

Dear AAA Families:

On behalf of COMPASS, the Diversity and Inclusion Parents' Group at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy, we would like to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! COMPASS is an active, AAA parent-led school partnership dedicated to supporting and complimenting the school's efforts to build and sustain an inclusive and diverse community.

Incorporated in AAA's guiding principles – known as **R.I.C.E.**, is the commitment to educate our children in an environment reflecting the rich and multifaceted cultural, family, spiritual and social experiences of our families and the world we inhabit. Through COMPASS, parents and students have additional opportunities to share and to participate in this joint effort. This school year's COMPASS leadership team is comprised of the following AAA Parents:

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Together with the faculty and you, our AAA families, we look forward to a dynamic school year. Here are some of the things we have planned for this year:

- **“Spread our Hospitality” - New Parent’s Night:** COMPASS representatives provide information, collected parent sign ups and welcome new families to AAA during the annual New Parents social/networking event.
- **“Share the Message” - Student Bulletin Board:** COMPASS parents help share the message of diversity, inclusion and hospitality by decorating the bulletin board outside of the gymnasium with awareness themed ideas as well as cultural and social topics.
- **“Learn something New” - Focus Months:** Throughout the school year the children will have many opportunities to learn about a variety of diversity and inclusion topics. This school year, the diversity and inclusion focus months are as follows: Sept/October - *Hispanic Heritage Month*; November - *Native American(American Indian and Alaska Native) Heritage Month*; February - *Black/African American History Month*; May - *Jewish American Heritage Month* and a celebration of our worlds' rich religious heritage. While this is not an exhaustive list, *Focus months* allow dedicated time to be spent learning and exploring facets of our communities in new and informative ways. COMPASS parents will continue providing interesting social and cultural information for our families and AAA to complement the school's curriculum.

Stay tuned for more activities and opportunities for parents to volunteer and help continue to cultivate a warm and wonderfully diverse school community.

Cheers, to a fantastic school year!

*Alyson and Crystal*

P.S. Our first 2018-2019 **COMPASS general meeting** is in the AAA library on **Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 6:30pm**. Come and bring a friend!!