

Inside Assumption School

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CHRIST-CENTERED AND CHILD-FOCUSED

"Be it known to all who enter here that CHRIST is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students."

You Just Have to See This!

Would you recognize one of **our teachers** if you saw her in a commercial **during this coming Sunday's Super Bowl?**

Watch Channel
5

Our own Mrs. Kell will be in a commercial scheduled to air at **5:58 PM**, however that time may not be the exact airing time because the game is a live broadcast. Watch for our school name too.

We give special thanks to Mr. Jeff LoGrasso and our marketing committee for making this possible. Thank you to Mrs. Kell for agreeing to perform. Way to go, Assumption and Channel 5!



Joyce Siebert Doyle—Class of 1977

At tomorrow's all school mass we will honor this year's **Distinguished Graduate**. She has made society a better place. She volunteers at her children's schools, writes her

parish's newsletter, and is a sponsor for the Christian Foundation for Children and the Aging. Mrs. Doyle is an extraordinary elementary school teacher and an American Heart Asso-

ciation volunteer. She brings God's message to all she meets. Our whole Assumption community is proud of the many ways our Distinguished Graduate has excelled.

Kindness Korner—Be a Defender!

Our Olweus Antibullying
Rule #2

We will try to help students who are bullied.

Keep up the good jobs you are doing, students.

Assumption School Donor Generosity

Thank you to Mr. Mike Brackett for helping our school be the recipient of **50 flat-screen monitors**. We will be replacing all our older units.

We are very grateful for the cash **donation made to our school** by Grandparents who visited with us on Grandparent/Grand-friend Day.

Appreciation goes out to our parents employed at Boeing and State Farm who gave **matching donations** to our school through their employers.

See Our Story in the Evangelizer

Our Kindergarten Round-up story was featured on the left side column of last week's *Evangelizer*, the archdiocesan weekly online education

publication featuring all schools in the archdiocese.

You can access it directly at the archstl.org archdiocesan website.

For your conven-

ience I have the link on our parent information page in the upper right hand corner.

Thank you, Stacy Knerschield for submitting the article.

New OASIS Program at Our School

OASIS...Tutors... Mentors..Friends

OASIS tutors are trained to promote motivation, success, and enjoyment of reading, writing, and oral communication, as well as build self-esteem and confidence for children in grades K-4.

Students may work with OASIS for academic support on any level from remedial to enrichment on written and oral communication. Students may

work with OASIS for emotional support when they are discouraged by academic challenges, feeling shy or needing self-confidence, dealing with family issues that interfere with school work, or would benefit from emotional support.

OASIS is a national non-profit education organization offering challenging programs in the arts, humanities, well-

ness, and volunteer service for mature adults who want to be productively involved in their community. Many OASIS tutors are former teachers.

Right now we are only able to refer two children. As we are able to add more volunteers we will be able to provide this extra help for more children.

Any volunteers?

School Improvement Surveys

Calling all Surveys

Tomorrow is the last day to take the School Improvement Sur-

vey. Please phone the school office first thing tomorrow morning if you still need to access the on line survey.

We thank all participants for helping us move our school into the next seven years and beyond.

Olweus Kick-Offs—Huge Success!

Our **Parents** and our **Students** experienced our presentations and

student film, skits, songs, raps, and artwork that showed the basic

components of parent involvement, class meetings, the four rules, and TEAM WORK, TEAM WORK, TEAM WORK.

Students were all given wristbands with Assumption colors and the

word KINDNESS imprinted on the band. Everyone may wear these bands any school day as a constant reminder that we are all trying to increase kindness and decrease meanness.



Geography Bee—Congratulations, Students

Every year our upper grades participate in the national Geography Bee. Similar to the national Spelling Bee, winners move on to state and national competitions.

The Geography Bee is a written competition. This year out of our participating 5th through 8th graders, these students placed:

- 1st Kristen R. (8th)
 - 2nd Kathryn M.(8th)
 - 3rd Elizabeth R.(8th)
- Thank you to our Geography Bee moderator, Mrs. Rodden.



Wonderful Morning with Grandparents/Grandfriends

We thank all our special guests for the great morning we had together last Friday. We celebrated Jesus together at mass. We had donuts together in the gym and cafeteria and then had fun

activities in our classrooms. We heard many words of appreciation.

We love our Grandparents and Grand-friends!



Our Graduates Excel at Vianney—Honor Roll

First Semester and Assumption Class

1st Honors

- Jory K. 2010
- Sean M. 2010
- Matt M. 2010
- Alex M. 2009
- Luke P. 2011
- Joe W. 2010

2nd Honors

- Ryan B. 2011
- Nick B. 2009
- Jacob B. 2009
- Matt C. 2011
- Corey D. 2010
- Bryan F. 2008
- Anthony H. 2010
- Joshua H. 2008
- Daniel J. 2008

- Bradley M. 2011
- Joe M. 2011
- Alex M. 2011
- Bradley N. 2011
- Sam O. 2009
- Anthony P. 2009
- Daniel R. 2009
- Geoffrey S. 2011
- Trevor V. 2010
- Ryan W. 2009
- Bradley W. 2009

8th Grade Mass with Archbishop Carlson



All eleven of our regional schools gath-

ered yesterday to celebrate Catholic schools. Our students made us proud. Madison M. did a great job with the reading. Taryn V. was chosen to be part of Archbishop Carlson's homily. She was one of three students who kept

giving reasons why-Catholic schools are great. The prize was a \$20 bill. Taryn wasn't the last one "standing," but she represented us well. Father Seper concelebrated mass with the other pastors.

Compliments to Our Students



Mrs. Meyer gives special praise to our students for their patience in feeding frogs as part of our magazine drive. Students were especially

kind and considerate in taking turns and picking out their "frog food" at the end of school on frog feeding days. We also appreci-

ate all the work Mrs. Peggy Evers put into organizing the drive and prizes.

Our Graduates Excel at Ursuline—Honor Roll

First Semester and Assumption Grads

1st Honors

Jenna A.
Reilly W.

2nd Honors

Catherine B.
Marissa P.



A Message from Our New School Counselor

Dear Assumption
Parents,

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to each of you. My name is Kerri Gallen; I am the new counselor here at Assumption. I work for Catholic Family Services; Assumption contracts with my agency to receive a counselor on Tuesdays from 7:45-2:45. I work with students relating to a variety of issues that may impact school adjustment, such as emotional and social issues, family-related issues, and other things that may prevent a student from learning and growing.

In my time here at Assumption, I have been very pleased with the approach the staff and families take to bullying. As we all know, bullying is an issue that has swept the country, but has been

an issue since long before it was receiving news coverage. As a school counselor, I see the impact bullying can have on a student, both socially and academically, and too often I see it brushed aside as "kids being kids." Assumption's proactive approach to bullying not only equips our students with the tools to handle a situation where someone is being bullied, but also helps them identify if bullying is truly present, and how to prevent it. Mrs. Hasten and Father Seper have made a priority out of helping our students learn to safely help themselves, and in doing so have given them the gift of empowerment, self-esteem, and trust in themselves and one another. Assumption has such wonderful staff, faculty, and students, and I am excited to see them truly take this issue to

heart, and to be so assertive in making sure that they are each valued, respected, and have a voice that is heard.

I look forward to serving you and your students at Assumption. If you would like to reach me, you may call the office at 487-6520 ext 2234 or email me through Fast Direct, and I will respond to these when I am in the office on Tuesdays. If you need more immediate assistance, you can reach me by email at kgallen@ccstl.org, or my work Catholic Family Services voicemail, which is 544-3800 ext 1345. Thank you for all you do to support the school, faculty, and your children.

Sincerely,
Kerri Gallen, LMSW