

AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / March 9, 2018



Mission: *To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition*

Vision: *A community of academic excellence, Catholic in spirit and culture, nurturing integrity and respect.*

Dates to remember:

Mar. 11: German Students arrive
Mar. 12: Royal Parents Meeting
Mar. 14: Shadow Stations St. Brons 7:00
Mar. 17-18: Ice Show
Mar. 22: German Students depart
Mar. 23: Shadow Stations at AHS
(time to be determined)
Mar. 26—April 2nd: Spring Break
Apr. 3: Spring break ends, back to school .

Online enrollment/re-enrollment process continues. If you have not already done so, please do. Questions?

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Something exciting is happening at ACS.... We are in the process of building a new website for our schools & families. The new website will be user-friendly and will have all the information you look for in easy to find areas. The launch is slated for early March.

LIVE, LEARN & LEAD IN FAITH

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER : RISK THE HEART

The NFL Combine has come and gone, and I have started to wonder why I was so excited for it in the first place. In all honesty the Combine is more or less pointless. Teams have spent countless hours watching film on the prospects and so they know what these guys can do. It seems kind of funny to measure a young man's ability to play football while he performs various workouts in shorts and a t-shirt. Listening to a Packers' talk show I heard this same sentiment expressed. Interestingly enough the hosts said the most important parts of the Combine are the private interviews prospects have with NFL teams. The Packers are looking for guys committed to football. They want dedicated players so as to avoid another Eddie Lacey or Martellus Bennett. The Packers are looking to draft guys who have their heart "in" the game of football.

Hearing these words from this show struck me right between the eyes. Again I was convicted of the way I'm living my life and, in particular, my faith life. Have I really gone all in or am I holding something back? This is a daunting question for any of us to ask ourselves because more than likely our answer is that we haven't given everything over to Christ. This requires a change of heart, and quite frankly we are unwilling to do it. We know we need to change, but for some reason or another we refuse to put our entire hearts into the practice of our faith.

Even one who follows all the Commandments and does everything "right" may lack a commitment of the heart. I am reminded of the rich young man who asked Jesus what he must do to enter eternal life. Jesus tells him he must follow the Ten Commandments. The young man responds that he does, and then Jesus invites him deeper.

When Jesus heard this he said to him, "There is still one thing left for you: sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." (Lk. 18:22)

After hearing these words from Jesus the young man turns and leaves Jesus (cf. Lk. 18:23). Though the young man obeyed all the commandments, his response to Jesus's invitation revealed the location of his heart. He really had not yet put his entire heart on the line for Christ.

Presented with this scene I am convicted of the fact that my heart too is not always 100% "in it". I, like everyone else, continually need to rededicate my heart to Christ. We say we are "practicing Catholics". We don't say that we are "perfect Catholics". However practicing our faith does make perfect, because of God's grace. Continually we must recommit our heart, risking our heart for love of God. Saying an unequivocal "yes" to Christ necessarily implies "no" to others.

A young prospect at the NFL Combine has already risked much for the game of football and already possesses a certain dedication to the game. As the rich young man has shown us, these players may still lack a fully committed heart. In the practice of our faith we are challenged to rededicate our hearts—to go all in, to risk our heart for God. Why? Because that is what He did. He risked His heart on the cross for us. Are we willing to do the same for Him?

Student Life at AHS



Thank you to our Boys Basketball Team and their coaches. It has been a great season and we are very proud of them. Great job by the student section, thank you to the seniors who organized the themes for each game
Great sportsmanship was demonstrated at each game. Way to show off our "Royal Pride"

Wisconsin Rapids Figure Skating Club
Presents:

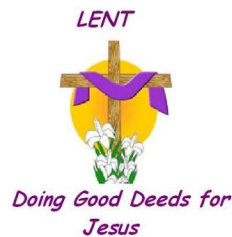
A NIGHT OF STARS
WRFSC 2018

Saturday, March 17, 2018
at 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 18, 2018
at 1:00 p.m.

Performances:	Ticket Cost:	Tickets Available At:
South Wood County Recreation Center 2711 16th Street South Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494	\$9.00 Children 3 and under are free. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.	South Wood County Recreation Center 2711 16th Street South Wisconsin Rapids Sundays 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

We will have two of our students performing at the ice show the weekend of March 17th * 18th.
Great Entertainment for the family. Good Luck Ladies!
Danielle Smits (Sophomore) Kylie Kronstedt Freshman)



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

FASTING: Think about someone you are angry with or who has hurt you. Ask God for the courage to forgive and pray for that person each day. Think about what is good about them.

PRAYER: Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent.

SERVING/ALMSGIVING: Go through your closet and donate clothes/shoes you no longer wear.

God who created me, You offer me new life through your Son and through the gift of your sacraments. While I see new life all around me. I don't always recognize the new life you offer me. Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness of the gifts you place in my life and in a greater appreciation for your care. Give me the courage to ask for help.