



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / October 4, 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. 7: No School
- Oct. 9: Hex 1 Ends
- Oct. 10: Hex 2 Begins
- Oct. 14: Royal Parent Meeting
- Oct. 16-17: Parent Teacher Conferences (4-7 pm each night)
- Oct. 18: Butter Braid orders due

Athletic Event

- Oct. 4: FB @ Gilman 7:00
- Oct. 7: GT Sub Sectionals
- Oct. 8: VB @ Stratford 5:30/7:00
- Oct. 10: GT Sectionals
- 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,
Cross Country & Girls Tennis)

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, October 7th and therefore the Scrip Office will be **CLOSED!** We will place orders on Tuesday, Oct. 8th with orders being ready for pick up on Thursday, Oct. 10th after 2:00 p.m.

St Joseph's Chapel, Altdorf, located at 4743 County Road D, Vesper, will be holding their 40th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 20, 2019 serving from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Adults \$7.00, children ages 6-12 \$3.00, and children ages 5 and under eat for free.

Buttermilk, potato, buckwheat, cranberry and blueberry pancakes are on the menu along with sausage, real maple syrup, cheese, applesauce, cranberry sauce, bars, and choice of beverage. There will also be a bake sale.

St. Joseph's Chapel is a small country church that was closed by the Diocese of La Crosse in 2000; however, the property must still be maintained. This is the only fundraiser that supports the upkeep of the chapel grounds and buildings. The breakfast is open to the public.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: Assumed Difference?

During the school year the first Friday of every month brings with it one of my favorite things we do at AHS. From 7:30am until 2:15pm Jesus is exposed in the monstrance on the altar in the AHS chapel. This gives all the students the opportunity to take time out of their busy day to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is so awesome to witness our students in the chapel praying at the feet of Jesus. This encapsulates everything AHS is about and aspires to be.

Yes, our students are educated by our teachers, however on first Fridays we are reminded, students and teachers alike, that our students are really taught by, Jesus, the Divine Teacher. All knowledge, human and divine, comes from Him. Another way of putting it is the God of creation and the God of faith are one and the same God. Our teachers teach their students to the best of their abilities in order to change minds. However, the changing of the heart is accomplished only by Jesus.

With these two streams of knowledge our students discover who they truly are as children of God. A priest once told me, "The Father always creates sons and daughters. He doesn't create adults." This statement is pretty incredible when you think about it. We are created a son or daughter before we become an adult. This is obvious in the natural order of things as your children are your sons and daughters before they can become adults. This is also true when we speak of our identity in God. God doesn't expect us to have everything figured out right away, nor be something or someone we are not. Our heavenly Father asks that we, as His sons and daughters, grow into who He created us to be. God invites and helps us grow to adulthood, to become the best version of ourselves. Just as your sons and daughter grow and mature into adults yet still remain your sons and daughters, so too do we grow and mature into spiritual adulthood yet remain a son or daughter of God. Our identity never changes, because our identity is found in God.

Though our identity never changes our hearts are transformed in the presence of God. Archbishop Fulton Sheen comments, "We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking at the sun, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord transforms the heart in a mysterious way." Our students, your children, have the chance on these days of Eucharistic adoration to discover who they truly are. They have the opportunity to allow the Lord to transform their hearts into the best versions of themselves.

Witnessing your children praying in the chapel at the feet of Jesus is absolutely incredible. They are giving their heavenly Father the chance to tell them who they are. At His feet, He can transform their hearts. We hope there will be a difference in our children from their first day of kindergarten to the last day of their senior year. First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is a microcosm of our mission and proves that the difference hoped for is not assumed. It's a reality.

STUDENT LIFE AT AHS



The High School concert choir had the opportunity to participate at the annual Rural Life Day Mass on a farm with Bishop Callahan on Friday, September 13 on Otter Creek Farms owned & operated by Joe & Marce Ortner and Dan & Lori Ortner. They were also invited to enjoy a delicious lunch and have the pleasure of sitting with our Bishop.
God's blessings to all our farmers.



HAVING FUN MAKING MEMORIES!!!