

ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL

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Dear Annunciation Parents/Guardians,

It has been a really great first week of school! Several people have commented that this was the "calmest" first day in recent memory. I can attest that while in many ways it was calmer than last year, there has been an incredibly positive energy marking these first days of school. Learning and personal development will best happen when we've created an environment that is conducive to those things. Taking some extra time in these first days to get organized, clearly share the rules and expectations, and build relationships (fellow students, teachers, and even the principal) will contribute to that learning environment and help us all to have the best year possible. Oh and one final thing that is going to make this the best year possible... PRAYER. Please pray for your children, pray for their teachers, and pray for me as we all work together to draw out the best in one another. Thank you! I'm also praying for YOU!

Coming Up...

Monday, Sept. 4 -- LABOR DAY -- No School!

Wednesday, Sept. 6 -- Spirit Wear for Hurricane Harvey Relief -- School Day

We will be holding a special Spirit Wear Day with proceeds going toward Hurricane Harvey Relief. Please review the [Student Handbook](#) and [Dress Code Policy](#) for what garb is permissible on Spirit Wear Days. Also, with this particular day we are asking for Dollar donations which can be turned into your child's homeroom teacher. If \$1 is a hardship right now, please give what you can. Teaching our children about charity, generosity, and those going through great hardship is a necessary thing in the very self-centered world that we live in. God is the greatest giver of all, giving even just a little makes us more like God (we are created in His image, remember).

Wednesday, Sept. 6 -- First PTO Meeting -- 7-8:30 PM

Please join us for our Back To School PTO Night. Come and hear about the vision for the year, learn more about how to get involved, and see if you might be suited to join a committee! More than anything this is a great way to be more involved in your child's education and to meet more great parents whose children are making the same journey.

Thursday, Sept. 7 -- Morning Prayer -- 9:30 AM

Once again, part of our Annunciation tradition is to gather every Thursday for Morning Prayer. We had a great first assembly this week. It was a good first round as a reminder for returning students and as an introduction for new students. There are many things that we do and there is always a reason for doing it. We encourage kids to ask questions about our traditions and the traditions of the Church!

Friday, Sept. 8 -- All School Mass: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- 8:15 AM

Occasionally during the year, we gather in the Church for the celebration of Mass. We will do this on special Feast Days and Solemnities. This coming Friday we celebrate the birth of Jesus' mother Mary! This is a special day to celebrate as Mary's "Yes" to God's invitation to bring Jesus into the world altered history. Thanks to Mary for the unique part she played in our own salvation. God could have saved the world in whatever fashion he wanted, but He chose to enter the world as a real baby with a real mother... Cool. Thanks Mary! Also... One of our Third Graders shares her birthday...

Highlights...

Hurricane Harvey - How can we Help?

In the wake of disaster and tragedy, what can we do? The most important thing we can do is pray. Only God's grace can truly heal those who have experienced great loss. So we can pray for the healing of those who are victims of this incredible disaster. We can also pray for a generous response by those who are able to give of their time and talent to help those who are in need. There are many relief workers who will be giving 110% percent day in and out to assist those who've been negatively impacted by Hurricane Harvey. We oftentimes witness heroic efforts and charity during the greatest tragedies and disasters - that heroism is by the grace of God and the working of the Holy Spirit! So we pray for that! And finally we can give from our own "treasure." This coming week we will be collecting money for Catholic Charities USA and the relief work they are doing for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Specifically, we will have a "Spirit Wear Day" on Wednesday in which all proceeds collected (students wearing Spirit Wear should bring in \$1) will go toward Hurricane Relief. We will continue collecting the rest of the days next week as well. So if you find yourself with a \$5 bill meant for your morning coffee, you can consider the impact it will have helping those in need, and put it in our collection for the day. Thank you for your generosity!

VIRTUS - Sign Up

Please see the attached file with directions to create an online VIRTUS account. By creating an account, attending the training seminar at Annunciation on Sept. 18th, and completing the online background check you will be putting yourself in a position to be more intimately involved in the school and your child's activities! The Archdiocese of Cincinnati requires those steps be taken for any regular volunteers. We want you to be involved and to have the best experience possible this year and the years to come, so please sign up online for the VIRTUS training that will be offered at Annunciation on Monday, Sept. 18! If you have any questions, please email Jill Novak at haustejm@hotmail.com

Dress Code

Please take some time this weekend to review Annunciation's [Dress Code Policy](#). Violations of the Dress Code in the coming week could result in the conduct points being issued or parent phone calls (in which you may be required to bring in the appropriate attire for your child).

Paperwork Turn-In

We are working through a mound of [paperwork](#) (it's all important!) here at the office. We are ahead of schedule from last year in getting everything we need from you and getting organized. Please do be attentive next week (and throughout the year) to what your child is bringing home. A good habit would be to ask your child on a daily basis if he/she has brought any papers home. If you know that there are specific documents that you still need to turn in, please do so proactively to start the week - otherwise you'll be hearing from us soon!

What's for Lunch?

Monday - No School

Tuesday - French Toast Sticks, Turkey Sausage, Hash Brown Potatoes, Fruit

Wednesday - Chicken Bites with dipping sauce, Tater Tots, Fruit

Thursday - Chili Spaghetti, Corn, Fruit

Friday - Pizza, Broccoli with ranch dip, Fruit

Attachments...

FIAT Newsletter - See what's going on at Annunciation Parish!

VIRTUS Online Sign Up Instructions - Register for a VIRTUS account and sign up for the Sept. 18 training at Annunciation. This is your next step to being more involved at Annunciation School!