Dear Pre-K, Kinder, First, Second, and Third Grade Parents,
I wanted to put something into your minds for the future for those of you that are new to Annunciation. I want to inform you about The Tradition of Excellence which is a dinner/dance that helps fund the school. It is a really amazing event held by the school at a banquet hall or a restaurant. You can come business casual so if you are not into really dressing up- don't fret!!!! People wear everything from business casual to dress-up.

The Tradition of Excellence is something that is run by the fifth grade class each year. Planning begins in the spring of the students' fourth grade year. Third Grade families, you will want to watch carefully what goes on because a year from now your class will begin planning Tradition 2025. We are going to try to get more of the parents of our younger students to get involved in this event and all other events- so consider yourself invited to participate!

## Tradition of Excellence Purpose:

This is a dinner that is the biggest fundraiser for the school each year. It is the most important fundraiser that is held. Not only is the dinner held to help raise funds for the school, but a couple of other events are run by the fifth grade class that also help the school. One of them is a golf outing in the summer before the TOE.

The Golf Outing is usually run by two parent couples of the class and all of the parents in the school are invited to attend. The golf outing involves playing 18 holes of golf and also enjoying the dinner afterward. The Golf Outing Co-chairs raised really good money the past few summers summer and the co-chairs hope to match that this coming summer!

At the TOE dinner they sell 50/50 tickets, they auction wonderful items off and they have what is called a Paddle Call for the school where you raise your number on a paddle to offer to give money for something that is needed by the school. (This past year it was 12 chrome books) They also auction wonderful items off. (Sports Memorabilia, Spa Day Packages, Beautiful Wine Baskets, Dinner Gift Cards, Kid's Gift Baskets, etc.) The Tradition of Excellence is meant to get people together to share a meal, dance, visit, and bid on items. It really is a lovely evening and everyone has a fantastic time just being together and doing something wonderful for our students!

The Food Truck Friday Event is in the fall and this is where everyone comes out to eat barbeque, Mexican food, and ice cream! There are AMAZING baked goods there to purchase and no one goes home hungry, that is for sure!! People visit at all of the different tables and there is a wonderful D.J. at the event. Food Truck Friday is SUPER fun and the food is delicious! The company is wonderful because it is all of YOU!

These three events are all run by the 5th grade class presently, but we are hoping that parents from younger grades will get involved in the Tradition of Excellence in small waysnow, so that in the future, when it is your turn to run it, there are people who are aware of how the event runs and feel comfortable taking over specific positions.

Parents in Pre-K, Kinder, First, Second, and Third,

We invite you to get involved in every event that happens here at Annunciation. If you hear of an event and you would like to work it, PLEASE call Patti Brouch at the front desk and get yourself on the list to help. This can be for anything from Tradition of Excellence to Jr. High Dances. We really need our parents of our younger students to get involved wherever you can! We love when you show up to events! Start talking about the Tradition of Excellence with your family and try to fill your own table! The tickets are truly reasonable for what you get! That is what I have done these past two years and my family has LOVED IT! You could even invite a family that you think might love coming to our school in order to introduce them to some people! The Tradition Committee does a beautiful job of preparing each year and the banquet room looks beautiful when they finish with it! There are many different types of vendors involved that have items in the auction. Try to think of 10 businesses that you could go to to try to get them to donate something to the cause. (I always try to get my husband to speak to his boss at the golf course to try to get something to add to the auction.) Trust me businesses see this as free advertising! .They want their names out there! Their names are shown on the screen throughout the evening!

In sending this email, I just wanted to keep you informed of what will come up in August, (Golf Outing), September, (Food Truck Friday) and November of next year (Tradition of Excellence Dinner). Now you will have a little knowledge about the events. Remember, it would be great for you to get involved!

Have a beautiful day!
Warmly,
Mrs. DeMar

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This Friday, March 1, is our monthly Dress Down Day for charity. Students may pay $\$ 1.00$ to dress down. Second grade will choose the charity.

On March 5, 2024 the Annunciation Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after school for $\$ 5.00$ per box in front of both buildings. Cash, check and Venmo will be accepted. Please stop by and support our girls.


If you are in need of tuition information or extended care payment information from 2023 for tax purposes, you may access this information following these instructions.

- Log into you FACTS tuition account.
- Click View Details
- Click View Payment Summary
- Make sure the year is set at 2023
- Print your payment information for 2023

Any fifth through eighth grade students who would like to be on the track team can still register until February 29, 2024. You can find the registration forms on the website under "Athletics."


Home and School would like to invite any and all that are interested in joining next year to come to our next meeting on Monday March 4th at 6 pm in the STEM Lab.

You may now place pizza orders through the end of the year. Please keep in mind refunds will not be given for days your child may not be in school.

REMINDER ABOUT PIZZA FRIDAY -
If you need to check your order, you must do so before Thursday at noon. After Thursday at noon, pizza orders are not accessible and you will not be able to confirm your order. If you don't remember if you ordered
 pizza, please send a lunch with your child.

Every two years, Home and School holds a major fundraiser, the Walk-a-thon. This year the walk-a-thon will be held on April 24. Walk-A-Thon packets were sent home last week with your oldest child. Please look for these packets and return the completed forms ASAP. The walk-a-thon requires major planning and it will really help to get the packets returned in a timely manner. Thank you for your help.


Eighth grade will be hosting a Bake Sale Extravaganza on March 2-3 in front of church after all Masses to raise money for their once in a lifetime $8^{\text {th }}$ grade trip. There will be homemade goodies, such as cookies, cupcakes, and brownies. All donations will go directly towards the class trip fund.

Thank you in advance for your support.
The Eighth Grade Class

Mr. Joey Reier from St. Joseph's parish runs a co-ed softball league in Aurora. He is looking to add some teams from the Catholic churches in the area. He would like to get a team from Annunciation organized.
Players must be at least 14 years old, but there is no maximum age.
Parents may play with their children, or just teens may make a team, etc.


If you are interested, there are sign-up sheets and more information in the back of church. The cost per team is $\$ 350.00$.

## Afternoon Patrol Schedule - Week of March 4

Audrey Brown, Lincoln Hurd and Daxton Wolff


6th grade showing the Geological Timeline made to the scale of 1 cm : 1 million years

$7^{\text {th }}$ grade demonstrating their knowledge of DNA by modeling how nitrogen bases pair up and form a double helix shape on strands made of deoxyribose and phosphates.

8th grade making ice cream as they learned about colloids, solutions, and solvents.


Also $4^{\text {th }}$ grade celebrated the feast day of their class saint, Jose Sanchez del Rio, by enjoying tacos made by Deacon Ken.


