



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / September 20, 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. 21-22: Royal Event
- Sept. 23: Homecoming Week begins
- Sept. 25: All ACS Mass 1:30
- Sept. 27: Tailgate Party 4:00-6:30  
Pep Rally 6:30
- 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. 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
- Sept. 30: GT vs Philips 4:30
- Oct. 1: VB @ Marathon 5:30/7:00  
GT vs Newman 4:30
- Oct. 3: CC @ Athens 4:00  
GT @ Mauston 4:00
- Oct. 4: FB @ Gilman 7:00

### *"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:*

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### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: FANATIC OF WHOM?

After two weeks of the NFL season I am sure all Packer fans share my joy over the Packers' 2-0 start. If we were being realistic at the outset of the season, we probably predicted a 1-1 start or worse yet a 0-2 start. The Bears and Vikings, though it pains me to say, are not slouches. However, the Packers emerged victorious from both NFC North battles on the gridiron.

In these past few weeks I've continually reminded fans of these inferior teams of that very fact. Fans of other teams, of course, are the same way to varying degrees. We all think our team is the best team. I, as well as many others, am more than willing to make others aware of the greatness of our team. We are excited and motivated to spread the "good news" of our team with those around us even in the face of disagreement. Many people are familiar with the saying, "Fan is short for fanatic", and when it comes to the Packers, I guess, I'm a fanatic. I love my Packers, and I really look forward to watching them play on Sunday. A win will boost my spirits for the week. A loss will not ruin my week, but I definitely will not be happy about their poor play.

However, as I've reflected over the years on my Packer fanaticism, I've realized a pretty startling fact. I find it easier to share my love for the Packers with others than to express my love for Jesus. Fans of the Bears and Vikings will disagree with me that the Packers are the best team in the NFC North this year, yet I am still willing to share the "good news" of the Green Bay Packers. Conversely, the choice to share the "good news" of Jesus with a total stranger can be difficult and, well, a less than appealing prospect even as a Catholic priest.

However this shouldn't be the case for Christians. As Christians we stake our lives on the fact that Jesus is God, not a prophet, or just a nice guy. We say Jesus is God and that He died on a cross and rose from the dead for our salvation. That's a radical claim, and one for which many, many Christians have given their lives for throughout the centuries. The "good news", the Gospel of Jesus is infinitely greater than the "good news" of the Packers no matter how spectacular their defense is this year. We have the best news out there, and we've actually been given the mandate to evangelize by the Man we claim to be God (cf. Mt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15). We have nothing to fear. As Christians we've been given the permission and directive to spread the good news of Jesus, and that Jesus, Who destroyed even death, is there to help us along the way. Yet, we, myself included, still find it difficult to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:16). I think we can all learn a lesson from our fandom or fanaticism for the Green and Gold. We have little to no fear boasting of the Packers in the face of a Viking or Bear fan. How much more should we like St. Paul "boast in the cross of Jesus Christ" (cf. Gl. 6:14)?

Everyone is a fanatic about something, even if it is not the greatest football team to ever play the game. We must all ask ourselves, "Of Whom am I a fanatic" "Am I willing to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to a world that so desperately needs Him? If we are not quite there yet, this week we can make this our prayer. "Lord, make me a fanatic for You—a disciple to spread Your good news not in anger or aggression, but in all humility and charity.

## STUDENT LIFE AT AHS



### AHS Homecoming 2019 Road Trip

#### Daily Dress Themes Destinations:

Florida - Beach/Island - Monday

Texas - Country/Western - Tuesday

Washington DC/National Cathedral - Dress Up Day - Wednesday

Oregon - Hippy - Thursday

Wisconsin Rapids - Royal Spirit/ blue & white - Friday

#### Week of Events:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> -Hallway Decorations

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Royal Event

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Homeroom Field Games - Afternoon Assembly Schedule

VB Away

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Homeroom Volleyball Prelims - Afternoon Assembly Schedule

VB Home vs Newman- "Senior Night"

GT Away

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - ACS Mass - 1:30

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - Homeroom Dodgeball - Afternoon Assembly Schedule

XC Away & GT Away

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Homeroom Volleyball Finals - Afternoon Assembly Schedule

Tailgate Cook Out 4:30—6:30

Pep Rally 6:30

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

Football Game 11am

Dance 7pm

