



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / October 4, 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:

- Oct. 4: Hex 2 begins
- Oct. 5: No School K-12
- Oct. 8: Royal Parent Mtg. 6pm
- Oct. 10: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00
- Oct. 11: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00
- Oct. 17: Jr/Sr Student/Parent Mtg 6-8 pm AHS Library
- Oct. 19: Butter Braid Orders Due

Athletic Events:

- Oct. 5: FB @ Owen Withee 7:00
- Oct. 6: CC (LHS Invite) 10:30 @ Ridges
- Oct. 8: VB @ Valley Christian 7:00
- Oct. 11: CC @ Edgar 4:00
- Oct. 12: FB @ Thorp 7:00
- Oct. 19: CC Sectionals
- Oct. 27: CC State

2018-2019 Yearbooks are now available to order. You may either order online at <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A09452300> or you can fill out an order form and return it to the library. Yearbooks will be available to order until May 3, 2019.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

We have completed Hex 1.

Amazing how fast time goes when you are having fun!

There are two evenings of

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Wednesday Oct. 10th - 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Thursday Oct. 11th - 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

During these hours, you will be able to pick up your son/daughters report card and have the opportunity to visit with any of their teachers. We simply ask that you keep the conference with each teacher to a maximum of 10 minutes.

Please take advantage of one of the nights, teachers love to meet the parents.

Whichever night you chose, stop in the office to get the report card, all teachers will be in the gym.

Thank you and God Bless.

From the desk of Father Aaron Becker: TRUE BEAUTY OF THE CHURCH

Last week I had the great privilege of traveling to Rome Italy for the Diaconate Ordination of AHS alum Ethan Hokamp. He is currently finishing his theological studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and consequently was ordained a transitional deacon in St. Peters Basilica.



As I observed the wondrous sight of the ordination of the 40 young men I was prompted to reflect on my own journey to the priesthood. Priests do not come from "perfect" families. My family is awesome and I wouldn't trade it for the world, but we are far from perfect. However, I did receive my parents' support and encouragement as I explored my call to the priesthood. I know for a fact that my background is not unlike these 40 young men as well as countless priests. Support from parents is vital in discerning a call to the priesthood.

Vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and married life all come from one place the families. Priests do not fall off trees contrary to popular belief haha. It is from that most intimate unit, the building block of society, that young men develop a relationship with Christ which leads them to a heroic offering of their lives. This fact not only reveals the great dignity of the family, but also the tremendous responsibility of all parents—to help our children become who God created them to be and not what we want them to be. Primarily this is to live in an intimate relationship with Him. As this relationship grows so too does a desire to follow our Lord in a radical way—priesthood, religious life, or married life.

St. Peters Basilica is an aesthetic marvel ornamented with gold and marble statuary, but even more stunning is the artistic hand of God in the lives of the 40 young men ordained last Thursday. Their heroic self-offering and the love and support of their families revealed the true grandeur and beauty of St. Peters Basilica. My plea to each and every parent is that you encourage and support your children as they explore their vocation, especially if it be to the priesthood. With your support you, like the parents of the 40 new deacons, can reveal the *true beauty of the Church*.