



ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am very excited to welcome you to a new academic year at Assumption High School! Please know how much your prayers, trust, patience, and support were appreciated as we made our way through the challenges presented last year. God has been so good to us, and we are looking for a wonderful start again this fall. I remain incredibly 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. At this time, 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 letter and referencing additional information that is available on our website blog at assumptionhigh.org. Please reference our website news posting "Back to School Information 2021." 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 26th and Monday, August 2nd 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 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 are 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. A document that reflects school picture package and pricing information is available on the AHS website. Order forms will be available at registration, and payment should be submitted with orders at the time photos are taken. If a student is interested in having his/her photo retaken on picture retake day, this will be done on Tuesday, September 29th.

Student Information and Health Forms: Prior to attending registration, all parents/guardians should access the "Student Information Update" link: [Click Here to Complete Mandatory Student Information Update](#). **Please be sure to log in using your parent PowerSchool 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 (PowerSchool): It is extremely important that all Assumption students and parents/guardians are comfortable accessing and using our school student information system to monitor course progress. Students and parents/guardians will receive regular grade progress report cards via the email address(es) provided in PowerSchool. Please make the effort to assure that parent/guardian contact information (email, address, and phone) is always current in PowerSchool, as this will be an important tool that Assumption will use to communicate with families.

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

Learning Management System (Canvas): Parents wishing to monitor class assignments and course syllabi and timelines can access this information throughout the school year via their student's Canvas access. PowerSchool and Canvas access links can be found in the student/parent portal in the upper right-hand corner of the school website.

Schedules: All students will have access to their 2021-2022 class schedules through PowerSchool beginning the first day of registration. We are working to finalize student schedules based on course requests submitted via PowerSchool last spring. Assumption staff works especially hard during the summer to get students into requested classes. In turn, the school master schedule is built around those requests. If a student changes 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 Student Services through Mrs. Lynn Day, Academic Advisor, at lynn.day@assumptionhigh.org or Mrs. Tammy Quested, Registrar, at tammy.quested@assumptionhigh.org or 563-326-5313 ext. 237. Schedule changes will only be granted under select circumstances. No consideration will be made for preferences regarding randomized PE/Theology quarter assignments, order of requested class periods, or teacher requests.

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. (If you click on the little megaphone icon in the upper right hand corner of the site, you can see our most recent posts.) On a weekly basis, an email update is sent to all constituents to direct attention to our most recent upcoming events and highlights. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns as we are happy to assist!

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 through online discussion. All students will receive Fall 2021 Faith Seminar materials detailing course information and expectations via school email accounts prior to the first day of school.

Student Activity Passes: In the interest of promoting student attendance at school fine arts and athletic events, we are again offering student activity passes for the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 academic year. Attending events is a great way to get involved and support fellow members of the Assumption community along the way.

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 jackie.guldenpfennig@assumptionhigh.org 563-326-5313 ext. 220 by July 30th.

Freshmen and New Students: Orientation will be held Tuesday, August 17th, and all incoming freshmen and new/transfer students are required to be present from 2-5 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 at the St. Vincent's Center Field. This evening portion is intended for students and their parents to have the opportunity to not only feel comfortable with a variety of school personnel but to also connect with future classmates and their families. 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 in the school cafeteria. 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 Mrs. Stephanie Schroeder, Director of Admissions, at stephanie.schroeder@assumptionhigh.org if you have any questions.

Student Laptops: Many returning students have completed the updating process for their school-issued laptops already. Those who have not yet dropped off and/or picked up their school computers in the library are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. The Front Office entrance is open M- F from 8am-noon. All freshman and new student laptops will be available for pick-up during school registration times.

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 15th (the Feast of the Assumption), 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 2022!

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.

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 2021" at assumptionhigh.org:

- Common New Student Questions (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 19th 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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Principal

