

Assumption Catholic Schools Our Mission: To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition

## 2024 Run the Rapids 5K Run/Walk Saturday, April 27, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. Centralia Center

Hello Assumption Catholic Schools Families:

On Saturday, April 27, Assumption Catholic Schools and Wood County Human Services will be hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Run the Rapids 5K Run/Walk benefitting child abuse prevention. Proceeds from this longest running event of its kind in Wisconsin Rapids will go towards the outstanding work that is done by Human Services in their efforts to assist children and families that are afflicted with the many forms of child abuse (emotional, physical and sexual) in the South Wood County area.

We are offering special discount for Assumption families (\$10 per family member) to participate in this tremendous community event. Attached is the registration form. All you have to do is complete the registration form, sign the waiver and then drop off at your school front office. There is a line on the registration form for multiple family members. No one will be turned away from partaking in the Run the Rapids on the account of not being able to pay the event fee. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact Matt at his email/direct line listed below. In order to guarantee yourselves a fantastic event t-shirt, please register by April 12.

Please note, you do not have to be a runner in order to participate on April 27. Approximately half of our participants are walkers. Come on out and start your spring season with an exclamation point by enjoying the phenomenal course along the Wisconsin River and supporting Assumption and Human Services!

To advance some friendly competition, the Assumption school with the greatest number of participants will receive a free pizza party. That is something to aim for, everybody.

To put in prospective the significance of Assumptions involvement in the Run the Rapids, we need to look at what Jesus said regarding children: **"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven look upon the face of my heavenly Father." Matthew 18:10.** The early church took The Lord's words to heart as they rescued children that were neglected and abandoned by the Roman Empire. Being that we are an extension of the church, it is totally appropriate that we do our part by participating in the Run the Rapids 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 27 supporting child abuse prevention. We are continuing in the same spirit as the early believers. This is what we do. Hoping for a strong Assumption presence.

God Bless You, Matt Zakowski <u>mzakowski@assumptioncatholicschools.org</u> 715-422-0914