



Assumption School

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Concerns

After receiving the letter regarding class composition this past Friday, I have spoken with a few families regarding concerns they have had with the placement of their child. I would like to dispel some myths about how we determine which child goes into which class. When determining which child is in which class, we do not simply look at the academic abilities of the students and “hold them back” in the combined grade with students of a younger grade. The decisions are made partially based upon enrolment numbers within each grade. Other factors we take into consideration include: social dynamics, leadership tendencies, keeping even numbers of girls and boys, placement of siblings, keeping even numbers of the two grades within the class, keeping class sizes consistent, and support requirements. As you can imagine, the process is challenging but we have seen students who are on the older end of a combined class become more confident in leadership roles and develop and strengthen new social relationships. If your child is voicing concerns about their classroom placement because they feel like they are being “held back” or that their peers are smarter than they are, please reassure them that it is simply not the case. On the flip side, if you hear your child saying that they were placed in the combined class with an older grade because they are smarter than their peers in the other class, please dispel that myth as well. I appreciate your assistance in helping all of our students feel confident and happy with their classroom placement for September.



Parish Education Committee (PEC)

At the PEC meeting this past Tuesday, elections for the new committee occurred. Thank you to the 2017-2018 PEC for all that you have done and welcome to our new executive for 2018-2019!

Chairperson – Mark Merlino

Vice-Chairperson – Garry Palmquist

Treasurer – Stacey Ruegg

Secretary – Jolene Sutcliffe

Maintenance – Sarah Murphy

PTA representative – Melissa Fraser

Marketing – Noah Schweitzer

Tuition Assistance

Our PEC is happy to announce that families are able to apply for tuition assistance online through *Apple Financial Services* <https://www.applefinancialservices.ca/>

This external company prepares a confidential report for us to help determine how much each family should receive in assistance which will then be reviewed by our small Tuition Assistance subcommittee on PEC. The PEC decided that since both Father and I have been receiving inquiries about tuition assistance that a streamlined approach for everyone would be best. If the application fee is a barrier to your family in applying, please contact me at assump.principal@shaw.ca



Library

Our students have had their last library session of the school year where they can check out books, and all library books are now due back. Notices will be coming home if your child has not returned all of their library books.

♥ Mrs. Berg