



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / November 2, 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:

- Nov. 5: College Rep. from:  
Viterbo, and Winona State
- Nov. 6: All Conference Band & Choir
- Nov. 7: Butter Braid pick up  
College Rep from Nebraska
- Nov. 10: Auction Royale @ Bulls Eye
- Nov. 12: Royal Parents Meeting.

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.

### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER AARON BECKER: RESURRECTED HOPE

As a culture it seems that there are few things feared more than death. Death is a difficult thing to deal with especially when it is a family member. In the face of such tragedy we are tempted (and many of us do) to say things like, “well, at least they’re in a better a place now”. Though we utter statements like this we are not actually certain of its truth. Statements like these reveal both our fearful doubts and our founded hope.

Unfortunately, this well intentioned declaration causes more harm than good because it claims something which dismisses our grief. Death is an awful reality which God never intended for us to experience. It was only after the sin of Adam and Eve that sin and death enter the world. God created us to live forever with Him. He created Adam and Eve to live forever in paradise with Him. Through their disobedience and rejection of God, Adam and Eve displaced themselves (and consequently us as well) from paradise. Grief, sadness, and even anger are appropriate human responses then to the experience of death. Declaring that death is just an inconsequential blip in time which *ensures* a “better place” dismisses our healthy grief as unreasonable.

The statement “they are in a better place” is also misleading. This claim does not reflect the reality. It is definitely something we hope, but may or may not be true. When we say a “better place” we usually mean heaven, but only saints are in heaven both those who have been declared by the Church and those who have been made saints in purgatory. We can never be absolutely certain at the moment of death that someone is in heaven. However, we do have great hope that they will get there one day. Our hope is not a nice thought, but grounded, grounded in the hill of Calvary. Planted firmly on that hill was the cross of Christ from which emanate our salvation and our hope.

In the month of November, we remember and pay for all those who have died. We acknowledge the evil of death, but also the hope that we all will share that “better place”, heaven, with them one day. It is God’s grace that perfects us and makes us saints which we must cooperate with on this earth. The choice is ours. We can accept God’s grace and live for God, or we can reject it by living for sin. Most of us are not perfect (are not saints) when we die and so we *hope* that we as well as those who have died before us will be perfected after death by God’s grace

As we pray for our friends and relatives who have died, may we not lose hope. Prayer reveals our hope, a hope that is founded. Death is evil, yet has now been prescribed as the remedy for our sickness caused by sin. Jesus, the Divine Physician, has prescribed it so that we may enter eternity. In the face of death, we must grieve and mourn its evil, but as we pray for our loved ones who have died our grief turns to hope in the face of Jesus Christ. Our hope is more than a nice thought, but it is a hope founded on the resurrection of Jesus Christ—a resurrected hope.

Enjoy an evening of food, spirits, auctions, raffles, games and a whole lot of fun to benefit Assumption Catholic Schools!

## AUCTION Royale

Saturday, November 10, 2018

**BULL'S EYE COUNTRY CLUB**  
Cash Bar, Live & Silent Auction, Games and Raffles

Tickets \$60.00 Per Person OR  
\$400 For A Table Of 8

<b>5:00 PM</b> Cocktails, Silent Auctions & Raffles	<b>6:30 PM</b> Dinner	<b>7:30 PM</b> Live Auction
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Serving your choice of:  
8 oz. Beef Tenderloin, Chicken Marsala, or Penne with Grilled Veggies

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



“SENIOR RETREAT” @ The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



“FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORE RETREAT” @ St. Philips Church and Rudolph Grotto Gardens. Student quotes: “Really fun, we should do it again”, “one of the best speakers”, This retreat was more fun and more meaningful than others I have been on”



The AHS Junior class spent a day of retreat at St. Anthony’s Retreat Center in Marathon. The day allowed students to participate in group activities, prayer, adoration, confession, and some silence. Highlights included a lesson in Lectio Divina with Father Becker, the saying of the Rosary and the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet on the bus ride home. A fantastic day... we give prayerful thanksgiving for many graces received.



For one night only, some of our AHS/AMS staff, parents, and alumni transformed the 3rd floor into a Haunted Halloween Walk. We wanted to give our students a special way to celebrate Halloween together with classmates and friends. They enjoyed pizza, soda, snacks, games and an elevator ride up to the Haunted Hall. It was a Scary Fun Time!