



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / January 25, 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:

Jan. 26: Brains & Braun/La Crosse
Jan. 30: ACS Mass 1:00 @ SSPP
Feb. 1: Reenrollment Begins
 Hoops for Soups
 5:00—7:30 pm

Athletic Events:

Jan. 25: GBB vs Edgar 5:45/7:15
Jan. 26: GBB @ Pacelli
 BBB @ Pacelli
Jan. 29: BB vs Edgar 5:45/7:15
Feb. 1: JV GBB @ SV 5:45
 JV BBB @ SV 7:15
 V BBB @ AHS 5:45
 V GBB @ AHS 7:15

*"Little Dribblers Halftime Performances
 During both of the Varsity games!"*

2018-2019 Yearbooks are now available to order. You may either order online at [http://jostensyearbooks.com?](http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A09452300) [REF=A09452300](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 13th, 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.

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 : Reach for the Sky

On our way back from the March for Life in Washington D.C. (which by the way was a ton of fun!) we watched lots of movies. One movie we all enjoyed together was the original "Toy Story". I had forgotten how much I enjoyed it. Of course everyone knows the main characters; Andy, Slinky, Rex, Mr. Potato Head, Buzz Lightyear, etc. Oh yeah and we can't forget Woody, Andy's first favorite toy. As you know Woody has a pull string which prompts him to say preprogrammed sayings. My favorite one being "Reach for the sky!" As a sheriff this saying has a specific meaning, but during Winter Symposium our students, your children, proved to me this saying can mean something else.

During the Winter Symposium the students had the chance to take a break from their "normal" classes and explore something different and exciting—some classes entitled creations and explosions, culture and dance, and wildlife ecology. Along with a few other staff members I was asked to participate in a class, Outdoor Life, one day. Myself and the other staff members were tasked to evaluate student proposed building projects for AHS. I was expecting to see plans for a new gymnasium, theatre, and other sports related facilities. Two of the four groups caught me off guard as they proposed 1.) a huge church with a capacity beyond 1,000, and 2.) enlarging the present chapel into the back courtyard to accommodate the entire school population.

Upon hearing their plans, my face lit up with excitement. As much as I love ginormous churches, the new church building needed to be scaled back a bit. However, the idea of enlarging the present chapel seemed possible and practically beneficial for the Assumption Catholic Schools. The students listed numerous reasons for their proposal and I was impressed because their first reason was to emphasize our Catholic identity. "How incredible", I thought. "They get it. These students know why they attend a Catholic school." They are here to become saints as they are educated and what better way to do that than to worship together in a worship space large enough to accommodate everyone.

Instead of proposing new sports' facilities or auditoriums (which are good too), these students opted for the one thing that can improve Assumption the most—bolstering our Catholic identity. They were not merely looking horizontally with their eyes parallel to the ground, these students observed that what we need most is actually found in a vertical direction, toward the sky. Assumption aspires to be a school of saints. We know we aren't saints yet, and we can't be on our own. We need Jesus to teach us and help us with His grace. These students realized this. Nice work guys!

A contemporary Christian song entitled "Touch the Sky" asserts in the refrain, "I touch the sky when my knees hit the ground." How ironic that in order to reach the heights of sanctity we must drop to our knees. Yet, that's it. These students reminded me of that fact in their presentation. We accomplish our goal here at Assumption High School only when we hand over everything we do—academics, music, sports, and other extracurricular—to Jesus by kneeling before Him. These students, some of your children, were not content to keep their hands idle at their sides, they desired to reach for the sky.

STUDENT LIFE AT ASSUMPTION

CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO SENIOR BOYS.
Craig Elsen achieved 100 plus wins on January 10th at Wisconsin Dells.
Aden Elsen achieved 100 wins at Markesan on January 19th.
They both have been part of the Nekoosa, Assumption Co Op Wrestling program for Four years. We are very proud of them!



MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE 2019 - QUOTES FROM SOME OF STUDENTS ON THE PILGRIMAGE

“I thought the March For Life was an amazing and life altering experience throughout the pilgrimage, especially during the March. I felt close to God and experienced a sense of fulfilling a vocation as I never had before. My faith has strengthened And opened my eyes to the change we as a new generation need to invoke. It is my duty as a Christian and an American to spread the message and mission throughout the community”

“Being on the March and praying outside of Planned Parenthood were such emotional experiences because you got to see so many young people stand up together as the Pro-Life generation demanding change. It was also devastating because the issue of abortion became so much more clear as you watched mothers walk into that clinic. I encourage everyone who is able to go on the Pilgrimage because it is truly life changing”

“I went on the March for Life in hopes to spread awareness about the controversy of the definition of life. Life begins at Conception and ends at natural death. So many innocent unborn babies are being murdered because some people think abortions are okay. Being part of the pilgrimage reminds me just how many people are Pro-Life and gives me hope. Being within such a large protest is reassuring because I truly believe we are making a difference on such a large issue in the world today”

“It was such a beautiful thing to see more than 6 thousand people from all over the United States come together to march to Capital Hill and fight for the lives of innocent babies. The Mass we went to was so amazing, seeing everyone gathered in the stadium to pray with so many priests and an amazing speaker. “

‘ I am very grateful for all of the parishes and people who supported us financially and spiritually.”