



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / March 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:

- Mar. 11: Royal Parent Meeting 6 pm
- Mar. 12: Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:30-5:00
Or by appointment
- Mar. 13: Shadow Stations @ St. Joachim
- Mar. 14: Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:30-5:00
Or by appointment.
- Mar. 20: Shadow Stations @ St.V 6:30
- Mar. 22: Spring Break Begins
- April 1: Back from Spring Break
- April 4: Musical Dinner show
- April 5-6: Musical Performances
- April 10: Shadow Stations @ OLQH 6:00
- April 17: Shadow Stations @ St. Philip
- April 18: Shadow Stations @ AHS 1:30

Assumption Middle School and Assumption High School will hold **Parent Teacher Conferences** on **Tuesday, March 12th & Thursday, March 14th** from 3:30-5:00pm.

If you need to meet with a specific teacher outside of this time frame, teachers may be available, **by appointment only**, from **5:00-6:30 p.m.**

Please note: *If there are no academic concerns regarding your child at this time, you are not obligated to attend the spring conferences. If your child is having some academic difficulties, we recommend that you stop in between 3:30-5:00 p.m., or schedule an appointment. Thank you*

Please email the teacher directly to schedule your 5-6:30 pm conference.
All appointments will be scheduled in 10 minutes intervals.

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>



In February our Assumption community and local parishes generously donated money to Casa Hogar and part of our donations were used to buy new school shoes for each child at the orphanage. These are some photos taken of the children walking to their first day of school in their new shoes!
Gracias!



Assumption Catholic Schools have been informed of a recent change in bus policy. Effective immediately the consumption of food on the buses is no longer allowed. This change was made a few weeks ago but we have just been informed of it today. Any student eating on the bus will be subject to penalties as determined by the bus company.

In Christ's Peace,
 Daniel Minter
 President
 Assumption Catholic Schools

REMINDER: ROYAL PARENTS FUNDRAISER ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE TURNED INTO YOUR CHILDS SCHOOL OFFICE BY 3/18/19, GUARANTEES EASTER DELIVERY! CHECK OUT THE ATTACHMENTS: HOMEMADE CHOCOLATES & COFFEE COURMET COTTON CANDY



From the desk of Father Aaron Becker : Together we can fight the New Drug.

"I wish I could love again." In his book "The Porn Myth", Matt Fradd includes this disturbing desire of a pornography addict. I say *disturbing* not because the desire to love is bad, but I use the word "disturbing" because the *inability* to love is. As this porn addict relates his story he explains his seemingly hopeless desire. His many years of viewing pornography made him incapable of *loving* his wife. He relates that when he and his wife were intimate, he remained distant. No longer could he be *with* his wife. He found her to be an unsatisfactory object of his pleasure that paroled in comparison to the actresses in the countless porn videos he had viewed. Fortunately this young man recognized his desperate situation, however this only made the pain worse. His recognition of his inability really to love as he ought brought great suffering to both he and his wife. These painful experiences led him to exclaim in desperation, "I wish I could love again." Sadly this young man's plea for freedom is not an isolated case. His experience is common place among millions of men and women enslaved by pornography.

Increasingly porn has become the "drug of choice". The stats are staggering and only growing exponentially. For example, if you were to look at the list of the top 20 most visited websites in 2018, you'd find sites like: Google, Facebook, Netflix, and eBay—sites that you'd expect and recognize. However, you would also find websites that you wouldn't expect and hopefully not recognize. There are four exclusively porn websites that made the list. Three porn websites were frequented more in 2018—ranking #6, #7, & #8—than websites like #9eBay, #10 twitter, #12 instagram, and #17 Netflix. The fourth porn site ranked #18, outranking #19 Walmart and #20 am project. More disturbing than porn's presence on the top 20 is that porn is accessed on more than just porn exclusive sites such as Google, YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram. If porn is this accessible, then it's no wonder that on average children first view pornography at the age 8 years old. Granted many of these children view porn accidentally, but this can and in many cases does turn into a severe porn addiction by high school (Ages 12-17 being the largest group of porn users).

Undiscriminating, porn has become the new drug for more than just teenagers. Porn addiction has begun to effect all of society. Children exposed to porn can become teenagers addicted to porn and soon adults—husbands and wives addicted to porn. Thankfully just because someone is exposed to porn does not necessarily make them addicts nor are addicted teenagers necessarily enslaved to porn into adulthood. However as a drug, porn is extremely addictive. [Integrityrestored.com](http://integrityrestored.com) lists five reasons for this sad reality. 1.) Porn is *affordable* (free on the internet), 2.) Porn is *accessible* (just a few clicks away), 3.) Porn is *anonymous* (no observable signs of use), 4.) Porn is *accepted* (culture accepts it as adult entertainment), and 5) Porn is *aggressive* (immediate effect on the brain without relying on the medium of the bloodstream).

Thankfully there is now research to confirm the Church's condemnation of porn as immoral and harmful. There are NO benefits of porn use. Porn's arm of death reaches from the porn stars themselves to its consumers and their families and friends. Both porn stars and consumers alike are reduced to objects of pleasure rather than persons to be loved. Porn use has been connected with marital infidelity, sex crimes, and even human trafficking. Erectile dysfunction and many other emasculating effects (which I do not care to go into here) have also been directly linked to mass porn use. I urge you to educate yourself on the dangers of porn. You will not find its harmful consequences advertised since porn has become a multi-billion dollar industry. The four websites referenced above collectively generated \$147 million in 2018). You must research it yourself for your own sake as well as your children's and grandchildren's sakes. Here are a few helpful resources to explain the effects of porn as well as resources to get help.

Educational Resources

integrityrestored.com (Catholic)

fightthenewdrug.org (unaffiliated)

"The Porn Myth" by Matt Fradd (Catholic)

"Your Brain on Porn" by Gary Wilson (unaffiliated)

"Treating Pornography Addiction" by Dr. Kevin B. Skinner (unaffiliated)

Resources for Recovery

integrityrestored.com (information and paths to healing)

fightthenewdrug.org (information and paths to healing)

covenanteyes.com (highly recommended downloadable computer monitoring and accountability software)

lovepeopleusethings.com (information and paths to healing)

Love People Use Things Podcast (Catholic podcast to help fight porn addiction)



The Victory App (App to help grow in self-knowledge to beat porn addiction)

As our nation continues to increase its consumption of porn, porn's devastating effects progress unhindered. Porn is NOT okay, and it is time the rest of the world knew it as well. Yes it's a problem, but there are ways to overcome porn addictions as well as help our children from developing them in the first place. May we and our children never have to say, "I wish I could love again." Together we can fight the new drug!