



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED April 17, 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.

Dear Assumption Parents:

Yesterday Mr. Minter notified ACS families that Governor Evers extended the "Safer at Home" Order until May 26, 2020 and has ordered all public and private schools closed through the remainder of the school year.

You may be wondering what this most recent announcement means for Assumption High School. I want to assure you that even though our building is not available to students; our school is not closed or cancelled. We will continue with our eLearning Instructional Plan that has been in place since March 18th.

Our teachers will continue to provide daily/weekly lesson plans and give additional support through video conferencing, live/recorded teaching lessons, emails, and phone calls. In addition to teaching our students we are committed to being responsive to our student and family needs. We understand that we need to collaborate with our parents in order to support our students and encourage them finish this school year strong. Please communicate with teachers, Mrs. Hoffmann, Ms. Ahrens, Mr. Lynch or me when support is needed outside of what is being provided and we will do our best. We have staff members who are meeting with students on a regular basis to work on skills and motivation. We are doing this together!

I am so proud that our Assumption community has responded to the challenges of converting from a brick and mortar school to an online platform. There have been bumps along the way but with open lines of communication, we are getting used to a new routine and we are all doing our best in less than ideal circumstances. We are grateful for all your efforts to support eLearning at home, in partnership with the AHS staff.

My prayers are for wisdom and clarity, for good health and safety for all, and for our families and staff to know how much we appreciate and love them. May you and your family enjoy a special Easter season.

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Principal

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: Certainty Amidst Uncertainty

What must've the disciples thought after the crucifixion of Jesus? In those three short days between His death and resurrection, what was going through the heads of the disciples? When it was confirmed that Jesus had indeed risen as He promised, what changed in the hearts minds of His Apostles?

Surely it was a time of immense uncertainty. They had followed this guy for three years, and they probably knew His parables like the back of their hand. They knew what made Him laugh, and they knew what made Him cry. Heck, they even knew and believed that Jesus was God. Jesus said He'd rise after three days, but was it all going to take place just as He had said? Did they misunderstand Him? Jesus was public enemy number one, and His followers too, posed a religious and political threat. Maybe they were next on the hit list. Even if the religious and political authorities weren't after them, what were they supposed to do now?

Thankfully (understatement of understatements), Jesus did rise after three days as He had said, and the disciples could move forward with at least the uncertainty of His resurrection put to rest. There's no doubt in my mind that even knowing of Jesus's resurrection there will still be questions which loomed in the disciples' minds, but they were certain of one thing. Jesus had risen from the dead as He had promised, and that now life was going to be a heck of whole lot different.

Like the disciples we operate now with certain and uncertain knowledge. In just a few short minutes yesterday our uncertainty of school closure was put to rest. Will we be going back to school this year?...What will it look like when we get back this year? These and questions like these are all put to rest now. The uncertainty is gone. Yet, lots of uncertainty remains. School is off, and things are going to be a whole lot different. How exactly? We're not quite sure yet. These questions will be answered for us in the coming months.

Granted, Jesus rising from the dead is way more important than school being called off for the remainder of the year. However there are many similarities in our situations, namely uncertainty and certainty. We know for sure that life will be different, just as the disciples knew after the resurrection that things would drastically change. As we embark into this uncharted territory, ask the Apostles for their intercession. They knew what it was like to operate in uncertainty. With their prayers and God's help we too will find a way to operate with certainty amidst uncertainty.

Week Three - RELAXING AND HAVING FUN OVER LONG WEEKEND - ROYAL STYLE



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