



Notes from ACS

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School News for Feb. 14, 2018

Dear Annunciation Families,

- As we enter “Flu Season” – please follow our handbook policy regarding fevers, vomiting and diarrhea. All students must be fever, vomit, and diarrhea-free for 24 hours before returning to school. We have students with medical differences, and a small fever can mean hospitalization for them. Thank you for your consideration!
- “Thank you” to Mr. Fogleman and Mr. Covert for volunteering to be our head soccer coaches for our ACS Soccer Team! Practices will begin in March.
- Re-enrollment: Parents, a re-enrollment form was included in blue folders two weeks ago. We want to make sure that your child’s place is reserved in next year’s classes, but we do need you to complete that form for verification. I have attached it to this email for your convenience. If the form is not received by March 1, you will forfeit your child’s place, and students who are the waitlist will be admitted. If you are an active duty family, there is a place to note that on the form, and we will hold your child’s place until you notify us otherwise.



WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT CHANGES LIVES.

- SNOW DAY MAKEUP: Wednesday, June 6 - FULL DAY. Thursday, June 7- FULL DAY, Field Day. Friday, June 8 – 11:30 DISMISSAL.

- Through CRS Rice Bowl, we share the journey with members of our human family around the world, and commit our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving to deepening our faith and serving those in need. <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

*It’s time to volunteer! EIC Tournament Signup (March 2-4): <https://goo.gl/MzgRNb>

LENT IS COMING

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Ash Wednesday is on February 14 (Valentine's Day)

Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays)

The three pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one primary meal and two lesser meals) and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

FEBRUARY and MARCH DATES

Wed Feb 14	Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30am		11:30 Dismissal for EIC Tournament
Fri Feb 16	8:30am Mass, Adoration	Tue Mar 6	Faculty Meeting
	10:15am Dental Health Presentation for K-5 in the Gym	Thur Mar 8	1:50 pm Stations of the Cross led by 6 th and 7 th Grade
Mon Feb 19	NO SCHOOL – Presidents’ Day	Fri Mar 9	8:30 Mass, Followed by Adoration
Tues Feb 20	NO PRESCHOOL – Preschool Teacher Workday	Thur Mar 15	OSC Grant Applications Due
Fri Feb 23	8:30 Mass, Followed by Adoration	Fri, Mar 16	8:30 Mass, Followed by Adoration
	8:30am -2pm 6-8 th Grade Math and Science		Students May Wear Green Shirts with Uniform Bottoms
	Field Trip to Craven Community College	Fri Mar 23	8:30 Mass, Followed by Adoration
Tue Feb. 27	2:10 Jump Rope for Heart Presentation	Tue Mar 27	6pm NJHS Inductions
Wed. Feb. 28	11:00 – 1:00 8 th Grade Field Trip	Thur Mar 29	Seder/Passover, Living Stations
	1:00 – 1:40 USMC Band Assembly (K-8)		11:30 Dismissal
Fri Mar 2	8:30 Mass, Followed by Adoration	Fri, Mar 30 – Sun, April 8	Easter Break – NO SCHOOL

Annunciation Catholic School provides our students with a foundation in the Catholic Faith and a strong academic education. We develop active citizens who live and love as Christ did. We make the world a better place. We pray. We learn. We love.



From the Annunciation Parent-Student Handbook... PARENTS AS PARTNERS

“A strong, cooperative partnership between school and home is an essential ingredient for an effective education. The best interests and needs of the student remain paramount, yet must be balanced against the good of the school community. With all partners in the process working together, the student is afforded the best educational experience.

As partners in the educational process at Annunciation Catholic School, we ask parents:

1. To set rules, times, and limits so that your child:
 - a. Gets to bed early on school nights;
 - b. Arrives at school on time and is picked up on time at the end of the day;
 - c. Is dressed according to the school dress code;
 - d. Completes assignments on time; and
 - e. Has hot lunch or nutritional sack lunch every day.
2. To actively participate in school activities such as Parent-Teacher Conferences and after-school performances;
3. To see that the student pays for any damage to school books or property due to carelessness or neglect on the part of the student;
4. To notify the school with a written note when the student has been absent or tardy.
5. To notify the school office of any changes of address or important phone numbers;
6. To meet all financial obligations to the school;
7. To inform the school of any special situation regarding the student’s wellbeing, safety, and health;
8. To complete and return to school any requested information promptly;
9. To read school notes and newsletters, regularly check school website and teacher classroom pages and to show interest in the student’s total education;
10. To support the religious and educational goals of the school;
11. To support and cooperate with the discipline policy of the school;
12. To treat teachers with respect and courtesy in discussing student problems.

We, at Annunciation Catholic School, consider it a privilege to work with parents in the education of children because we believe parents are the primary educators of their children. Therefore, it is your right and your duty to become the primary role models for the development of your child’s life – physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally, and psychologically. Your choice of Annunciation Catholic School involves a commitment and exhibits a concern for helping your child to recognize God as the greatest good in his/her life.

Good example is the strongest teacher. Your personal relationship with God, with each other, and with the Church community will affect the way your child relates to God and others. Ideals taught in school are not well rooted in the child unless these are nurtured by the example of good Catholic/Christian morality and by an honest personal relationship with God in your family life.

Once you have chosen to enter into a partnership with us at Annunciation Catholic School, we trust you will be loyal to this commitment. During these formative years (Preschool to 8), your child needs constant support from both parents and faculty in order to develop his/her moral, intellectual, social, cultural, and physical endowment. Neither parents nor teachers can afford to doubt the sincerity of the efforts of their educational partner in the quest of challenging, yet nourishing, the student to reach his/her potential. It is vital that both parents and teachers remember that allowing oneself to be caught between the student and the other partner will never have positive results. To divide authority between school and home or within the home will only teach disrespect of all authority. If there is an incident at school, you as parents must make investigation of the complete story your first step. Evidence of mutual respect between parents and teachers will model good mature behavior and relationships. Students are naturally eager to grow and learn. Sometimes in the process of maturation new interests may cause them to lose focus. As this natural process occurs, the student needs both understanding and discipline. At times, your child may perceive discipline as restrictive. It is boundaries and limits which provide a young person with both guidance and security. It is essential that a child take responsibility for grades he/she has earned and be accountable for homework, long-term assignments, major tests, service projects, and all other assignments. This responsibility also extends to times of absence. Together, let us begin this year with a commitment to partnership as we support one another in helping your child to become the best person he/she is capable of becoming.”