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Dates To Remember:

- Friday, October 20
*SCHOOL CLOSED--
Teachers In Service Day
(CHANGED from Oct 27)*
- Tuesday, October 24
*MarketPlace Sale--Orders
Due. Sorry, no late orders!*
- Friday, October 27
Fourth Friday;
HALLOWEEN PARTY
*6:30-8:30 pm: Pre-K to 4th
9:00-11:00 pm: 5th to 8th*
- Saturday, October 28
*DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS—Turn Clocks BACK.*
- Tuesday, October 31
Halloween Parade, 1 pm
- Friday, November 3
*12:30 DISMISSAL—Faculty
Meeting*
- Friday, November 10
CO-OP EXAM, Grade 8
- November 5 - 14
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
- Tuesday, November 14
*Parents Guild Mtg-50/50
Drawing, 7:30 pm Cafeteria*
- Sat-Sun, November 18-19
BAKE SALE #2
- Monday, November 20
PHOTO-LIFE Portrait Retakes

A Publication for the Parents and Friends of Assumption School

Season of Change

Autumn is the season of change, so it's appropriate that October finds us with a number of changes to announce.

Entertainment Coupon Book Sale: We have replaced this sale with the KidsStuff Coupon Book Sale, which will run from Oct 27 through Nov 10.

MarketPlace Sale: Orders are due on October 24. As a change from past sales, we cannot accept any orders after this date...no exceptions! Delivery is Nov 16.

Tricky Tray: We changed the date to Thursday March 8 and the location to the Fiesta. We're planning a grand celebration for our Tricky Tray's 10th Anniversary. Stay tuned for details to come.

You're already aware of the change of date for Teachers In Service, from Oct 27 to Oct 20. Since school is now open on Oct 27, there will be Fourth Friday.

It's been 3 years since we changed the school uniform. Dr. Giannelli announced that a new uniform committee will be forming now to discuss the upcoming change to a new supplier.

Our next Parents Guild Meeting is Tuesday Nov 14, not Nov 7 as was indicated on the school calendar.

Finally, don't forget to change your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday Oct 28.

October 50/50 Winners

\$1,324.75
Cribben Family

\$378.50
Lauren Petrucelli

\$189.25
Eugene Riggio

From the Principal: School Safety Plan

In the aftermath of recent incidents of school violence brought to our attention by the national media, we feel this is a good time to review and communicate our own school security measures.

All doors in the school are locked throughout the day. Visitors may only be admitted through the North Ave/First Street door after they have been identified via intercom and surveillance camera. The same arrangement is in place at the Hayes Center for our pre-K students and staff.

All children are trained to never open doors for anyone, even if those persons are their own parents, a police officer, or

Father Brian himself! Recently a police officer knocked at the "pit" entrance on North Avenue, and the children refused to let him in. Needless to say, they received high praise for this...and the police officer was roundly scolded by the school secretary!

All visitors must report immediately to the school office. This includes parents. No visitor may go up to the classrooms without the express permission of the office. If a parent is serving as a "mystery reader," or has other legitimate business in the classroom, the office notifies the teacher of the parent's arrival. All other

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FRIGHT NIGHT!

The Parents Guild Annual Halloween Party Spooktacular

Friday, October 27 in the School Gym

6:30 to 8:30 pm for Grades Pre-K 4 through Grade 4

9:00 to 11:00 pm for Grades 5 through 8

FOOD! FUN! MUSIC! DANCING! GAMES! COSTUME PRIZES!

Tickets are \$5.00 per person, and include pizza, soft drinks, and snacks

Chills and thrills provided at no extra charge!

Donated baked goods are welcome!

Ticket order forms were sent home in your child's folder.

Send checks payable to Assumption School Parents Guild

to Katie Atwell (Grade 2) by Tuesday, October 24.

Include your child(ren)'s name(s) and grade(s).

Call Katie at 201.955.1947 for more info.

**THANK YOU for Supporting
the Class of 2007 Car Wash!**

1st Annual Golf Outing

Friday the 13th turned out to be a lucky day for all who participated in the 1st Annual Golf Outing for the benefit of Assumption School.

Co-sponsored by Kearny Federal Savings and the Knights of Columbus, the debut event drew 19 golfers to the Meadows Golf Course in Lincoln Park. It was a great day for golf, under sunny skies.



Through the generosity of the golfers, sponsors, and benefactors, nearly \$3,500. was raised for the Building the Future and Sister Francis Joseph Scholarship funds.

We thank Ed Garrett, President of the School Advisory Board, for bringing this idea to life and making it a success.

School News...

Better, faster Internet service will now be available to our students following the installation of a new Cablevision cable modem/router last week. The cable modem replaces the ISDN line originally installed in 1996 by a group of parent volunteers during NetDay '96. Assumption was one of the first schools in the area to be wired for the Internet. Now with the new service, our school will be back on the technology cutting edge. We subscribe to Cablevision's filtering service, to help keep our students safe while online.

Pre-K 4 honored Christopher Columbus this month by making paper plate boats named after his famous fleet of ships. During Fire Prevention Week, they received a visit from Fire Captain Giacumbo. They learned fire safety tips

and toured his fire engine.

Mrs. Kingsley's first graders are resuming their weekly walks to the town library. They participate in story time and learn how to find books by their favorite authors.

We welcome Ms. Stephanie Crawford to the faculty. Beginning next week, she will teach seventh grade homeroom, math and science.

Teachers and Friars have joined the school parents in signing up for our e-mailing list. If you haven't already done so, please send your email address to cdrinker@yahoo.com. If you signed up but have not been receiving **Mirror** and other notices, please email your address again and we'll make sure it's correctly added.



**Assumption School
NEW email address:**

aswrnj@yahoo.com

Tricky Tray Trivia:

Pronunciation: 'tri-kE 'trA

Function: Noun

Plural: Tricky Trays

Synonyms: penny sale, penny auction, Chinese auction, silent auction, dark horse

Definition: A fundraising event for a church, school, or other organization where guests buy tickets, then place them in a container next to the item they would like to win. Items can be a single item or a group of items based on a theme. Once everyone has had the opportunity to place ticket in the containers, the drawing for the prizes begins. If your number matches the winning number drawn...you win that prize!

Origin of the term: ???

If you think you know, write to us...we'll publish your responses.

Best Tricky Tray 2005:

As voted by the visitors to www.TrickyTray.com
Woodrow Wilson #5 School
Garfield, NJ
Noted for its many great prizes...high-end, very well organized, and great food!

**Best Tricky Tray 2007:
Assumption School
Wood-Ridge, NJ
10th Anniversary Tricky Tray!**

SAVE THE DATE...

Thursday, March 8, 2007

6:00 pm at the Fiesta.

\$35.00 includes entrance ticket, festive sit-down dinner, soft drinks, and a sheet of Level 1 tickets. Cash bar available.

MORE NEWS TO COME!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!



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School Safety Plan, continued

visitors to the school, such as electricians, computer technicians, etc., are escorted. No parents should go to the classroom areas to deliver lunch or forgotten books. These should be taken to the office, where the staff will arrange for delivery.

Parents should not speak to the teachers when they are supervising the children. Teachers must give their full attention to the children at all times. That "one quick question" often turns into a conversation that distracts the teacher from her main obligation. All teachers are happy to meet with parents by personal conference, which may be scheduled at a mutually convenient time.

Lock down and sheltering drills are held throughout the school year. We have discussed crisis plans with the Wood-Ridge Police Department and County Crisis Management Team. Scenarios have been run and improvements suggested over the past several years; a condensed version of

Emergency contact numbers are filed in the school and the Friary. Daily attendance is also sent to the Friary so that, in the event of an emergency, attendance information will be available off site to the incident commander. The school has communication gear that connects directly to the Wood-Ridge Public Works Department, who will then contact WRPD in the event of an emergency.

A biosecurity plan was developed this summer, which covers the delivery of food and the safeguarding of its purity. The plan was developed with the assistance of LJ's Catering, as well as the Nurse and the School Board. All teachers have been trained and will continue ongoing training in CPR and in the use of our AED.

With thoughtful preparation, we're practicing a school safety plan that, ideally, we'll never have to put to use.

--Aileen Carlin Giannelli, PhD

Easy Money...No Extra Cost!

An average family can expect to spend around \$400.00 a month on groceries. What if 5% of your monthly grocery budget could go directly toward the cost of your children's education...and it didn't cost you any more than you're spending on groceries anyway? You'd say, "That's easy...how do I do it?"

Buy Shop-Rite and Stop & Shop Gift Cards from the Parents Guild. Our school earns 5% on every card we sell. If every family

buys just ONE \$100. gift card every month, we'll make almost \$9,000.00 by June! Easy enough? We'll even deliver them right to your door.

Use them yourself, or give them as gifts. Smaller denominations can be ordered for holiday gift giving. Just use the order form below, or talk to Laurie or Tom. Make checks payable to Assumption School Parents Guild. Couldn't be easier!

(Tear Here)

Grocery Gift Card Order Form

YES! I want to help raise EASY MONEY for our school...WITHOUT SPENDING AN EXTRA PENNY!

Family Name _____ Child's Name and Grade _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Please deliver to my home _____ Leave in safe place (where?) _____ Send home in child's backpack _____

SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS

(How many?)(Subtotal)

\$50.00 _____ \$ _____
\$100.00 _____ \$ _____
Other (specify) _____ \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Order form & check to Laurie Blanco 201.288.7820



STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS

(How many?)(Subtotal)

\$50.00 _____ \$ _____
\$100.00 _____ \$ _____
Other (specify) _____ \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Order form & check to Tom Sarracino 201.896.8248