



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / November 30, 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.30: BBB vs Abbotsford 5:45/7:15
- Dec. 1: Wrestling @ Blk River Falls
- Dec. 3: Band Concert 6:30 pm @ AHS
- Dec. 4: BBB vs Stratford 5:45/7:15  
 GBB @ Edgar 5:45/7:15  
 Hockey @ Shawno 7:00
- Dec. 7: First Friday  
 BBB vs Auburndale 5:45/7:15  
 GBB @ Neillsville 5:45/7:15  
 Wrestling @ Nekoosa 7:00
- Dec. 10: Choir Concert 7:00 pm @ AHS
- Dec. 11: Reconciliation AHS/AMS  
 GBB @ Newman 5:45/7:15
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**
- Dec. 19-21: Semester Exams
- Dec. 21: Golden Mass 10:00 am
- Dec. 24– January 2nd: Christmas Break

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.

### ADVENT PRAYER

Lord, we eagerly await the celebration of your birth as one of us. What great hope and happiness your coming brings to our lives.

Help us, Infant King, to ready ourselves for your coming through the care and concern we show towards others. May we use this holy season not only to prepare our homes, but also our hearts to welcome you.

Do not delay your coming Lord. We your people long for your presence among us. Come, O Come Emmanuel. Amen



### WPCP News:

Now posted on the homepage of our [assumptioncatholicschools.org](http://assumptioncatholicschools.org) website are links to our Accountability Report Cards (2017-18) and Educational Options provided by the DPI.

The next application period for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program opens on February 1, 2019.

More information to follow.

### From the desk of Father Aaron Becker : Pointless Prayer

Prayer. Why? Most, if not all of the time it seems as though prayer is pointless. We don't always get what we pray for. If my prayers do not give me what I want, why pray anyway. God knows what I want already. He knows everything. Does He even care? He claims to love me, but He refuses to give me what I want when I want it. Why does God ask us to pray and then neglect to satiate our lengthy times of prayer?

Recently a student here at the high school asked me, "I have prayed a lot for God to reveal to me my vocation, but He hasn't. What do I do? Does He not want me to keep guessing?" I was delighted to be asked this question. Why? Because, it gets to an essential aspect of our faith—God interacts with us. When I discerned my own vocation, I felt this same frustration. Why won't You answer me!? I am honestly asking You!? Why won't You just tell me what I should do!!!!? Regardless of what we pray and ask God for, I think we all feel this same frustration and disappointment. Without a doubt our complaints seem to be logical.

(A→B) If God cares about us, then God will answer our prayers how and when we want.

(A) God cares about us.

(B) Therefore, God will answer our prayers how and when we want.

Reality though seems to contradict our logical conclusion. (-B) God does not answer our prayers how and when we want. So now what?

Who's the better deer hunter? Is it the hunter who shoots his deer within an hour of sitting in the trees? Or, is the hunter who faithfully sits in the trees the entire season and finally shoots his deer the final day of the season? Which of the two hunters is happier with his deer? I propose that the better and more appreciative hunter is the second. He has to wait a long time for his deer and consequently his desire to get a deer grows. At the beginning of the season the hunter desired a deer, but being blanked for most of the season his desire for a deer has exponentially grown. Time, had fertilized his desire.

Waiting for God to answer us in prayer is no different. God waits to answer us only when we are ready to receive all He wants to give us. Our long periods of prayer are not pointless, but fertilizer for our desires. The issue is not that we ask God for too much, but that we do not ask good for enough. When were ready to receive that "enough", God answers our prayers.

Prayer. Why? All the time prayer opens our heart. Prayer increases our desire for God's gifts. As Advent begins I invite you to write down on a sheet of paper all your prayer requests. Then seal your paper in an envelope and stow it away. Next year at this time open the envelope. You'll be amazed at how God answered your prayers. The problem is our logical complaint is not actually logical. God does care about us, yes. However, God answers our prayers with even *more* than we ask for. Keep asking.



God answers prayers

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR A GREAT WEEKEND OF BASKETBALL.**  
The Cranberry Classic once again brought us some very exciting and intense games for both our Girls and Boys Basketball teams. A great start to the season.

JV Girls Basketball team won the Championship. Congratulations to Maria Hartley and Izzy Jungwirth for making the All Tournament Team.

Varsity Girls Basketball team also won the Championship. Congratulations to Maddie Bohn and Elle Leberg for making the All Tournament Team.

JV Boys Basketball team took 2nd place. Congratulations to Reed Duellman for making the All Tournament Team.

Varsity Boys Basketball team played well and has us on the edge of our seats with some very close games. Congratulations to Nicholas Smits for making the All Tournament Team.



### **ATTENTION TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS:**

**With the cold and flu season upon us along with our Winter sports season, here is a reminder about attendance as written in the handbook:**

**Students must attend a full day of classes for the day in order to participate in a school-sponsored extracurricular activity or practice with the exceptions of faith or family events that are deemed by the administration to be absolutely necessary or any other activity, event or appointment that has been approved by administration and does not remove a student from school for more than three periods (2 ½ hours).**

**Students are expected to be in school on the day following athletic events.**



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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Did you know that the chopping down of the Christmas tree represents the death of Christ and putting it back up again represents the Resurrection of Christ.**

**Did you know that the wreaths we hang are never ending circles, that represents eternity?**

**Candy canes were made to look like shepherd hooks and the colors red, Jesus' blood, white purity.**

**The gifts, represents the 3 gifts the wise men brought for Jesus.**

**So when you are running around trying to get the "perfect gift", stop yourself, take a deep breath and remember we have been given the perfect gift, Jesus Christ was given to us to remove all of our sins....**

**We are blessed.**