



Dear Assumption Families,

It is almost time for the 2021-2022 school year to begin and what a year it will be! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer, were able to relax, and hopefully even got in some travel! I am hopeful that since we survived masks, distance learning, and more, we will flourish this school year as we see the return of volunteers on campus, events like Fall Festival, Christmas programs, and much more.

As we begin making new memories together this school year, please join me in welcoming our newest staff members, Tom Laubach, Jordan Nelson, and Lydia Stanley. Mr. Laubach joins us as the part-time bookkeeper assisting Mrs. Lolita Cortez in her new role as the School Business Manager. Jordan Nelson, who will be the new 4th grade teacher, is another alumnus rejoining the Assumption family. Jordan has taught in public school the last year and a half and is thrilled to return to the Catholic school setting. Lydia Stanley, our new 5th grade Math, Science and Religion teacher, is rejoining our diocese after working in the Diocese of Orlando this last year. Lydia previously taught at San Juan del Rio and comes from a large family which includes several other teachers in our diocese. We are very excited to welcome them all to our Assumption family.

I am also happy to congratulate some familiar faces on their new positions. Susanna Elliott will be joining us full time in 3rd grade. Mrs. Elliott is excited to dive back into the classroom full time after the last several years at home with her children. I am also excited to share that Mrs. Gardner will be our new Enrichment teacher. With a degree in Special Education and over 20 years of classroom experience, Mrs. Gardner brings a wealth of relevant knowledge to this position, and we cannot wait to see this program grow. We will also welcome back Carolyn Trull as our first-grade aide. Mrs. Trull was a wonderful aide in the "old" preschool so we know she will jump back in full force. As I am sure you know, we are still searching for several positions including the MS Science teacher and cafeteria aide. Please keep spreading the word!

Each year, as we are looking for a new theme, it is always beautiful to see how Jesus guides us to exactly what we need! The new bible verse this year is, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the old has gone. The new creation has come. The new is here,"* 2 Corinthians 5:17. After all we've been through, what a wonderful time to start a "New Creation in Christ"!

Below I have included some important dates and helpful information to get the school year started. Please call the office if you have any further questions or you can email me at mjimenez@assumptionjax.org. You can also visit our website, assumptionjax.org, for more useful information, and follow us on Facebook @assumptioncatholic and on Instagram @acsstrong.

I pray you all have a wonderful end to your summer and look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

God bless,
Maryann Jimenez

Back to School Calendar of Events

August 6th: Campus Beautification Day, 9:00-2:00

- Parent volunteers are needed to lay mulch and redo potted plants around campus.
- Bring garden gloves, shovels, etc.
- Lunch will be provided.

August 9th: Homeroom Placements

- You will receive an email from your child's homeroom teacher between 2:30 and 3:00.
- If you do not receive this email, please call the office.

August 10th: Orientation Day

- NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION SCHEDULE
 - 9:00-10:00 - Meeting in Jordan Hall
 - 10:00-11:00 – Classroom Visits
- RETURNING FAMILY ORIENTATION SCHEDULE
 - 10:00-11:00 - Last Names A-H
 - 11:00-12:00 - Last Names I-Z
- Visit Classrooms and Orientation Stations in Jordan Hall.
- Students do not come in uniform for Orientation.
- Supplies:
 - Pre-ordered supplies from EPI will be in classrooms.
 - For those that did not order supplies through EPI, supplies should be brought during Orientation.
- iPads: 6th-8th grade students will pick up their iPad in Jordan Hall during Orientation. Parent and student must be present to sign contract and receive iPad.
 - Contract will be emailed in advance for review.
 - If a student is not attending Orientation; iPad will not be received until contract is signed and returned.
- Lockers:
 - 7th-8th grade will set up lockers during Orientation.
 - 5th-6th grade will not set up lockers during Orientation, this will be during the first days of school.

August 11th: First Day of School, Grades K-8

- **Morning Car Line (will be further explained at New Family Orientation):**
 - Student drop off is from 7:00 - 7:45
 - Various photos areas will be set up in the courtyard so that you can get that memorable "First Day of School" shot!
 - Parents will not be able to enter the buildings and/or classrooms on the first day of school.
 - From 7:00-7:25 students wait in Jordan Hall
 - All cars turn on Kingman and then immediately turn right in front of the church to enter ONE car line.
 - Student exit cars by the gym.
 - From 7:25-7:45, students report to classrooms
 - TWO car lines:
 - Those travelling towards downtown (West on Atlantic) will turn in at the black gate entrance right in between the school and church.

- Those travelling from downtown, San Marco, I-95, etc. will turn left on Kingman and turn into campus BEHIND the church.
- The two car lines will converge to drive towards the gym, following the direction of the police officer (or staff member).
- **Back to School “Blessing of the Classrooms”**
 - Father Jason and Father Eric will visit classrooms on the first day of school to bless each room, the students, their backpacks, desks, supplies, etc. We know how important it is to start the year with such a blessing!
- **Dismissal Times (Early Release Wednesday dismissal times in parenthesis)**
 - Yellow, oldest child in 4th grade - 2:45 (1:30), in between Jordan Hall and the Church
 - Green, oldest child in 5th grade - 2:50 (1:35), in between Jordan Hall and the Church
 - Blue, oldest child in 6th-8th grade - 2:55 (1:35), enter behind the church, pick up by gym
- **Afterschool Care**
 - Begins at 3:10 (1:55 on Early Release Wednesdays) and ends at 6:00
 - Afterschool Care pickup office – side door of main school building, knock to enter
 - Visit our website and click on the “Student Life” tab and then “Aftercare” on our website for more information
 - We will be using Facts Incidental Billing for afterschool care charges.

August 24th: First HSA Meeting in Kohls Hall at 8:00

August 26th: Back to School Night for 5th to 8th Grade

September 2nd: Back to School Night for K to 4th Grade

September 6th: Labor Day Holiday

September 10th: Progress Reports

Changes to School Day:

As shared earlier this month, we will return to early release every Wednesday (1:30 and 1:35 dismissal times). With this change, our new school start time is 7:45.

Early Childhood Learning Center:

Please remember, our preschool is a separate entity. If needed, contact the Director, Dianne Dodds, at ddodds@assumptionjax.org or call the main office at **518-4880** for any information needed for your children ages PreK-4 and under.

Summer Reading and Summer Math:

Do not forget to complete your summer reading and math packets! Summer reading lists for Kindergarten-8th grade can be found on our website, assumptionjax.org, under the “Academics” tab. Students in 2nd-5th grade will take their AR test upon returning to school. All other grades will complete various assignments relevant to the book. Summer Math packets are due the first day of school for 1st-8th grade. Please stop by the office if you misplaced your summer math packet.

Uniforms:

Poindexter’s Uniform Company is our uniform provider. Their store is located at 3730 Beach Blvd. just a short drive away from our school. You can also reach them at 661-1120 or Poindextersuniformco@gmail.com.

Our annual “Used Uniform Sale” will be held in Jordan Hall on July 30th from 9:00-2:00 and July 31st from 9:00-1:00. If you would like to donate old uniforms for this sale, please drop them off July 26-29 from 9:00-1:00 in the main office.

PE uniforms are required for 4th-8th grade only and can be purchased from Coach Polster during Orientation Day in Jordan Hall from 10:00-12:00. Students will wear PE uniforms to and from school on the days they have PE.

Home & School Association (HSA):

HSA will be back in full swing this year led by the new President, Brooke Weedon. During Orientation, visit Jordan Hall to sign up for various committee and event opportunities and remember to join us for our first HSA meeting on August 24th at 8:00 in Kohls Hall.

High School Volunteer Opportunity:

For any high school aged students in need of service hours, we will be delivering books and supplies to classrooms on Tuesday, July 27th from 9:30-1:00. Student volunteers should report to the main office and bring any paperwork that needs to be signed or email paperwork to mjimenez@assumptionjax.org. Heavy lifting will be required.