



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / September 21, 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:

- Sept. 21: Oktoberfest 4:30-6:30  
Pep Rally 6:30
- Sept. 25: Ripon College Lunch Visit
- Sept. 26: Picture Retakes 7:30 am
- Casa Hogar Information Mtg 6:00**  
**In the Library.**
- Oct. 4: Hex 2 begins
- Oct. 5: No School K-12
- Oct. 10/11: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
3:30-7:00 (both nights)

### Athletic Events:

- Sept. 22: FB vs Gilman 11:00 am
- Sept. 24: VB @ Loyal 5:45/7:15
- Sept. 25: VB @ Newman 5:30/7:00  
GT vs Columbus 4:30
- Sept. 27: CC @ Athens 4:00  
GT @ Mauston 4:30
- Sept. 29: FB vs Greenwood 11:00  
(Senior Day)

### ACS Board of Directors Meeting

A meeting of the Assumption Catholic Schools Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Assumption High School Library to discuss the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). The meeting is open to all. Please reserve your seat by contacting Kerry Meinel in the ACS Advancement Office at 715-422-0901 or [kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org).



Casa Hogar Information Meeting:  
September 26  
6:00 p.m.  
AHS Library.



### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER

#### What's so special about Homecoming?"

This was a frequent question I got every Fall as homecoming was always one of my favorite times of year in high school (Spencer High School). Celebrating homecoming at AHS this year, as last year, I've found that AHS homecoming is an absolute blast. Many of the crazy traditions are similar to those I remember from my high school years, but there are others that are particular to AHS which makes homecoming at AHS so special.

All schools hold a pep rally the day before the big homecoming football game. However AHS sets itself apart by holding the rally in the evening. The timing of this event speaks volumes. Many schools hold their pep rally during the school day which, sure, accomplishes getting the entire student body in attendance, but it unintentionally neglects the rest of working community. By holding the pep rally in the evening AHS implicitly says, "The entire ACS community matters." Family and friends in the workforce are included the evening pep rally whom otherwise would be excluded by a daytime rally. In our evening rally alumni, current students, and future students join together under the banner of AHS. The timing of the AHS pep rally voices our value of the past, present, and future AHS family.

Prompted by this observation, I did some minimal research into the origins of the phenomenon of homecoming. It turns out, as an event, homecoming was stated to celebrate school spirit before a big home football game. The University of Missouri claims to have *invented* homecoming in 1911. This is disputed by other colleges who claimed they *invented* the spirited event (Baylor University 1909; University of Illinois 1910). Each school that claims homecoming's *invention* invited alumni back to their alma mater for an annual football game which was accompanied with all sorts of fun and crazy traditions. Regardless of its *inventor*, homecoming was never merely about a football game, but the community, the family of the school.

Among our other traditions at AHS homecoming I am thrilled that we have preserved this tradition of the event. Those who have received, are receiving, and will receive their education at AHS form a family along with the community. Abundantly apparent at AHS sporting and musical events is this sense of family. Former students, current students, soon to be students, parents, grandparents, and community members gather to support and cheer on AHS. AHS homecoming does not force an absent school spirit, but builds upon the sense of family and pride our AHS community already possesses. In this AHS stands apart from other schools in its celebration of homecoming as the week of homecoming is an intensification of school spirit.

As another homecoming week comes and goes please take some time to reflect on your own memories and experiences at AHS whether you be a student, parent, grandparent, etc... Now thank God for them. God has given all of us an incredible gift in AHS. Please take time this weekend at Sunday Mass to thank Him for our AHS family. *What's so special about homecoming?* It's not merely the institution of the school, but rather the people—the people who have made it up, who currently make it up, and who will make it up. Go Royals!!!

# HOMECOMING 2018

