



# Assumption School

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## Open House

Thank you to all of the families who came to our Open House this past Tuesday. Students, staff, parents, and community members enjoyed music, a scavenger hunt, seeing all of the amazing learning going on in classrooms, and me racing some students on a plasma car! I didn't even come close to winning, but those things sure are fun!

## February Early Dismissal

Instead of the first Tuesday early dismissal, our February early dismissal will be at **12 noon on Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>** in order for our staff to travel to Vancouver to the annual CISVA Catholic Educators' Conference.

## Pink Shirt Day

Although it's over a month away... I wanted to direct the attention of families towards a PTA fundraiser where you can purchase a nice shirt locally and support our PTA. They are selling these super cute pink shirts here: <http://www.t-fundbc.com> Thanks to Mrs. Massullo for organizing this "bullybuster" fundraiser!



## Safer Schools Together

Ms. Potesta and I are currently in Vancouver for the Level 2 Safer Schools Together (SST) training. It is a two day training led by the SST president Theresa Campbell who established the organization in 2008 "to provide opportunities for extensive professional development in the areas of safe and caring schools and violence prevention". This professional development is very worthwhile and important in ensuring our school culture and climate is where we want it to be. Find more info about them here: <https://saferschoolstogether.com/>

## Hot Lunch Coordinator

Our PTA is looking for a volunteer to take on the PTA Hot Lunch Coordinator position for the rest of the school year. The position would require you, with the help of the hot lunch committee, to:

- have a valid Food Safe certificate
- plan a hot lunch menu monthly
- organize volunteers through the portal to help the day of hot lunch
- work together to do grocery shopping and supply shopping each month
- be there to help organize and cook hot lunch

Homemade hot lunch has been a huge success this last year both as a treat for the kids monthly and financially to help PTA put on special events throughout the year! Please consider helping out and supporting the PTA continue to provide this program for our kids.

## St. John Ambulance Paws4Stories program

If you're in the school on a Tuesday morning, you may notice a volunteer named Deb and her dog Jerry who are volunteering at our school with the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Paws4Stories program. The goal of this program is improve a child's reading and communication skills by reading to a certified therapy dog. The Paws 4 Stories program is typically a one on one program, with one child reading to one dog for 10-20min. There is a video on this program here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6cKQOnSmXA> and an article from Sooke here <https://www.sooke.newsmirror.com/community/the-making-of-doggone-good-readers/> The local therapy dogs attend Westview, Kelly Creek, Henderson, and Edgehill Elementary Schools as well as our own.

## Online Communication

All of our notices will be catalogued here: <http://assumpschool.ca/NOTICES.php> on our school website.

♥ Mrs. Berg