



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED February 28, 2020



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:

- Mar 4: ACS Board of Directors meeting 4 pm/Library
- Mar 6: No School K—12
- Mar. 9: Royal Parent Meeting 6 pm
Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30—7:30 pm
- Mar. 11: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3—6 pm
- Mar. 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 18: High School/Middle School Reconciliation
- Mar. 23: Spring Break
- Mar. 30: Back to School

MUSICAL DATES:

- Apr. 2: Musical Dinner Show
- Apr. 3: Musical
- Apr. 4: Musical

AHS/AMS Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday, March 9th (3:30-7:30 pm) &
Wednesday, March 11th (3:00-6:00 pm)
 Please click on the sign up link below to schedule a conference with the teacher(s) you wish to conference with.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848AAA72FA4F58-parent1>

You are invited to attend the Semi Annual ACS Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 at 4:00 pm in the Assumption High School/Middle School Library. Items that will be discussed include the application/ re-application process as well as Assessment dates and any other school updates.

Please contact Kerry Meinel to RSVP
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MAKE THESE 40 DAYS HOLY

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: NO! Not Gonna Do It!

Growing up on a dairy farm taught me many things. One of the most important of which was bulls are really stubborn and get really mad really fast. There was one day that my dad and I were trying to chase the bull from the manure saturated cow yard to a clean straw-bedded corral. We opened the gate and attempted to chase the bull through. I say “attempted” because it didn’t work. The bull just stood there in front of the open gate. He wouldn’t move no matter what we tried. Pretty soon the bull started pawing the ground and tossing his head. So...we had no choice to be give up before he charged us. A few hours later the bull decided to walk in the corral himself. That dumb thing.

On Ash Wednesday I shared this story with your children, and mentioned how many of us can be or just are stubborn like that bull. The gate is open to conversion. God is always inviting us and calling us to step out of the manure of our sins and misery of our failings into a life of joy with Him. We often get so comfortable with where we are at, even if we’re knee deep in manure, that we don’t believe that our situation can be any better. Many times we especially don’t want anyone telling us to change our ways and make the step toward a life of holiness. “I’m fine. Being holy won’t make a difference in my day to day life.”

Lent is that time of year though to freely take it upon ourselves to change. Yes, the Church asks us to fast from meat on Fridays as well as reduce our meal sizes, but we choose our own penances. We look at our life and say, “This is an aspect of my life that needs to change.” Then we freely pick an appropriate penance to help fix it. Anything beyond God’s commandments, we get to choose what we do.

Sometimes though we paw the ground and toss our heads because we don’t want someone else to tell us what to do, even God. We will take on our chosen penance while at the same time refusing to obey God’s commandments such as skipping Mass on Sundays. If we choose sports or sleep over going to Sunday Mass, our freely chosen penances are hypocritical. It’s like that bull who knows his life will be better in the new pen, but refuses to walk the necessary steps to enter it.

As I mentioned to the students, we do not want to be that stubborn bull, especially when it comes to our life with Jesus. The gate to conversion and a life of joy with Jesus is wide open. The season of Lent is a great time to recommit ourselves, and to experience an authentic conversion. This is up to us. If we’re not in the habit of attending Mass on Sunday, then choose to begin now. If we’ve chosen a particular penance, then choose to follow through on it. If we do choose to cross the threshold of conversion, we’ll experience a life of joy we never thought existed. Lent is the time to step out of the manure of our sins and into a life of holiness. What will you choose?

STUDENT LIFE AT ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL

Huge THANK YOU to Mr. Renner's Home Improvement class from first semester on building the music department an Amazing storage room on the third floor! The storage room will be so very helpful in our ever expanding music/musical storage needs.



I would like to Congratulate Araya Elsen, Kendall Schmidt and Alex Hoffmann for achieving second place at our Junior Achievement Business Challenge that was held at the University of Stevens Point! Araya, Kendall and Alex all received a \$500.00 MSTC Scholarship and the opportunity to advance to the Wisconsin JA Statewide Business Challenge Championship.

The JA Business Challenge is a terrific learning experience that is competitive and exciting. The competition challenges participants to apply their management skills and knowledge of economics. The computer simulation, JA Titan, allows "companies" of students to compete against one another as they manufacture and market the Holo-Generator.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. And it helps prepare your people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities more robust and how to apply entrepreneurial think to the workplace.

PURPOSE: To inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.

PROGRAM REACH: JA reaches more than 10 million students per year in inner cities, suburbs and rural areas throughout the world. During the 2018-19 school year, the Portage and Wood Counties Area (PWC) office reached 2,643 students!

PROVEN SUCCESS: JA is one of a few non-profits to use independent, third party evaporators to gauge the impact of this programs. External evaporators have conducted comprehensive evaluations of JA programs. Results show that JA's impact on student knowledge, attitudes and achievement has been consistently positive and significant.

JA BRIEF HISTORY: Theodore Vail, president of American Telephone & Telegraph; Horace Moses, president of Strathmore Paper Co; and Senator Murray Cran of Massachusetts founded Junior Achievement in 1919. The first program, JA Company Program, was offered to high school students on an after-school basis. In 1975, the organization entered the classroom with the introduction of Project Business for the Middle grades. Nearly 30 years later, JA has expanded its activities and broadened its scope to include in-school and after-school students in grades K-12.

Congratulations again to Aray, Kendall and Alex for a job well done! I am very proud of all of my students which also include: Logan Anderson, Anthony Arias, Logan Becker, Daniel Bledsoe, Mike Dachel, Luccan Douglas, Brianna Faivre, Rico Franklin, Erin Heineck, Eric Koran, Delaney Weiler and Natalie Weisenbeck for a wonderful day and experience at the JA Business Challenge! I was very impressed on how my students interacted with business owners, CEO's, college students, and mentor's through out our community and are thankful for the opportunity to send them with the help and cooperation of administration, staff and teachers of Assumption High School! Thank you EVER so much!

Mrs. Jan Baker

Student Activity at Assumption High School



Taking a break from Winter and having FUN! Acknowledged our Winter Sports teams, the dance team performed, and had some 3 on 3 basketball. Girls Teams and Boys Teams. The winner challenged a Girls Staff Team and Boys Staff Team. Very entertaining! Boys Staff Team beat the Senior boys team!



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