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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to another exciting academic year at Assumption High School. I am grateful for the blessing of the Assumption family, and I look forward to working with faculty, staff, students, and families for continued excellence in Catholic education.

I pray that you are having an enjoyable summer spent with family and friends, and though we still have some time left to relax before school begins, I want to get a variety of back-to-school dates and information to you for planning purposes. I am including a minimum number of pages in this mailing and referencing additional information that is available at assumptionhigh.org. Please reference our website news posting "School Registration Information 2018." All families are strongly encouraged to spend some time looking over this information prior to registration.

Registration options for all Assumption students are Monday, July 30th and Monday, August 6th between 10AM and 1PM in the school cafeteria. All students are required to drop in (parents are welcome also) on one of these dates to submit necessary paperwork and fees, and take care of a number of things detailed throughout the remainder of this letter. If JMC updates and required forms are completed ahead of time, the process should be relatively short, and staff will be available to answer any questions.

Photos: Student photos for the school yearbook and student ID cards will be taken during registration. All students entering grades 9-11 should attend registration dressed in a school uniform approved red, white, or black polo shirt. **Senior yearbook photos will also be taken at school registration.** Senior boys should wear a shirt and tie (suit coat preferred) and senior girls will be provided with the standard black drape to change into for their photo at registration. School picture pricing and ordering information is available on the AHS website. Order forms and payment must be submitted to the photographer at registration. If a student is interested in having his/her photo retaken on picture retake day, this will be done during lunches on Tuesday, September 25th.

Student Information and Health Forms: Prior to attending registration, all parents/guardians should access the "Student Information Update" link via the website news posting. **Please be sure to log in using your parent JMC username and password to update and confirm information for each enrolled student.** Required health forms should be printed from the Assumption website and turned in at registration. Required health forms include Dental Screening (freshmen only) and Athletic Physical and Concussion Awareness Forms (annually for all students participating in athletics).

Student Information System (JMC): It is extremely important that all Assumption parents/guardians and students are comfortable accessing and using JMC to monitor student progress. Parents/Guardians will receive regular grade progress report cards via the email address(es) provided in JMC. Please make the effort to assure that parent/guardian contact information (email, address, and phone) is always current in JMC, as this will be an important tool that Assumption will use to communicate with families. If you have misplaced your JMC access information, please feel free to contact Mrs. Shelli Miller at shelli.miller@assumptionhigh.org or 563-326-5313 ext. 200.

School Calendar: Access to the school calendar is available via the Assumption website.

SharePoint: Students and parents wishing to monitor class assignments and course syllabi and timelines can access this information throughout the school year on the Assumption SharePoint site. Student and parent access to SharePoint can be obtained at sharepoint.assumptionhigh.org or via the student/parent portal in the upper right-hand corner of the school website.

Schedules: All students have access to their 2018-2019 class schedules through JMC as of the time of this mailing. Each student will also receive a copy of his/her schedule at school registration. Students were placed in classes based on their course requests submitted last spring. Assumption staff worked especially hard this summer to get students into requested classes. In turn, the school master schedule was built around those requests. If a student has changed his/her mind regarding a scheduled course, adding a newly-desired course may not be possible due to class size and balance. If a student would like to request a schedule change, he/she should contact Students Services through Mrs. Lynn Day at lynn.day@assumptionhigh.org or Mrs. Tammy Quested at tammy.quested@assumptionhigh.org or 563-326-5313 ext. 237. The Student Services office is open 8AM to noon in the summer and during school registration if students would like to discuss their schedules in person. Schedule changes will not be granted under most circumstances. No consideration will be made for preferences regarding randomized PE/Theology quarter assignments, order of requested class periods, or teacher requests.

Community of Faith Seminar: Assumption High School embraces the development of the total person through faith-based education. The Community of Faith Seminar provides an opportunity for students to participate in and share reflections on faith development and service activities. Course credit and grades rely upon regular participation in a community faith study structured via online discussion within assigned small groups. At school registration, all students will be given a copy of this year's Faith Seminar materials including detailed course information, expectations, and Canvas site login/passwords.

Student Activity Passes: In the interest of promoting student attendance at school fine arts and athletic events, we are offering student activity passes for the 2018-2019 school year at a greatly reduced cost. For a one-time \$35 fee (paid at registration), a student's ID card will be printed to grant access to all home athletic events (except State-sponsored tournament contests) and all fine arts productions for the entire 2018-2019 academic year. Attending events is a great way to get involved and support fellow members of the Assumption community along the way.

School Uniform and Spirit Wear: Assumption clothing will be available at Registration. Support our Booster Club while getting in Assumption style! Additionally, AHS Student Council will have gently used uniform clothing and spirit wear available at greatly reduced prices.

Busing: The Davenport Community School District will continue to bus eligible Davenport District students to Assumption. Families wishing to utilize this service should contact the district transportation office at 563-386-1436 immediately. Assumption also provides transportation to students living in Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley School Districts, as this is not available otherwise. Payment for this busing is due to AHS at the beginning of each semester (a bill will be sent) in order for a student to be routed. Families can recoup these costs by completing a Nonpublic Parent Reimbursement Request form (available on their public school district website). Families interested in this transportation option should contact Mrs. Jackie Guldenpfennig in the Assumption Transportation Office at 563-326-5313 ext. 220 by July 27th.

Receiving Communications from Assumption: We make great effort to respect school access to parent/guardian contact information. All members of the Assumption Family are encouraged to regularly reference our website news blog at assumptionhigh.org for the most current school information. A weekly email update is sent to all constituents to direct attention to recent and upcoming events and highlights. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns as we are happy to assist!

Freshmen and New Students: Orientation will be held Monday, August 20th, and all incoming freshmen and new/transfer students are required to be present from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Students are asked to be in dress code for orientation. The student-only portion of the day will be devoted to meeting teachers, learning student schedules, accessing lockers, and familiarizing students with lunch procedures. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to arrive at 5:00 p.m. for an opportunity to get more parent-directed orientation information in the Assumption auditorium. This evening portion is intended for students and their parents to have the opportunity not only to feel comfortable with a variety of school personnel but to also connect with future classmates. Highlights of the Assumption experience will be profiled, and a variety of AHS personal resources will be on hand to get acquainted and answer questions. Families will learn ways to get involved at AHS during their student's high school career, we will come together to share in the blessing of our new students, and a picnic dinner will be provided by AHS. We sincerely hope that our new students and parents/guardians find this busy day to be a great way to connect and feel at ease during this time of transition. Contact Ms. Kris Thomas, Director of Admissions, at 563-326-5313 ext. 230 if you have any questions.

Student Laptops: All students (9-12) will receive their school-issued laptops at school registration on July 30th or August 6th. Students should stop in the library during one of the two registration days to pick up laptops and assure that everything is in working order with regard to access of technological accounts.

Blessing of the Senior Class and Senior Potluck: In an effort to celebrate our incoming senior class and pray for their leadership in the coming school year, all seniors and their parents/guardians will join for a potluck in the school cafeteria on Sunday, August 19th, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Families with last names beginning with A-M are asked to bring a side dish to share and N-Z a dessert. Deli sandwiches will be provided by AHS. Dress is casual. We invite seniors and their parents to please join this gathering as we kick-off the year with a blessing of the Class of 2019!

Streamlining the Registration Process: Save time on registration day by filling out necessary paperwork early! The following forms are available on our website news posting "School Registration Information 2018" at assumptionhigh.org:

- Common New Student Questions (informational)
- Yearbook, Class Ring, and Cap and Gown information (informational)
- Dress Code (informational)
- Bell Schedule (informational)
- School Picture Package and Pricing Information
- Assumption High School Technology Initiative Agreement (informational)
- Fee Information Sheet (informational)
- **Fees, Dues, and Donations Form (required annually for all families)**
- **Certificate of Dental Screening (required for all freshmen)**
- **Athletic Physical (required annually for all student athletes)**
- **Concussion Awareness Form (required annually for all student athletes)**

School begins August 22nd with a regular school day (**beginning at 7:45 a.m. and ending at 2:50 p.m.**). Students are expected to be in dress code at this time. (Please review the dress code policy on our website.) Students and families should also note that teachers will continue to have posted office hours daily that fall either before school, from 7:10-7:40, or after school, from 2:55-3:25, as indicated on each teacher's syllabus. This daily opportunity to seek consistent additional help from instructors promotes the highest levels of academic success. In an effort to protect student academic time, mandatory rehearsals and athletic practices will not begin before 3:30 each day.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of fulfilling the ministry of Catholic education at Assumption High School. Please feel free to contact the school at 563-326-5313 if you have any further questions or if we can assist you in any way.

One in the Spirit,

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