents per day. The cost for MWF full day preschool is \$20.00.

Please return your milk order ASAP. Orders must be returned by Thursday, August 31. Your child will begin receiving milk as soon as your order is received.

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Student Grade:</u>	<u>1 or 2 cartons:</u>
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The Sweetest Dress Down Day of the year!

Food Truck Friday is September 15, 2023.

**We are in need of donations of baked goods for our bake sale.
Donate a baked good item at the big building on the morning
of September 15 near the front door of the big building and
recieve a coupon for a free dress down day for
Friday, September 29, 2023**

Questions, Please call Stefanie (630)995-2025

