



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / February 8, 2019



**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:

- Feb. 11: Royal Parent Mtg. 6 pm
- Feb. 13: National Guard @ AHS
- Feb. 15: Solo & Ensemble @ Auburndale
- Feb. 16: Snoball @ AHS 7pm-11pm
- Feb. 19: Moving Up Day @ AHS
- Feb. 20: ACS Mass 1:00 pm @AHS

### Athletic Events:

- Feb. 12: BBB vs Amherst 5:45/7:15  
GBB @ Marathon  
Hockey Regionals  
Wrestling Team Sectional
- Feb. 14: BBB vs Edgar  
Hockey Regionals
- Feb. 15: BBB vs Newman  
Senior Night for all boys  
In Basketball, Hockey,  
Wrestling)

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.

### ACS Board of Directors Meeting

A meeting of the Assumption Catholic Schools Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:00pm in the Assumption High School Library to discuss the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). This is also an opportunity to meet and communicate with board members. The meeting is open to all. Please reserve your seat by contacting Kerry Meinel in the ACS Advancement Office at 715-422-0901 or [kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org).

If you are a current/continuing WPCP family you will need to reapply as well as provide proof of residency to ACS Central Office. (Application period runs from Feb. 1-Apr. 20, 2019)

If you are applying for the first time to WPCP, you will also be instructed to provide additional paperwork as well as proof of residency to ACS Central Office. (Application period runs from Feb. 1-Apr. 20, 2019)

Application and re-application can be completed using the following link: <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/choice>

### From the desk of Father Aaron Becker : Life Altering Word

About a year ago I heard a quote by St. Augustine which I can't seem to get out of my head. In my experience usually that means God is repeatedly hitting me over the head with a 2x4 trying to get my attention—I'm German, and can sometimes be very stubborn. Haha

"The Bible is shallow enough for a child not to drown, yet deep enough for an elephant to swim" (St. Augustine).

In this quip, St. Augustine hits on a pivotal truth that we Christians hold dear, the Bible is the word of God. Not only is it the word of God, God is the primary author of Sacred Scripture. Therefore the Bible is not a static word, but a living word. "Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). So...a child and the greatest theologians alike can glean something from reading the Bible, and the God can speak through the Bible in different ways at different times to us.

Not long ago I experienced this same phenomenon (which by the way is super cool). I was reading the account of the Israelite people's plight in Egypt and their subsequent escape elucidated in the book of Exodus. Something caught my attention which I had read before, but never really paid attention to. The verse was simply, "But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific. They multiplied and grew exceedingly strong so that the land was filled with them" (Exodus 1:7). A few verses later (1:9) we find out that Pharaoh and the Egyptians feared the Israelites power, and they consequently decide to enslave the Israelite people (1:10). I've read these passage hundreds of times, but the ironic nature of these verses never caught my attention. The Israelites are said to be "exceedingly powerful" and "more numerous than the Egyptians". How in the world do these people allow themselves to be enslaved by inferior strength and numbers? This irony has stuck with me for quite a while just like St. Augustine's quote.

As I prayed with these few verses and the whole of the Israelite exodus from Egypt, God again repeatedly hit me over the head with a 2x4 trying to get my attention. I desire holiness and consider myself fairly strong in my resolve to follow Christ. However I too, like the Israelites, have allowed myself to be "enslaved" by various sins and bad habits. It really is ironic when you think about it. It was almost as if God said, "Becker, really?" (God always seem to use my last name when He really wants me to listen, haha) He then continued, "Now, let's fix this together, you and I." This is the way God works; He gets our attention, convicts us, then encourages and sends. The last part is crucial. God always extends His mercy and encouragement when He points out our faults, ALWAYS.

Maybe God is trying to get your attention as He struggled to get mine. God speaks to us in all sorts of ways: via our daily experiences, through our reading of the Bible (the word of God), and Sunday Mass in which the Scriptures are read and broken open in the homily (despite my own inadequacies or those of my brother priests). Not only do we hear the word of God in the Scriptures during Sunday Mass, but we receive the Word of God—the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. It's one thing to hear and another to listen—to take into oneself the message. Believe me, I can stubborn as all get out. If God's Word continues to alter my life, more than likely He desires to alter yours as well. Give Him the chance this weekend to speak to you His *life altering Word*.

## STUDENT LIFE AT ASSUMPTION



The Winter Symposium Wildlife Ecology class participated in the Land & Water Conservation poster contest. At the county level, Dacia Khang received first place and Carly Hintz received second place. Dacia's poster has been sent on to the Regional competition. Congratulations to these two young ladies!



"God's Blessings" to Anne Zacher, Liz Erdmann, Father Bill Menzel, Calli Statz, Olivia Fredock, Chaerin Kim, Sadie Donahue, Kendall Schill, Caitlyn Casey, Ebony Zacher, Brianna Faivre, Ellie Shaw, Danielle Smits. They all left this morning on a week long mission trip to Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Luria Peru.

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**STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY  
NORDIC MOUNTAIN SNOW TUBING  
FUN DAY FOR EVERYONE.**



The Wisconsin Rapids High School Figure Skating Team got 3rd place at Badger State Games. Kylie Kronstedt (Sophomore @ AHS) got 1st place in the Senior long program. Brooke Jorgensen got 2nd place in the Pro-Juvenile long program and 4th place in the short program. Congratulations to these young ladies. They would like to have you all come and see them at the Ice Show on Saturday, March 16th 1 pm or 7pm, Sunday, March 17th 1 pm.