



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / November 9, 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. 10: Auction Royale @ Bulls Eye
- Nov. 12: Royal Parents Meeting.  
Hex 3 begins
- Nov. 19: GBB vs Auburndale 5:45/7:15
- Nov. 21-23- No School

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.

We were informed by a Roundy's shopper on Friday, November 2nd that our Royal Card \$5 off a \$50 purchase at Roundy's Supermarket was no longer being honored. We have contacted our United Fund-raiser representative, Mr. Schmidt, and he is looking into this issue for us. Here is what we know: Kroger Inc recently acquired Roundy's Supermarkets Inc. and because of this change in ownership, the agreement we had with Roundy's is not being honored by Kroger Corporate offices. Mr. Schmidt is currently working on trying to reach a representative with Kroger to see if they would honor this coupon that is on our Royal Card.

We apologize for the frustration, as we know this coupon was very popular. As soon as we hear back from Mr. Schmidt as to what he found out, we will relay an update to you.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We are equally as frustrated, and for now we will try and hold out hope that the new owners will honor Roundy's agreement with us.

### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER AARON BECKER: JUMP ON IN

When autumn rolls around I always think back to a favorite activity of my childhood, leaf pile jumping. One such ceremonial observance took place on a large scale. My cousins and I picked up their neighbor's leaves to earn a few bucks. Once we had picked up the leaves we transported them to my cousins' yard next to a garden shed. We soon made a pile of leaves as tall as a mountain, or so it seemed at the time. One of my older cousins then had the bright idea to jump off the garden shed into this ginormous leaf pile. Of course once he did, we all took our turn. It was a blast! Sooner or later dumb ideas bear their rotten fruit, and as my cousin made his third jump he landed awkwardly on his leg. As we watched him writhe in pain in the leaves we knew our fun had ended. Our leaf pile which seemed to be a superabundant edifice of fun proved to be just a hollow heap of dead leaves.

As a child that leaf pile had "fun" written all over it. However, it would take only a few seconds for an *enlightened* adult to dismiss the possible fun provided by the leaf pile in light of its possible dangers. They are dissuaded by the shallowness lurking beneath the leaf pile's plentiful appearance.

I wonder, how often do we treat our Catholic Faith like a leaf pile? It's nice to look at as long as we do not touch it. We can fear that our faith's immaculate façade is only an empty shell. "If I jump all the way in, will I get hurt by a well spun hoax?" Instead of jumping in to find this out for certain we opt to settle to remain on the surface. Maybe our faith isn't that deep and all and does not have any substance supporting its exterior. The problem with neglecting to investigate below the surface is that we actually begin to *believe* our faith is really just an unsubstantiated pleasant thought.

As it turns out our Catholic Faith is more than a leaf pile. It's not a heap of archaic and stale doctrines surrounded by a pointless pageantry. Our Faith is a gift God has given us and at the same time a response to His grace. If we are to recognize that our Faith is more than a pile of dead leaves we must have the courage to jump in—to ask the tough questions. A great place to find these answers is <https://www.catholic.com/>. No question is a dumb question when our eternal salvation is at stake.

In contrast to the hollow leaf pile my cousins and I enjoyed jumping in, our Catholic faith provides a plentitude of substance. It is overflowing with answers to every all the tough questions. There is no "ground" on which to break bones. Our faith is supported by an infinite God because that is to Whom our faith leads us to. Take the chance. Discover for yourself true beauty of our Catholic Faith—*jump on in*.

# FAITH

*is not believing that God can  
it is knowing that He will.*



Assumption High School and Middle School brought in over 350 items for the Day of Caring personal essentials drive. The winning homeroom brought in over 80 items alone. Thank you to all that donated.



*There is always, always, always something to be thankful for*

# Veterans Day!



**In Memory of those  
who Served....**

**In Honor of those  
who serve us now!**



*For those who serve, standing and waiting, we ask you to send blessings of comfort and encouragement. May they know they are not forgotten, either by you or by their loved ones at home. Whether in the bowels of ships, the heat of a distant desert, or watching across the violent expanse of a no man's land, we honor them. Whether armed with a rifle, a pen, or a humble implement, we are grateful for their labor which keeps us free at home to worship and pray. For those who experience the horrors of war, we most fervently beseech you, Oh Lord, to place your hand upon their hearts, steady them in battle. It is you who teaches their hands to war and their fingers to fight. Be their shield and bulwark in battle, and make them swift and accurate. Dispel all enemies before them, that your people be saved and peace may reign. For those who have returned from service, we ask your special intercession. In returning home, many of your sons and daughters face new battles with enemies, lethal as bullets. Embrace these children of discord, and hold them tightly to your bosom, Lord, so they may know your comfort in their darkest moments. Restore sight to their eyes, and shine radiant upon their faces, that they may walk not in the shadows which ensnare, but in the light of your glory. For our wounded veterans, who bear scars in their hearts, minds, and bodies, we ask your blessing. Lord, cherish this wounded legion, invited to share in the suffering of Christ. May they see Christ through their pain, and find hope in His promises. We await the day you make their bodies and their hearts whole once again. For those who have left their uniform hanging in the past, who move with difficulty, who reflect with a distant gaze upon times better unknown, we ask you to send peace. Let ancient wrongs be pardoned and forgot. Give these veterans comfort and peace. May they live long as examples of courage and faith, and may they inspire their children and grandchildren to stand ready to defend our Constitution, our God-given rights, and our faith. We thank you Lord, for the multitude of blessings you have given us. We are grateful for the time you have given us with these courageous people. May you raise up all our dear veterans in the palm of your hand, and bless them as we turn their swords into plowshares. We give thanks to you O Lord, Our God.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**CRANBERRY CLASSIC TIME, NOVEMBER 23RD AND NOVEMBER 24TH.  
COME AND ENJOY SOME GREAT GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES.**

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
WILL BE HAVING A \$100.00  
TUITION CREDIT DRAWING TO BE HELD AT THE  
ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL  
CRANBERRY CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.  
1<sup>ST</sup> DRAWING - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>  
(HALF-TIME OF BOYS VARSITY GAME – 8:00PM START)  
2<sup>ND</sup> DRAWING – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
HALF-TIME OF BOYS VARSITY GAME  
(BOTH GAMES START AT 8:00PM)

\$100.00 TUITION CREDIT SPONSORED BY:  
SPECTRUM INSURANCE  
(YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

### Friday, November 23rd:

GBB JV AHS vs Loyal 10:15 am  
GBB V AHS vs Loyal 1:15 pm  
BBB JV AHS vs Milwaukee U 4:30 pm  
BBB V AHS vs Milwaukee U 8:00 pm



### Saturday, November 24th:

Games TBA as results of winners are determined.

