



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / May 11, 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:

- May 14: Royal Parents Meeting 6 pm
- May 16: Senior Awards Ceremony 1:30
- May 18: Royal Event @ Ridges
- May 19: Plant Orders pick up @ St. Vincent Tracks for Tina @ AHS
- May 20: Royal Event @ AHS
- May 21-23: Senior Exams
- May 24: Senior Graduation Practice/Picnic
- May 26: Graduation
- May 28: No School—Memorial Day
- May 29-31: Final Exams
- June 9: ACS Night at the Rafters

Athletic Events:

- May 11: Soccer vs Wautoma 4:30
Baseball @ Prentice 4:45
Softball @ Prentice 4:45
Golf @ Ridges 3:3-
- May 12: Softball—Royal Rumble—10:00
- May 14: Track @ Marathon 4:30
Golf @ Prentice all day
Soccer @ Amherst 6:30
- May 15: Baseball @ Stratford 4:45
Softball @ Stratford 4:45
- May 17: Golf @ Wausau
Baseball vs Stratford 4:45
Softball vs Stratford 4:45
- May 18: Soccer @ Medford 5:00
Baseball vs Athens 4:45
Softball vs Athens 4:45
- May 19: Soccer @ Eagle River
Baseball @ Stevens Point
Softball @ Stevens Point

For all of the latest and greatest up to minute information - please go to: www.marawoodconference.org and click on *Assumption*.



Congratulations to our First Place Winners at STATE Solo & Ensemble:

CHOIR:

Jade Hunn & Ryan Hustedt

BAND:

Nicholas Smits, Danielle Smits, Shelby Pierce
Gretchen Reichl, Dacia Khang,
Patience Pecher, Ellie Shaw
Erin Sullivan, Abby Berard & Hannah Lamp

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER—"SENIORITIS"

Now that the weather has finally turned for the better and the imminence of summer has impressed itself on our minds, the phenomenon of senioritis has begun to spread through the hallways of Assumption. Of course the seniors are effected, but seemingly no one is immune from this contagion. No longer a student, I am surprised that I too have caught the senioritis bug. What is senioritis though? According to various online dictionaries senioritis is "a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance". Senioritis then can be observed as a slide to the end, a coasting to the finish line.

This phenomenon though is not merely an academic problem, but can affect other parts of our life. Someone switching occupations can experience a lack of motivation as they finish working their first job as they are moving onto another. Sports too, can be effected by senioritis. I remember in high school when I was finishing a cross country race. It was so tempting (sometimes I gave in) to coast to the finish line if I had a comfortable lead on the runner closest behind me.

In the practice of our religion we can experience this as well especially when summer is upon us. We rationalize that summer is a time for vacations and so it is justifiable to put our Catholic faith on the back burner. Not only is this visible in skipping Sunday Mass on our vacations, but also in the state of our heart. We all (not just priests and religious) have a vocation to holiness, a life lived in a loving relationship with God and others. Though we may know this, we can grow tired of pursuing it. We are all tempted to "take a break" from striving for personal holiness.

When I experience this same temptation, I am reminded of something a priest told me in school. "There is no *vacation* from our *vocation*." No matter how we feel in certain seasons of the year, we are always invited by God to grow in our relationship with Him. Much like marriage, we constantly called to cultivate a loving relationship despite our passing emotions. St. Paul reminds us that we are to run the race of faith so as to win (cf. 1 Cor. 9:24). Jesus Christ via St. Paul does not sanction coasting in the practice of our faith. He calls us to strive with all our might to mature a relationship with Him. When asked what is the greatest commandment Jesus answers, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself" (Lk. 10:27).

In some way or another we all experience senioritis and sometimes senioritis ⁿ. We encourage our seniors to remain focused on their academics as their high school career draws to end, but we sometimes fail to heed our own advice in regards to our faith. Summer provides us with time for vacations, but never *vacations* from our *vocation* to holiness. Like track coaches Jesus and St. Paul urge us on, "Run *through* the finish line and do not merely *coast* into it. Do not let your senioritis ⁿ hold you back from your vocation to holiness."

STUDENT LIFE AT AHS



First Friday's at AHS include Adoration followed by Benediction at the end of the day.

Recently we added "The Chaplet of Divine Mercy" in song led by Calli Statz accompanied with Mrs. Baker. It was so beautiful hearing our students sing. We are truly blessed.



**RICO
FOOD
DAY**



Puerto Rican Food Project

This past week, as part of their unit on Puerto Rico, Spanish 3 students prepared a Puerto Rican recipe and brought it to share with their classmates. The class walked over to Mrs. Zacher's house for the taste test.



Twenty-two students gathered in the rain and mud and got very dirty as they picked up nearly five bags of trash. Each year, the NHS students gather when the snow is gone to clean up the neighbor's woods and the student parking lot area. This year the rain added to the chore as all students got very wet!



*Happy
Mother's
Day*

*Wishing all of our Mom's
good health, love and
happiness..
Have a restful wonderful
weekend surrounded by
your family
God Bless all of you.*

*I remember my mother's prayers....
they have always followed me.
They have clung to me
all my life.*



-Abraham Lincoln