



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / October 11, 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:

- Oct. 14: Royal Parent Meeting
- Oct. 16-17: Parent Teacher Conferences (4-7 pm each night)
- Oct. 18: Butter Braid orders due
- Oct. 24: Christmas Cookie orders due
- Oct. 25: AHS Retreat Day
- Oct. 30: Catholic Speaker @ Sacred Heart
- Oct. 31: ACS Halloween Costume Party 6:30-9:30 (All K-12 families and Guests are invited to attend.)
- Nov. 1: No School K-12
- Nov. 4: NHS Induction
- Nov. 9: Auction Royale
- Nov. 11: Royal Parent Meeting 6 pm

### Athletic Event

- Oct. 11: FB @ Greenwood
- Oct. 12: CC @ Ridges Golf Course
- Oct. 17: JV VB @ Abbotsford.
- Oct. 18: FB vs Owen Withee (Senior Night for Football,

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday: October 16

4:00—7:00

Thursday—October 17

4:00—7:00

Report cards will be available for Parents to pick up on both days.

PARENTS, HERE IS A GREAT WEBSITE FOR YOU TO CHECK OUT. WE ALL NEED A LITTLE GUIDANCE RAISING OUR CHILDREN .

<https://tw14parents.com/having-necessary-conversations-about-human-sexuality/>



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**Necessary Conversations**

### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: Umm...What?

Recently I've been thinking about how often things seem to go wrong in the world. There are many times it feels like whichever way we turn there is something else. There is never any rest. There is always that one more thing that gets added to our plate. It can feel like we're drowning. At times like these I'm reminded of the common saying, "God never gives us more than we can handle." However, I think that's a load of... I think that's wrong.

Such an overt rejection of seeming unanimously accepted adage is pretty jarring. That is what I experienced anyway when I heard a priest tell me this for the first time. All my life I'd recited this saying to myself whenever things got difficult and unbearable. It seems like a really good saying that affords confidence that things will work out as long as we just forge ahead. A saying like this can keep us from paralyzed action in the face of our struggles. What's wrong with that?

Seemingly a disposal of this saying is a concession to defeat. Despair and paralysis seem to be the only options left when life gets dark. This of course can't be how things are supposed to work. Somehow we need to move forward and get our life back together. If we can't look to the sentiment of God's providential guidance, what can we rely on?

Simple. This saying of ours, "God never gives us more than we can handle" is misleading. The problem with this adage is not in what it says, but rather what it doesn't say. It misses the point that God guides and strengthens us with His grace. We cannot face all our problems with our own power. When a child dies a few days after birth. When mother of 6 kids under the age of 10 dies of cancer. When a job is lost and there is no money to pay the bills. When a loved one is dying. There is no way any of us have strength on our own to deal with these situations and many others not mentioned. We **NEED** God. We need His help and His grace. We cannot do it alone. God gives meaning to suffering by His Son's death on the cross. It is God that makes these awful situations bearable.

So really the saying should not be centered on our own will power to forge ahead, rather on God's grace and providence. God does give us more than we can handle. However, He never gives us more than we handle with His grace. This is where true confidence and hope reside. Not in ourselves do we trust, but in God. He will take care of us. He will guide us. Regardless of the awful situations we may find ourselves in we must always remember that God will never give us more than we can handle with His grace.