

Dear Assumption Families,

It is almost time for the 2019-2020 school year to begin! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer but are also ready to return to school. We have been very busy all summer preparing the campus to welcome back everyone's smiling faces! God has continued to bless our community and it is truly an honor to lead a school where parents, teachers, and students come together to give glory to God in all we do.

As we begin making new memories together this school year, please join me in welcoming our newest staff members; Katie Rewa, Kathy Scherer, and Rachel Thurson. Mrs. Rewa is joining us to teach Music and comes with many years of experience in the diocese! Mrs. Scherer was a wonderful long-term substitute teacher for us last year and will be joining our 4th grade team! Ms. Thurson will join our 2nd grade team as a first-year teacher and graduate of UNF! We are very excited to welcome them to our Assumption family. I am also excited to congratulate some familiar faces on their new positions. Maureen Lawrence will be our new 7th-8th Grade Social Studies teacher and Natalia Molano will be working with us as our Kindergarten-8th Grade Spanish teacher. We are very excited for Mrs. Lawrence and happy to welcome Sra. Molano to our ACS family full time! Finally, Julie Anna Milton will be joining us full time as well to better support our ESE Department!

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 theme this year is *"Abide in Me"* with the verse, *"I am the vine and you are the branches, he who abides in Me and I in him bears much fruit."* John 15:5 as our focus. Working and learning together, through Jesus, is what makes our tree fruitful! Students will encounter this theme through classroom teachings, relevant service opportunities, bible study, retreat days, and much more.

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 and Instagram.

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

God bless,
Maryann Jimenez

Calendar of Events:

August 10th: Campus Beautification Day, 8:00-1:00

- Join us for a day of beautification as we get the campus ready to welcome back our students. Plus, get a jump start on your family service hours!

August 11th: Back to School "Blessing of the Backpacks" Mass

- Join us for 10:00am Mass. Students will receive a special blessing and are encouraged to wear their uniforms and bring their backpacks!

August 12th: Orientation Day - Kindergarten to 8th grade

- NEW FAMILIES – Join us at 11:00 in Kohl's Hall for New Family Orientation. Your new students may join you as they will be able to mingle with each other and some of our staff

members in the gym while you receive very helpful information about our school. You can then continue on to regular Orientation.

- **ALL FAMILIES** - Drop in any time from 12:00-2:00 to meet your teacher, drop off school supplies, and stop in Jordan Hall to visit various tables and receive helpful information.
- **KONA ICE** – We are excited to share that Kona Ice will join us for Orientation Day to help us stay cool, spend time together, and kick off the school year with some fun! Parents, your kids enjoy Kona Ice all school year, now it is your turn too! The truck will be open from 11:30-2:00 near the gym! (All students must be accompanied by a parent to purchase Kona Ice.)

August 13th: First Day of School, Grades K-8

- Students may be dropped off starting at 7:00 in Jordan Hall.
- From 7:30-7:50 stop by our beautiful courtyard to take that memorable, “First Day of School” shot!
- School starts promptly at 7:55. All parents must exit the buildings by 7:50.
- Dismissal Times (Wednesday dismissal times in parenthesis) –
 - Yellow, oldest child in 4th grade - 2:40 (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 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

August 15th: Feast of the Assumption, Bishop Estevez will celebrate Mass with the students at 9:30

August 14th-16th: Girls Basketball Tryouts, 3:00-5:00 (4th-8th grade)

August 16th: Assumption Soccer League Registration begins (Kindergarten-6th Grade)

August 17th: Protecting God’s Children Class, 1:00-4:00 in Kohls Hall

August 19th-21st: Cheerleading Tryouts, 3:00-4:30 (4th-8th Grade)

August 19th-21st: Boys Basketball Tryouts, 5:00-6:15 (4th-6th Grade) and 6:15-7:30 (7th-8th Grade)

August 22nd: Varsity Cross Country begins (5th-8th Grade) and Protecting God’s Children Class, 6:30-9:30 in Kohls Hall

August 26th: Junior Cross County begins (Kindergarten-4th Grade) and Junior and Varsity Cross Country Parent Meeting, 5:00 in Jordan Hall

August 27th: HSA Meeting, 8:00 in Kohl’s Hall and NJHS Induction at 9:00 in the Church

August 29th: Back to School Night for 5th to 8th Grade, 6:00-7:00

September 2nd: Labor Day Holiday

September 5th: Back to School Night for K to 4th Grade, 6:00-7:00

September 6th: Muffins for Mary

September 12th-13th: School Pictures, K-8th grade

September 13th: Progress Reports

September 19th-20th: Class Pictures

Homeroom Placement:

You will receive an email from your child’s homeroom teacher on Friday, August 9th. If you do not receive this email, please call the office on Monday morning.

Early Childhood Learning Center:

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

Sports Physicals:

Students in 4th-8th grades who want to try out for any of the school Varsity or JV teams or participate in Cross Country (K-8th grade) must have a sports physical completed on the approved Diocesan form. The physical must be dated after June 1st and is valid for the entire school year. The Diocesan form can be found on our website, assumptionjax.org, by clicking the “Athletics” tab. Reminder – Coach Polster is a Notary.

Summer Reading and Summer Math:

Don't 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 will complete Summer Reading assignments or tests during the first week of school. 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. Reminder - new students do not need to complete the Summer Math Packet but should complete Summer Reading.

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 August 2nd from 9:00-2:00 and August 3rd from 9:00-1:00 in Jordan Hall. PE uniforms are required for 4th-8th grade only and can be purchased from Coach Polster during Orientation Day in Jordan Hall from 12:00-2:00.