



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / September 13, 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. 16: Royal Cards Money Due
- Sept. 21-22: Royal Event
- Sept. 23: Homecoming Week begins
- Sept. 25: All ACS Mass
- Sept. 27: Tailgate Party  
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. 14: FB vs Loyal 1:00 pm
- 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
- Sept. 23: GT vs Clintonville 4:30
- Sept. 24: VB vs Newman 5:30/7:00  
(Senior Night)  
GT @ Columbus 4:30
- Sept. 26: CC @ Westfield 4:00  
GT @ Medford
- Sept. 28: FB vs Abbotsford 11:00

### *"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: Run the Race In Order to Win

One thing I really treasure from my years at the University of St. Thomas was an extremely strong relationship with the UST football team. In fact once a year Coach Glenn Caruso (the head coach) would speak to all the seminarians on the shared values and virtues both his football staff and the seminary priests were trying to instill in their understudies. Coach's speeches pointed out to me, the seminarians, and the football team the inherent connection between faith and sports.

Over the few short years I have been at AHS I have been so impressed with our coaches and how they run their programs. Sports are not merely sports to many of our coaches and students. Prayers are said before and after games, and the coaches encourage their athletes to be faithful Christians. However this new school year has brought a new intensity and intentionality in accomplishing this lofty goal. The Sports Leader program which the school has decided to engage in is a virtue based program which intentionally draws out the connection between faith and sports. There are many different aspects to this program, teaching virtue, strengthening families, and witnessing to our faith in Christ just to name a few.

If you've attended any sporting events this year you'll have noticed a marked difference from last year particularly at the conclusion of the games/matches. Win or lose our athletes go to center court/flied and pray. Our athletes praying in public is powerful in its own right, but more powerful yet is the opposing team joining in. Before each game our team captains are directed to invite the opposing captains to pray together after the game. Many times the other teams have accepted this invitation which has been incredible to witness. This unified moment of prayer has the power to have profound effects.

In fact after watching some of the Tennis match Tuesday evening, I raced over to Auburndale to watch our volleyball team. At the end of the match both teams (Assumption and Auburndale) met at center court and prayed together. I spoke with some parents and athletes from Auburndale and I couldn't believe their responses. Some parents were crying as they thought the prayer was so beautiful to see. I even had an Auburndale athlete express her gratitude for finally having a chance to pray publicly in her public school.

I know how hard it is to ask others to pray. Then again, sports aren't easy either. If we are to get good at our sport or our faith lives we need to work at it, grind it out even. St. Paul speaks of this, comparing the life of faith to a race. As Christians we race not for a perishable trophy, but eternal life (I Cor. 9:24). Many of the same virtues involved in perfecting our sport are also the same virtues we need in our lives of faith. Our faith and sports can complement one another. The Sports Leader program has been a great blessing form our athletes. My hope is that it will be a blessing for the rest of us who get to witness our athletes display the unity of our faith and our sports as they run the race.

## STUDENT LIFE AT AHS



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**Update on Coach Taylor Manuel: He is doing great! Has been moved to the rehab floor, focusing on Therapies and getting back into normal life. Improving tremendously cognitively everyday. Continue to keep him in your prayers. Prayers are powerful.**

### HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

#### Absence Procedures

Daily attendance is essential to success in school; however, if it is necessary for a student to be absent or tardy, the parent or guardian must call the office between 7:15 am and 8:15 am to inform the school each day the student will be late or not in attendance. The parent should request homework at that time if the parent wishes to pick it up by 3:00 pm. The student is responsible for keeping up with homework during absences, unless illness prevents the student from completing work on time. The school reserves the right to determine whether an absence or tardy is excused or unexcused. "Overslept" will not be considered an acceptable excuse.

Absences will be considered un-excused unless there has been a prior communication from the student's parent or guardian. Unexcused absences will result in disciplinary actions which may include detentions, community service, lowering of grades, or suspension. Teachers are instructed to give an unexcused student a zero on any daily work assigned for the day of absence.

**Tardy to School:** When a student is tardy to school, the student must sign in at the main office. Three tardies to class will constitute one absence and will count in the ten-day attendance cap. A tardy of ten minutes or more is considered an absence from that class for the day. **The student will be allowed no more than 5 tardies in a semester after which the student will receive a lunch detention for each additional tardy.**

### VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER

**ROYAL CARDS MONEY AND / OR UNSOLD MUST BE TURNED INTO THE FRONT OFFICE ON MONDAY , SEPTEMBER 16**