

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the process of becoming an Annunciation BVM School family?

Answer: Complete the application process (information online at www.annunciationbvm.org/admissions). Students will be invited to tour the school/participate in a shadow day. Family will be invited to an interview. If accepted, student(s) will receive a letter of acceptance. The \$200/student non-refundable enrollment fee is due on/before March 1, 2025. The non-refundable enrollment fee increases in increments of \$50 after March 1 (\$250) and after May 1 (\$300).

2. What documents will I need to enroll my student at Annunciation BVM?

Answer: You will need to provide a copy of your child's birth certificate. A baptismal certificate (if your child was not baptized at Annunciation BVM Parish) is optional at initial enrollment but will be required, at the beginning of second grade if your student wishes to begin receiving the sacraments. A medical school physical form is required prior to the first day of school for all preschool, kindergarten, and grade six students.

3. What other information will be requested to enroll my student at Annunciation BVM?

Answer: The Annunciation Student Emergency Information Form, Aurora Areas Catholic Schools Student Health History Form, and Photo Permission Form must be completed and submitted online for every student before the first day of classes.

4. What are the class sizes, maximums, and requirements for each grade?

Answer: This will be our inaugural year for the 3-year-old Preschool. The program will run with a minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 15 students. Students must be 3-years and 4-years respectively by September 1, 2025, to enroll in the Preschool Program. All students must be completely toilet trained prior to the first day of school. Our Full-day Kindergarten class will accept a maximum of 20 students. There is a maximum of 20 students for grades 1-8. In the event of a sibling acceptance in a K-8 class at the maximum size, exceptions may be made.

5. Does Annunciation BVM offer tuition assistance?

Answer: Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, Annunciation BVM will offer tuition assistance to our school families.

6. Is bus transportation provided for Annunciation BVM students?

Answer: Bus service is not available for students who attend Annunciation BVM Catholic School.

7. When does the Annunciation BVM school day begin and end?

Answer: Our school day begins at 8:30 AM, with grades K-8 dismissing at 3:00 PM. Morning arrival for students begins at 8:15 AM. Preschool will begin at 8:30. Three-year-olds will dismiss at 11:30 AM, four-year-olds will dismiss at 11:30 AM or 2:55 PM relevant to the details of their program selection.

8. Is there an extended day program at Annunciation BVM?

Answer: Yes! Presently, the before and after school care program operates from 7:00 AM – 8:15 AM and 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM on all school days except the first day of school and all early dismissal days. Each family expecting to utilize the Extended Day Program will complete the online application and pay the annual opt-in fee of \$90 per family. The daily rates for Extended Day care are \$10/child for the AM session and \$20/first child in the family, \$10/per additional child in the family for the PM session.

9. Is there a lunch program at Annunciation BVM?

Answer: Students bring their own lunch from home on a daily basis. The Home & School organization offers Pizza Fridays each full-day Friday of the school year. They also sponsor a Hot Lunch Day once each month from local restaurants for students who wish to participate. Parents may order and pay for the Pizza Fridays and Hot Lunch Days through our online portal.

10. Do the students at Annunciation BVM attend Mass during the school day?

Answer: All students in grades K-8 attend the All-School Mass every Wednesday morning at 8:45 AM. Students will also observe Holy Days of Obligation when they are celebrated during the school week. Preschool students may attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation.

11. Do Annunciation BVM students wear uniforms?

Answer: Students in grades K-8 wear uniforms. *Schoolbelles* is our designated uniform company. Preschool students do not wear uniforms.

12. Are there any volunteer programs for parents/guardians to become actively involved in their student's school experience at Annunciation BVM?

Answer: Parent volunteers are a necessity for every successful school community and very much welcomed and appreciated at Annunciation BVM. Many of the programs, activities, athletics, clubs, and organizations that we offer are only possible with the generous support of parent/guardian, parishioner, faculty, and staff

volunteers. All volunteers must have completed the VIRTUS Safe Environment requirements provided through the Diocese of Rockford to ensure that all of God's Annunciation children are safe. Volunteer opportunities will be provided on the school website (Home & School Organization membership, Tradition of Excellence, Field Trip chaperones, Reading with students, Grandparents Day, and many more).

13. Does Annunciation BVM provide a student athletic program?

Answer: Yes! and our student athletes are amazing! The Annunciation BVM Athletic program is led by an outstanding Athletic Director and presently offers opportunities in Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheer, and Track. Go Vikings!