



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / December 7, 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:

Dec. 7: First Friday
 Dec. 10: Choir Concert 7:00 pm @ AHS
 Dec. 11: Reconciliation AHS/AMS
 Dec. 12: Faculty Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dec. 19-21: Semester Exams
 Dec. 21: Golden Mass 10:00 am
 Dec. 24- January 2nd: Christmas Break

Athletic Events:

Dec. 7: BBB vs Auburndale 5:45/7:15
 GBB @ Neillsville 5:45/7:15
 Wrestling @ Nekoosa 7:00
 Dec. 8: Hockey vs Lakeland 7:00
 @ Ice Hawk Arena
 Wrestling @ Eau Claire 10:00
 Dec. 11: GBB @ Newman 5:45/7:15
 Dec. 13: GBB @ Philips
 BBB @ Philips
 Hockey vs Tomahawk 7:00
 Dec. 14: Wrestling vs Princeton
 @ AHS 7:00 (Frist Home Meet)
 Dec. 15: GBB Tournament @ Aquinas
 BBB Tournament @ Viterbo
 Dec. 18: GBB vs Stratford 5:45/7:15
 BBB @ Edgar 5:45/7:15
 Dec. 20: BBB @ Newman 5:45/7:15
 Dec. 21: GBB vs Marathon 5:45/7:15

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.

WPCP News:

Now posted on the homepage of our 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 : Radiant Darkness

As the days continue to get shorter and daylight fades, I am reminded of the bizarre nature of darkness. How do we define darkness? We know it when we see it, but how can we describe it? Most perplexing though is that the greater the darkness the more intense its contrary—the darkest dark enables the lightest light to shine.

Earlier this week our boys basketball team played Stratford, and well, it didn't go the way we would have liked. Unfortunately, the ending score was pretty ugly and Stratford was comfortably in control of the game throughout. By all standards the game was pretty bleak. As the game went on the darkness set into a darker and darker shade of dark, if that makes sense. Anyone playing in or watching the game no doubt was discouraged. The darkness was just too much, capable of stomping out even the greatest displays of school spirit.

Despite the seeming overpowering darkness, our boys', your sons', characters shined brightly. In a moment of transition from defense to offense an Assumption player accidentally knocked over a player from Stratford. Though our team was racing down the court to score, and the game was theoretically still within reach, one of our boys, one of your sons, stopped and helped the Stratford player onto his feet. Was there any reason to do so? No. In fact, there were plenty of good reasons to leave him lying there. Yet, at that moment, in the midst of darkness, (not to mention flaring tempers) this small act of compassion exhibited by one of your sons stood as shining example of virtue. Had the game been a glowing success, this simple act of kindness may have been overlooked and maybe dismissed as gloating pity. However, because the game was so bleak, this tiny act of compassion shone brightly.

During this season of Advent, we prepare our hearts to be "picked up" out of the darkness by the true light of the world, Jesus Christ. Without Christ our situation is pretty bleak. The darkness of our own sin prevents us from experiencing true happiness and freedom. The game of life which began with so much hope was squandered by Adam and Eve, condemning all of us to slavery of sin. We now await a Savior who is the light of the world. We await the Word made flesh who will dwell among us (cf. Jn.1). We await God's supreme act of compassion, His only Son lighting up our world of sin and darkness. In Advent we prepare for this tiny baby who dispels the overpowering darkness of our hearts.

Darkness is a strange phenomenon; however, light is even more glorious. Be it an act of compassion on the gym floor, or the act of Compassion in the manger and on the cross, light shines brighter amidst the intense darkness. In Advent we wait the arrival of Compassion, Radiance amidst the darkness, Emmanuel.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!!!



The Ford Motor Company Drive 4UR School Event presented Assumption Catholic Schools with a check for \$7,160.00. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. Pictured presenting the check are: Allan and Michele Taylor to Lauren Meinel, Student Council President and of course Our "Royal" Lion.



Students currently in a German class as well as the students in International Studies were given an opportunity to go to Milwaukee. This was the first year they were bringing the German themed Christmas market from Chicago to Milwaukee (much closer to us!) There were many vendors selling German products, such as handmade wooden and glass ornaments imported from Germany; German candy, chocolates, sweets, and teas; and German food like pretzels and fire-roasted nuts, etc. We also ate schnitzel, spaetzle, and sauerkraut for lunch at Mader's (a German restaurant), and to round out the day since we drove all the way to Milwaukee, the students had a couple of hours of shopping time at the Mayfair Mall.

BIG NEWS!!!!

Attention all 2018-2019 Royal Card Holders.

It was brought to our attention about a month ago that the corporate office of Kroger, which owns our local Roundy's/Copps Food Center, would no longer honor the \$5.00 off \$50.00 purchase discount that was on our Royal Cards.

Good News!!! Mr. Merlin Jeffrey who manages both the east side and west side Quality Foods IGA stores in Wisconsin Rapids has come forward and offered to honor the \$5.00 of a purchase of \$50.00 discount at his stores.

All you have to do is show the cashier your Royal Card and you will receive \$5 off a \$50 purchase.

We are so blessed to have this local business owner's support. By shopping at Quality Foods and supporting his business you will be showing your thanks for his generous spirit.

Thank you Mr. Jeffrey's for this wonderful Christmas gift!