



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / August 30, 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:

- Sept. 9: Royal Parent Meeting 6 pm
- Sept. 13: Royal Cards Money Due
- Sept. 21-22: Royal Event
- Sept. 23: Homecoming Week begins
- Sept. 25: All ACS Mass
- Sept. 27: Oktoberfest  
Pep Rally
- Sept. 28: Homecoming Game 11:00  
Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 2: AHS/AMS Picture Retake Day  
ACS State of the Schools  
Fall Meeting 4:00—Library
- Oct. 4: Hex 1 Ends
- Oct. 16-17: Parent Teacher Conferences

### Athletic Events

- Sept. 9: VB vs Loyal 5:30/7:00  
GT @ Newman 4:30
- Sept. 10: VB @ Auburndale 5:30/7:00  
GT vs Columbus 4:30 @  
(Sand Valley Grass Courts)
- Sept. 12: Football vs Loyal 7:00  
(Grade School Night)  
GT @ Black River Falls 4:30
- Sept. 14: VB @ Auburndale 9:00 am  
CC @ SPASH 9:00 am
- Sept. 16: GT @ Columbus 4:30  
JV VB @ Marathon 5:30
- Sept. 17: VB vs Edgar 5:30/7:00
- Sept. 20: FB @ Athens 7:00
- Sept. 21: CC @ Ripon 9:30 am

### *"ACS State of the Schools - Fall Meeting 2019*

*All ACS families are invited to attend our State of the School meeting on: Wednesday, October 2nd @ 4:00 p.m. in the AHS Library This is an opportunity to meet and communicate with ACS board members about Assumption Catholic Schools. ] Please contact Kerry Meinel in the ACS Advancement Office to reserve your seat. Call 715-422-0901 or email: [KMeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:KMeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org)*

### ***FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: Hit It Hard***

Football is back!!! ...and well so is school. Angst, dread, and excitement are just a few of the sentiments resounding through our halls. However, it seems like excitement coupled with begrudging determination are slowly dominating the atmosphere. Now is a new beginning, a new genesis.

A few weeks ago I joined the AHS football team on the field for their home opener. Though I didn't suit up (I would've loved to), adrenaline surged through my body as our team exited the locker room to take the field for the first game of the season. School pride, and excitement for the Friday night lights consumed me. A similar adrenaline rush overcame me when school began last week. It's incredible to witness the transformation of the silent empty hallways to loud crowded ones. After a too-short summer, the students have filled the desks and have begun to hit the books.

Obviously the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and freshmen have a *new* start either at a new school building or the start of high school. However each student, regardless of grade level, has a *new* start this year. All are a grade level higher. All have different classes. And, all have new challenges to face and surprises to enjoy. However, the new starts for the upper classmen are many times unrecognized because they come every year. For example, nothing BIG differentiates the beginning of sophomore year and junior year. Nonetheless these are *new* beginnings just as much as those experienced by the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and freshmen.

Almost imperceptible as well is the new *genesis* which the start of school presents for parents. Yes, the students are no longer home and lifestyles are drastically altered, but most important is the subconscious urge to rededicate and refocus one's life. The semester start is a privileged time for students to commit to the study habits of a dedicated student and, so to speak, "hit it hard". Though not all of us are students at AHS ourselves, we are students of the Divine Teacher, Jesus Christ. Along with our children, the semester start creates that mysterious time and space for us to recommit to the life of faith. Have we been doing our homework? Are we praying daily and reading the Scriptures? Have we been attending or skipping class? Are we going to Mass every Sunday and holy days of obligation? Have we internalized the material we've learned? Are we living everything Jesus has taught us about moral life?

New beginnings are omnipresent this time of year. Football is back. The Packers are back and the Bears still..., well that last part isn't anything new. Regardless of how dedicated our children were to their studies last year, they have a chance to begin anew and recommit themselves to the committed student life this year. However, we must not forget that all of us, adults and students alike, are presented with a new *genesis*. Through His Word God created us in the beginning (cf. Gn. 1:1-2:25 & Jn. 1:1-3). Anytime we wish, but especially at the beginning of this school year, we have the opportunity to go to the sacrament of confession in which God recreates us through His Word, Jesus Christ (cf. Jn. 20:21-23).

School's start is time to recommit and experience a new beginning as well as a new *genesis* through God's grace. School's start is a time to hit it hard.

## STUDENT LIFE AT AHS



The first day of school. Tons of happy faces, including Mrs. Hoffmann enjoying the Students in her office. "Lunch time buddies!"



Lord, Let Coach Manuel be filled with patience and joy in your presence as he waits for your healing touch. Please restore your servant to full health, dear Father. Remove all fear and doubt from his heart by the power of your Holy Spirit, and may you, Lord, be glorified through his life. Amen.



**PRAYERS FOR COACH FROM ALL OF US, AS HE CONTINUES ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY.**

Our Assumption German students had an amazing 3 week trip to visit our exchange school in Simbach am Inn in Bavaria this summer. Some highlights from the trip include spending a week traveling together at the beginning and visiting the famous Castle Neuschwanstein, zipping down the Austrian Alps on the Alpine Coaster, spending a day exploring Verona, Italy, riding a cable car to the top of the mountains and hiking up to the summit, and touring the famous salt mine near Berchtesgaden. After that, the students spent 2 weeks living with their host families, attending school at Tassilo Gymnasium, and taking day trips from Simbach to places like Munich, Salzburg, and the famous pilgrimage site of Altoetting. We would like to thank everyone involved in the exchange - Tassilo Gymnasium, all of the teachers on the America Team, our host families, our bus driver, and everyone else we met along the way - for making our trip so incredible. Thank you!!



**FUN TIMES MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND CREATING GREAT MEMORIES.**

