

# Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School

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# Bulldog Gazette

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School strives to provide a Catholic education of academic excellence that fosters the spiritual, moral, physical and intellectual development of our students. Through the coordinated efforts of the home, school and parish, students are empowered to reach their full potential as responsible, caring and contributing citizens of the world community.

## Spring is Upon Us

We've had a busy winter ... January held our annual Family Bowling event, Junior High Dance, the Annual Science Fair, and Catholic Schools Week where we embraced our school's cultural and ethnic diversity. In February, we celebrated the Giants winning the Super Bowl ... Go Giants! Our Winter Classic Basketball Tournament was very successful ... Go Bulldogs! There are a lot more great events planned for the coming months.

Even though the air is still cold, you can see the green stems of the spring flowers pushing their way up through the ground. Spring is upon us, and the new life that Jesus brings is all around.

I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter.

*God Bless Our School Family Always,  
Ms. Gerrie Desio*

*"I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will never die."*

John 11:25, 26

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Alumni Association & Knights of Columbus St. Pat's Day Dinner*  
March 15

*Palm Sunday*  
March 16

*Easter Sunday*  
March 23

*Father/Daughter Dance*  
March 29

*School Musical "Bye Bye Birdie"*  
April 4 & April 5

*Alumni Association & Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast*  
April 6

*Spring Vacation*  
April 14 - 18

*School Reopens*  
April 21

*Taste of Style Fashion Show*  
April 27

*11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament*  
May 19

*Assumption Night Bluefish Game*  
May 31

## Junior High News

**2008 National Geographic Competition** - The school round of the 2008 National Geographic Competition



was completed in early January and the winner was our seventh grade student, **William Voss III**. William answered seven out of seven questions correctly. William completed the second step of the competition by answering a timed questionnaire consisting of 70 questions. The

winners of this category will move on to the Connecticut state competition.

**Winter Formal Dance** - On January 12th, the Junior High held their annual Winter Formal Dance. This year's theme was "Hollywood Nights". The red carpet was rolled out and the girls looked beautiful in their gowns and dresses while the boys were handsome in their suits. Everyone had a wonderful time dancing to Mr. O's disc selections.



**Museum Visit** - In March, the sixth and eighth grade classes will visit the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. The students will have the opportunity to examine the amazing exhibits as well as view an IMAX movie on Dinosaurs.



## Spring Musical

Friday, April 4  
Saturday, April 5  
7:00 p.m.

Adult Tickets \$8.00 • Student Tickets \$6.00

This show is set in the 50's. It tells the story of a rock and roll singer who is about to be inducted into the army and all the characters he is involved with on his journey.

For more information, please call Theresa Yoney at 371-5510

## Earn Money with Grocery Cards

Prepaid Grocery Cards for Stop & Shop, Shaw's and Stew Leonard's are an easy way to earn money toward your family assessment. You get dollar for dollar value for your money.

You can request an order form to order your gift cards, or purchase them in person in the school office.

## Science Fair 2008

Congratulations to all of our 7th and 8th grade students who participated in our Annual Science Fair.

### Grade 8 - Experiments

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Christopher Costa  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Larisa Montalvo  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - David Malvicini

### Honorable Mention

Eric Schubert      Francesco Nicolia  
Erica Teixeira      Jasmine Barada  
Sean Kelly      Theresa Bartomioli



### Grade 7 - Inventions

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Robert Oliver  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Alexandra Chrupcala  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Bryan Gerstenfeld

### Honorable Mention

Sarah Yoney      Evan Yiannoulis  
Anthony Feher      William Voss  
Kayla Choothesa



The top four students in each category will represent our school at the CT State Science Fair and the CT State Invention Convention. Good luck students ... your school family is proud of you!



**Attention: Ladies**  
a taste of  
**STYLE**  
**Fashion Show & Luncheon**  
Sunday, April 27 • 1-5 p.m.  
Testo's Ristorante  
1775 Madison Ave., Bpt.  
Tickets: \$40 per person  
For more info, contact  
Jill DeLaurentis at 259-3058

## Alumni News

On Sunday, February 3, the Assumption School Alumni Association and the Assumption Knights of Columbus held a Mardi Gra Pancake Breakfast to benefit the school Scholarship Fund. 140 parishioners, students, families and alumni enjoyed the day.

On Saturday, March 15, the groups will hold the annual St. Patrick's Dinner; and on Sunday, April 6, another Pancake Breakfast to support the Scholarship Fund.

## 2nd Semester HONOR ROLL

### High Honors - Grade 8

Christopher Costa & David Malvicini

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Ramon Colon, Sean Kelly, Larisa Montalvo, Eric Schubert, Erica Teixeira

### High Honors - Grade 7

Alexandra Chrupcala & Bryan Gerstenfeld

### Honors - Grade 7

Michael Silano, William Voss III, Evan Yiannoulis, Sarah Yoney

### High Honors - Grade 6

Chanel Morton & Katelyn Teixeira

### Honors - Grade 6

Brittney Dandridge, Steven Ghossaini, Raymond Greene, Brodie Kelley, Mark Komaromi, Kristen Mennillo

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament



**Monday, May 19, 2008**  
**Brownson Country Club**  
**Huntington, CT**

This year's fundraising efforts will go towards new state-of-the-art Computer Room upgrades.

The event will have its usual Buffet Breakfast, Putting Contest, Chinese Raffle, 2-hour Open Bar, Gifts for every player, a Sit-Down Dinner, and the never forgettable King of Aces Raffle with a Flat Screen HDTV as the Grand Prize.

For more information, please call  
Greg Matera at 579-1257  
or Jeff Pond at 367-6400



**Assumption Night**  
with the  
**Bridgeport Bluefish**

**Saturday, May 31, 2008 • 6:05 p.m.**

~ Kids run the bases after the game ~  
~ Post-game Fireworks ~

Tickets: \$10 per person  
(\$5 from every ticket sold goes to Assumption School)

For tickets, contact: Debbie Carrara at 365-0107

**Have you paid your family obligation? Due date is April 25.**  
Please call HSA Treasurer, Mindy Powlisen, with any questions.

## Avena Memorial Family Bowling Day

On January 20th, we held our annual Avena Memorial Family Bowling Day. Seventeen families attended the event at Nutmeg Bowl in Fairfield with students ranging every grade of our school as well as parents and friends.

5th) tied with a score of 124. The Gardella Family was congratulated with the Family High Gross Score. Daniel (3rd) and Katie (5th) graciously accepted their trophy on behalf of their family.

What is a fun day of bowling without a little bit of competition? We had some players that had a particularly good day at the lanes. Grades Pre-K through 4th High Gross winners are: Boys' - Garnell Bell (4th) with a score of 140, Girls' - Caroline Gremse (K) with a score of 130. Grades 5th through 8th High Gross winners are: Boys' - Eric Shubert (8th) with a score of 228, Girls' - Jennifer Guitierrez and Marleena Reed (both



From left top: Marleena Reed, Jennifer Guitierrez, Katie Gardella, Eric Shubert. From left bottom: Daniel Gardella, Caroline Gremse, Garnell Bell.

The Avena Memorial Family Bowling Event is held in loving memory of Lucille Avena who taught at Assumption School until her unexpected passing a few years ago. The event was continued in her honor for her love of the game, the school and most importantly, the students. Her sister, Rachel, joined us as she has every year and expressed her thanks

to the school for holding this event again in honor of her sister, Lucille.

## 100 Days of School

First Grade celebrated the 100th Day of School on February 7. We wore 100th day crowns, did 100th day activities, and each student brought in collections of 100 items that were counted out. We ended the day with a party, but we didn't eat 100 treats!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Writes Winter Haiku Poems

### Winter

Sparkly snowflakes fall  
They make winter beautiful  
Snow makes winter bright.

Arianna Morton

Snowy blizzard night,  
A windy storm is coming  
Cold icy days.

Andre Pecego

Many birds migrate  
Rabbits adapt to the cold,  
Some foxes are white.

Ricky Pabon

Windy winter night  
Branches scraping on windows  
Making me feel scared

Diana Estephan

### Winter Night

The winter night glows  
Moonlight shines in the dark night  
Glistening on the snow.

Sophia Rodrigues

### Stormy Winter Night

Winter storms glisten,  
Deer galloping in the woods,  
They are going home.

A.J. Kelly

### Winter Fun

Winter is fun time  
Families ski, snowboard and play  
Winter is awesome.

Sarah Powlisen

Make a snowball,  
Bundle up nice and cozy,  
Have fun in the snow.

Tyreak Bernard

### About Winter

Animals store food,  
Some animals hibernate,  
In spring they wake up.

Daniel Gardella

### Winter

Winter is snowy  
Snow is white, soft and fluffy,  
Snowflakes are icy.

Anderson Smith

### Winter Day

Snow falls on the ground  
I play in the snow all day long,  
Then I drink cocoa.

Sophia Rodrigues

## Class Charity Project Update

**PreK-3 and PreK-4** - These classes have collected a total of 15,984 **Soda Can Tabs** so far this school year! Please save your soda can tabs and send into school ... for every 1000 tabs, a free treatment will be given to a patient battling cancer.

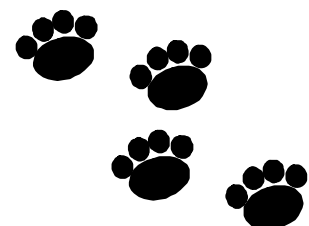
**Kindergarten** - The class is enjoying Mr. Sobolewski's cookies and at the same time raising money for **CURE, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy**. To date, \$175 has been collected. A Jean's Day is planned for April 11 and Volume 2 of the Cookies for CURE Cookbook is in the works.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Breakfast Buddies

We are collecting cereal to benefit the Thomas Merton House in Bridgeport. This is a facility that provides breakfast and lunch daily for guests who otherwise would not have nutritional meals. We have collected almost 50 boxes and hope to donate 100 boxes before the end of the year.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - "Souper" students collected 507 cans of soup from September until the "Souper Bowl". The soup was picked up by Bridgeport Police Officer Riehl and delivered to the Thomas Merton House.



**Do you have newsworthy Assumption School information? Please send info or ideas to Debbie Carrara at B2085@aol.com**

**Don't forget to clip Box Tops ... a quick and easy way to raise money for Assumption School. For more information, visit "www.boxtopsforeducation.com"**

