Good afternoon friends and families of Annunciation BVM School! I am now in my second week here as Interim Principal and I must say we have the most amazing students and staff. Everyone has truly made me feel welcome and part of this wonderful community. I am especially grateful that the students are doing such a great job adhering to the safety protocols in place to handle the Covid situation. It seems to have become second nature to them to keep their masks in place and use the hand sanitizer when needed. I am very proud of them as we all face this pandemic and continue to pray for an end to dreadful disease. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

God bless!
Mary Elliott

Dismissal on Tuesday, October 20 is at 2:00 p.m. Extended care will be available beginning at 2:00.

## Tradition of Excellence Update

Mark your calendar for this year's Virtual Tradition of Excellence event on Friday, November 13, 2020. The silent auction will be online as well as your chance to purchase dress down passes and class basket raffle tickets. Keep checking the newsletter for more details regarding this event.

Don't miss out on the NEW incentives for selling the 25K Raffle tickets. Also, have you turned in your items or money for the class baskets yet? All of this information can be found at the end of the newsletter. We appreciate your help in making this a successful event this year.


Look for information in this newsletter about PUMPKINPALOOZA! The Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide pumpkin decorating competition to promote school spirit and have some Halloween fun. Pick a size and shape for a pumpkin and use paint and other accessories to decorate it. Bring your decorated pumpkin to the upper building on Monday, October 26. Every student will be able to vote for their favorite pumpkin(s) by dropping a quarter into the bag that corresponds to their favorite pumpkin. You can bring in as many quarters as you would like to vote. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in both grade levels.

Please plan an ice cream outing to Oberweis on Thursday, October $22^{\text {nd }}$. For the whole day Oberweis will donate $20 \%$ of sales back to Home and School for their use on school activities, etc. Just let them know you are with Annunciation. Please pass this information on to your family and friends!

Picture retake day for those who were absent or those who would like a retake is scheduled for Monday, October 26, not October $16^{\text {th }}$ as was incorrectly stated in last week's newsletter. Portrait packages for students who are remote are available for pick-up from the bin in front of the upper building.


This Friday is Pizza Friday. Please remember that all orders for pizza must be placed online through SchoolSpeak by noon Thursday. Pizza will not be available for purchase on Friday as it was last year. You must place orders and pay online in advance!

You will notice on your TADS account that the fundraising fee of $\$ 175.00$ has been applied. This fee is due on November 10. It does not apply to families who only have a child in preschool.


Rosary High School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 18 between 12:00-4:00. Prospective students in grades $4-8$ may go wo www.rosaryhs.com/openhouse to choose a time slot.
Rosary will also be offering practice entrance exams to both girls and boys on October 17 and November 14. Please go to www.rosaryhs.com/practicetest for more information.

Aurora Central Catholic is hosting a Virtual Open House Zoom Webinar on October 19 at 7:00 p.m. This webinar is especially intended for Annunciation families. For more information or to register, please go to www.auroracentral.com .

## ANNUNCIATION HOME \& SCHOOL ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER AT



# OCTOBER 22, 2020 - All Day 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 951 Ice Cream Drive North Aurora, Illinois 

## 20\% of all sales paid to Home \& School

Let them know you are here for the fundraiser

Thank you for your support!


## Pumpkinpalooza!



## Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide competition to promote school and Halloween Spirit!



Decorate a pumpkin!
Use paint and other accessories to decorate a pumpkin. Be creative! You may make any style of pumpkin that you choose. It could be cute, funny, scary, an animal, whatever! Please just keep them appropriate for a Catholic grade school. Pumpkins must be decorated. They cannot be carved.

Pumpkins should be brought to the upper building before school on Monday, October 26.


All entries will be sent back home with the child before Halloween.

Vote for your favorites!
All of the pumpkins will be displayed in the STEM lab on October 26. All classes will come to see the pumpkins. You can vote for your favorites by putting a quarter in each pumpkin's bag. Bring a few quarters and vote as many times as you want. If you can't find enough quarters at home, bring in some dollars and we will trade you for some quarters.


Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in both the primary and upper buildings.|


## Have you bought or sold your \$25K Raffle Ticket?



Did you know if you sell one of the winning tickets you win money as well?

We have some NEW incentives for you if you sell the winning ticket:

1) If your family sells or buys 1 ticket, your children will receive a FREE Dress Down Day TBD.
2) If your family sells or buys 2 tickets, your family will be entered into a drawing to win FREE Pizza Friday for a MONTH!
3) If your family sells or buys 3 tickets, your family will be entered into a drawing to win a FREE Dress Down WEEK!
***Please make sure that one of the PARENTS is listed as the seller on the ticket. Children are not over 18 and therefore cannot legally collect the winnings. If you need more tickets, please contact tradition@annunciationbvm.org or purchase online at http://toe2020.givesmart.com.

## QUARANTINE (CLASS) BASKETS

Class baskets have always been very popular raffle item at the Tradition of Excellence event. This year we are putting a fun "Quarantine" Twist on the basket themes.

## Please consider donating to your class's basket, NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL.

Let us do the shopping for you with a cash donation!
You can get a couple families to go in on one large item as well.

Below are your grade(s) themes \& some "big item" suggestions:
FOOD \& WINE BASKET
$1^{\text {st }}$ Grade, $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade, \& $4^{\text {th }}$ Grade
Gift Cards for Restaurants/Take Out, Booze, Yeti Cooler, Wine Refrigerator
Don't forget "Manna" gift cards (let your donation give back to you)

TECH BASKET<br>Pre-K, Kindergarten, $6^{\text {th }}$ Grade, $\& 8^{\text {th }}$ Grade

iPad, Wireless Earbuds, Chromebook, Apple Watch, TV, etc.

## FITNESS BASKET

## $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade, $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade, $\& 7^{\text {th }}$ Grade

Garmin Watch, Fitbit, Work Out Equipment, Weights, etc.
***ANY CHECKS FOR "CLASS BASKETS" please make out to: JENNIFER GALLENBACH***
All donations can be sent to school labeled TOE CLASS BASKETS.
A final due date will be sometime end of Oct.

