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## **Assumption Academy Raises \$13,000 with Inaugural Fun Run**

*Year-end event subsidizes playground initiative, introduces a new school tradition*

**Broadview Heights, Ohio – May 30, 2018** – On Friday, May 25, 2018, Assumption Academy hosted its first-ever “Fun Run” powered by Boosterthon with a primary objective to raise funds supporting a highly anticipated playground project. The preceding 9-day campaign also aimed to integrate fitness, leadership, and character building.

The premier Fun Run was incorporated into the school’s annual Field Day, a decades-long tradition offering students Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade the opportunity to spend a springtime school day enjoying fellowship and fun through outdoor games and sports. This year, the day began with Mass inside Church of the Assumption and then festivities kicked off ceremoniously with the Pledge of Allegiance outside. Students in Grades K-5 completed the first Fun Run, a 35-lap track equivalent to 2 miles. Students in Grades 6-8 completed the same course as part of a second “color run,” during which runners were sprayed with a mixture of corn starch and food coloring until they were covered. An estimated 170 students participated in the combined runs.

In addition to fundraising, the school achieved its desire to enhance student experience and reinforce school values. Assumption families and school leadership collaborated to collect monetary pledges supporting each lap that would be run. Boosterthon’s team led an all-school pep rally. Teachers incorporated themed, 7-minute videos into daily curriculum. Programming centered around six values including Focus, Self-Awareness, Respect, Trustworthiness, Creativity, and Lifelong Learning.

Volunteer event producers also secured support from the local business community. While 55% of proceeds were the result of individual donations, 45% was garnered from more than 20 sponsors including Accurate Refrigeration, Advance Door Systems, Andy’s Auto Body, Augie’s Pizza, Broadview Eye Center, Catan’s Fashion, Cozumel Mexican Restaurant, Eye Care for Animals, Fitness Together, Giant Eagle, Knights of Columbus, Lightning Event Management, Maria Gardens, Meyers, Roman & Friedberg, LLP, Michael Angelo’s Bakery, Pinecone Ice Cream, Primrose, Rodan + Fields, State Farm Insurance, Tireman USA, and Whitey’s.

Reflecting on what may be a new tradition for Assumption Academy, Principal Joanne LoPresti expressed appreciation for the success of the first-time event. “The positive energy from the kids, teachers, and

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parent volunteers during Fun Run was incredible,” said LoPresti. “Everyone was dancing, the older students were cheering on the younger students, and it really brought everyone together in a new and special way. We’ve received such positive feedback and we’re so excited to build on that next year.”

LoPresti also affirmed the motivation for the playground initiative. “We’re committed to providing a well-rounded, meaningful experience at Assumption Academy,” said LoPresti. “That not only means a high-quality curriculum but also an enriching environment that encourages imagination, wellness and play. We’re excited to introduce the amenity, knowing it will benefit our youngest students as well as our older children.”

The \$13,000 raised will be combined with dollars previously earmarked for the playground initiative to complete the design phase, construct the materials, and debut a new playground in time for the 2018-2019 school year. Future fundraising may support additional phases to expand on the playground over the course of 1-3 years.

Prior to the whirlwind fundraising effort, LoPresti agree that, if the event were to succeed in meeting its financial goal of \$10,000, she would kiss a goat. LoPresti was obliged to honor her commitment with a goat provided by Farm Flanagan of Richfield. Children also earned the right to cover LoPresti in Silly String.

#### **About Assumption Academy**

Founded in 1957, Assumption Academy partners with student families to deliver a high-quality education for students in grades PreK-8 in an environment that nurtures the whole child and develops the potential to serve as global ambassadors in God’s world. The school averages a class size of 20, offers STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) curriculum, and facilitates a wide variety of extracurricular clubs, programs, and sports. While the student experience is centered in Catholic traditions, Assumption Academy respects the diversity and the beliefs of others, thereby welcoming families of all faiths. Learn more by visiting [www.assumptionacademy.org](http://www.assumptionacademy.org) or by following **AssumptionAcademyBVM** on Facebook.

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