



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED February 7, 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:

- Feb. 7: Boys Basketball vs Athens
- Feb. 10: Royals Parent Meeting 6 pm
Registration 2020/2021
Current 8th graders 5:00-6:00
- Feb. 11: Girls Basketball vs Marathon (Senior Night)
- Feb. 14: No School K-12
Girls Basketball @ Abbotsford
Boys Basketball @ Abbotsford
- Feb. 17: Boys Basketball @ Amherst
- Feb. 20: Girls Basketball @ Stratford
- Feb. 21: Hex 4 ends
Solo & Ensemble @ Columbus High School
Boys Basketball vs Marathon (Senior Night)
- Feb. 22: Snoball Dance
- Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: What Are You Trying to Say?

Did you enjoy the Super Bowl? Naturally as a football enthusiast, I've been asked this quite often. When I continue to think about my answer, I am more and more confused and unsure. From a football standpoint the game was the best Super Bowl we've had in a while. However my confusion and hesitation soon turned into anger regarding the conflicting messages presented to viewers. I speak specifically about the commercials aired during the big game and the Pepsi Halftime Show. During our All School Mass this week I spoke with your children about it, and I'd like to share some of those same thoughts with you.

The way I see it there were two underlying agendas being forced down our throats during the Super Bowl. Many of the commercials pushed women equality, namely women are just as dignified and should be respected for their abilities. Conversely the halftime show claimed that women are no more dignified than their sexual appeal. Women are only as good as their sexual presentation. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that these two messages are opposites, yet our culture continuously sees no contradiction claiming at one and the same time the dignity of women and the reduction of women's dignity to what they can offer men sexually. It's absurd!

As our country and the Western world at large increasingly rejects God and His design for the human person, it is no wonder that such contradicting messages and confusing conceptions of the human person arise. The deliberate choice to elevate personal opinions over reality as the foundation for human dignity has led to the inevitable consequence of subsequent damaging confusion. The reality is we, as human persons, were created by God—by love, in love, and for love. God created us in His own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26), and therefore bestowed an inherent dignity within us. We are persons to be loved and not objects to be exploited. Men and women are not the same, rather men and women are equal in dignity and deserve equal respect and dignity. They are complimentary to one another. There is now competition between the two—men are not better than women and women are not better than men (cf. Gen. 2:23). Also since we've been endowed with an inherent dignity, our dignity as men and women is not in any way conditioned by our sexual appeal. We deserve more than to be sexually exploited. Men and women deserve to be loved for who they are as persons.

As mature adult Christians, we must be able to see that the confusing messages regarding human dignity presented at the Super Bowl were based on erroneous opinions rather than the reality of who we are as human persons. We can't at one and the same time claim women deserve respect and dignity equal to that of men and also that women's dignity resides merely in their "sexiness". We can't say a woman deserves to be loved as person, and then reduce a woman to a "piece of meat" to be used as an object of sexual gratification. Obviously this alarming statement is not limited to the Pepsi Halftime Porn Show. Many similar statements can seep into our small part of the world. The battle for our daughters' dignity begins at home and in our community. We must ask ourselves what we are telling our children, especially our daughters, they should think of themselves. Our speech and our actions will largely convey our thoughts to them. This includes the ways we speak about human dignity and sexuality as well as what clothing we allow and encourage our children to wear. I could speak in general, but here, I speak specifically about Snoball and Prom dress choices. Does the prom dress we are allowing our daughter to wear convey to her date that she deserves love and respect because she possess an inherent dignity as a daughter of God? OR does the dress our daughter walks out the door wearing communicate to her date that she is no better than an impersonal object of sexual gratification inviting mere sexual exploitation.

As parents and mentors, it is our responsibility to help our sons and daughters recognize their inherent dignity because as evidenced by the Pepsi Halftime Porn Show, no one else is looking out for them. Men and women are equal in dignity, and they are both deserving of authentic love and respect. I make this plea to you parents, mothers and fathers; please help your children reclaim their dignity as persons to be loved. As the Snoball and Prom approach guide your daughters in their dress selection. Help your daughters recognize they *can be* and *are* beautiful without revealing themselves. Ask your daughters when selecting a dress, "What are you trying to say?"

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH

- 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

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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STUDENT LIFE AT AHS

Students and staff spent the day at Knuckleheads—Wisconsin Dells. They had a fun time with all of the activities and enjoyed delicious pizza and fries. "Way more fun than I thought it would be!" is what I heard from them when they arrived back. "CREATING MEMORIES"



Assumption applied for a STEM grant from the Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative and received \$500 toward a new 3D printer. Students taking "Intro to Computer Science" will learn how to design and print items on the printer.

