

# **ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL**

## **EAGLE EDITION NEWSLETTER 8/25/17**

**Dear Annunciation Parents/Guardians,**

Welcome back to school! I hope you've had a wonderful and relaxing summer and that you are ready for another great school year. We are going to kick off the year the right way by gathering on Monday, August 28th for some updates, reminders, socializing, and fun! And then... after our Monday evening Back-To-School Event, we will see you again on Wednesday for our **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**

## **Coming Up...**

### **Monday, August 28 -- Annunciation Back-To-School Event -- 6-8 PM**

While this will be a fun evening of fellowship, seeing friends, meeting teachers, and having a treat from the Kona Ice Truck, it is also a **MANDATORY** event for parents/guardians of Annunciation Students. We will start off at 6 PM in the gymnasium by covering some **important information** and introducing you to our team for the 2017/2018 School Year! From there our teachers and team of PTO volunteers will be present in the classrooms and gymnasium to answer questions and share some great information for the year. In addition, you'll have a chance to **complete your beginning of the year paperwork with our Office Staff, drop off your child's school supplies, and enjoy some Kona Ice**. It'll be a great night and we look forward to seeing you there!

### **Wednesday, August 30 -- First Day of School!**

The first day is always exciting! Help us and yourselves out by making sure to bring your child's supplies to the Open House on Monday evening (see above). Also, make sure that your child gets off to the best start possible by doing the following...

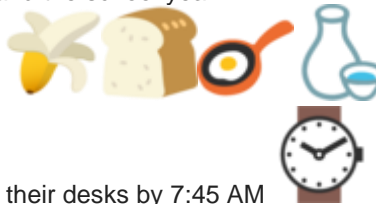
1. Get a good night's sleep on Tuesday



2. Take time to pray, and ask God to bless the day and the school year!



3. Make time to hydrate and eat a healthy breakfast



4. Be on time! Students need to be in their rooms at their desks by 7:45 AM



### **Thursday, August 31 -- Morning Prayer -- 9:30 AM**

If you're a returning family, you recall that we set aside time every Thursday morning to gather together in the Church as an entire student body. While this has been shared with all new students too, I wanted simply to remind everyone as it is something that I am very excited about. It's amazing to see the Church full of young people, wonderful to hear their singing voices, and inspiring to witness their sense of wonder as they pray as a community. Hopefully you'll make time this year to join us for a liturgy or Morning Prayer. Stay tuned to your weekly email for a listing of upcoming dates!

### **Monday, September 4 -- Labor Day -- No School**

Just as we are getting into the swing of things... The energy and excitement from those first days of school is always so high that the long weekend is always welcomed to relax and process those first few days. **DO NOT** send your child to school that day!

# Highlights...

## VIRTUS Training

There will be lots of great information available during the Back-To-School Event on Monday, but I wanted to take an additional opportunity to mention VIRTUS now. [VIRTUS](#) refers to an organization that provides best-practices and training for other organizations (such as schools, parishes, dioceses, etc.) regarding "Protecting God's Children" which is in place to protect children and prevent and identify instances of abuse. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati requires that all clerics, adult employees, and regular volunteers participate in the VIRTUS training and program. We hope that YOU plan to be a regular volunteer for the sake of your child and all Annunciation Students, and that you'll share your time, treasure, and talents to help make our school that much greater! In order to simplify the process and training, one of Annunciation's parents (who is a certified VIRTUS seminar-leader) is going to hold a training session at Annunciation School in the cafeteria on Monday, September 18 at 6 PM. So please stop by the VIRTUS table during the Back-To-School Event, talk to Jill Novak, and sign up for the training. **Without going through the VIRTUS process, your ability to be involved as a regular volunteer is very limited. And we want to see you, so... Sign up on Monday!** Contact Jill Novak with questions regarding the Training at Annunciation on September 18 - [haustejm@hotmail.com](mailto:haustejm@hotmail.com) and contact Kelsey Schneider with any other general questions about what VIRTUS is and who is required to do the training - [accountsmanager@annunciationbvmparish.org](mailto:accountsmanager@annunciationbvmparish.org)

## PTO

Clear your calendar on Wednesday, September 6 so you can be sure to join other Annunciation Parents for this year's first Parent Teacher Organization! The PTO typically meets on the first Wednesday of the month (with the exception of two meetings this year) from 7-8:30 PM in the cafeteria. We urge you to take that extra step and involve yourself in the school and your child's education as much as possible. This is one more great way to do that! If you have any questions at all about Annunciation's incredible PTO, please talk to any of the wonderful volunteers at our Back-To-School event or email PTO President Meredith Turner at [meredithturner@zoomtown.com](mailto:meredithturner@zoomtown.com)

## Who's Who!

Please welcome and welcome back our faculty for the year! We have been blessed again this year with an amazing group of teachers, please take time at the Back-To-School Event on August 28 to introduce yourself and to get to know our teachers.

PreK - Melissa Owoo (**returning**)  
Kindergarten - Becky Engel (**returning**)  
Kindergarten Aide - Karol Fugazzi (**new to Annunciation**)  
Grade 1 - Meg Herzog (**returning**)  
Grade 2 - Brittany Trame (**returning**)  
Grade 3 - Jessica Woeste (**new to Annunciation**)  
Grade 4/5 - Emily Schwieterman (**new to Annunciation**)  
Grade 4/5/6 - Adam Minnick (**returning**)  
Grade 5-8 - Michael Poussard (**new to Annunciation**)  
Grade 5-8 - Kim Cutter (**returning**)  
Grade 6-8 - Celia Deters (**returning**)  
Art - Kathy Chabot (**returning**)  
Music - Thiago Camargo (**new to Annunciation**)  
PE - Sherlyn Conrad (**new to Annunciation**)  
Spanish - Marlena Thiemann (**returning**)

## After-School Care

Please be thinking ahead regarding whether or not you will want to enroll your child in Annunciation's After-School Care program. Prior to his/her start in the program you will have to complete the [After-School Care Registration form](#), submit your registration fee, and pay for your first days (\$10 per day). The Back-To-School Event on Monday will be a great opportunity for you to submit the paperwork and fees.

## Files on Annunciation Website

Please remember to [visit Annunciation's website to access many of the files and forms](#) that you will be turning in on Monday! Bringing completed forms will simplify things for you and our staff, but we will also have forms available on site. You will be able to complete some paperwork on site. Please also take some time this weekend in advance of our Monday Event to read the [2017/18 Annunciation Student/Family Handbook](#). Attendance at Annunciation requires that every student has a signed [Handbook Contract](#) on file. And while I will highlight a few items on Monday, you will REALLY benefit from a thorough read so that you clearly understand the School's expectations and the policies and guidelines you and your child will have to follow this year. There were a few modifications to last year's Handbook.

## What's for Lunch?

\*\*\*The menu for our first month of school is still being completed by our catering service. Menus will be available monthly and included in the Eagle Edition for the upcoming week. We should have the final menu for August/September available at the Back-To-School Event on Monday, August 28.

Wed. Aug. 30 TBA  
Thurs. Aug. 31 TBA  
Fri. Sept. 1 TBA

## Attachments...

**FIAT Newsletter** - Every Eagle Edition Newsletter/Email will be accompanied by the FIAT Newsletter so that you can have access to some great faith formation resources as well as keep up on what's going on at Annunciation Parish. Make sure you read this issue of the FIAT Newsletter!

**Back-To-School Event** - Please reference the flyer for some additional details on Monday night's event.