



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED May 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.*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, May 22 will be the last day of the school year for actual classes.

**SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS WILL BE AT TEACHERS DISGRESSION. ALL TEACHERS WILL BE COMMUNICATING WITH STUDENTS IN EACH CLASS.**

Tuesday, May 26—Friday May 29 -

- Remediation/catch up
- Drop off ( chrome books, laptops, chargers, library books, textbooks)
- Pick up locker items including gym lockers. Take everything home.
- Return any sport uniforms.
- Link to Sign Up Genius– to schedule a time:

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

**Call or email if you have any questions.**

I want to express my gratitude, thankfulness, and appreciation for their gifts this morning and sign. I was caught off guard this morning when they came to my door, moved by their actions and pretty much speechless. This could not of come at a better time! This whole shutdown and eLearning thing as pretty much chewed me up and spit me out and left me burned out and wanting this academic year to end. The pandemic has taken a toll on all of us, whether you experienced the disease personally in some way, or didn't know a single soul with it. This appreciation gift will definitely give me motivation down the stretch and have me look forward to the fall. May God Bless all of our students, parents and all of us at Assumption Catholic Schools!

I returned home from Madison ( husband's doctor appointment) and found two students with their Mom placing the yard sign. They then gave me the treats and cards. This was such perfect timing. THANK YOU ROYAL PARENTS! The Assumption family is the best and I am so blessed to have all of you in my life. Looking forward to when I can hear laughter in the hallways and see all the smiling faces. God's blessings to all.



**Our Lady of  
The Assumption**

**Pray for us.**

### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: Holy Hand Sanitizer

I was walking out of a church the other day and I absentmindedly went to dip my hand in the holy water dish. Holy water hasn't been in churches since the quarantine started so I should have known. It finally dawned on me and started to laugh at the sad reality. Holy water has been replaced by hand sanitizer. We've replaced the sign of the cross with rubbing our hands together. We have two choices to cry or laugh at the situation. I chose to laugh because hand sanitizer can have a theology of its own. Haha

Think about it. Holy water is, (in normal times) at each entrance and exit of a Catholic church. When entering a church it's customary to dip our fingers into the holy water and make the sign of the cross with it. We do this for a few reasons. It reminds us of our baptism. Holy water was used at our baptism, and we dip our fingers into holy water when we enter a church. At our baptism we were claimed for Christ by the sign of the cross, and when we enter a church we likewise sign ourselves with the cross. Water symbolizes a cleansing of sin and new life. The sign of the cross symbolizes Jesus's cross through which we are saved, and given hope of new life, eternal life. So, the simple action of blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us of our baptism and therefore is an action of hope—hope that we will reach heavenly glory.

Sadly and yet comically, we now “bless” our hands with hand sanitizer as we enter a church. When we pump that foamy, smelly liquid all over our hands we remind ourselves that we need to be cleansed of any germs that might make us sick. Additionally, lathering up our hands with this sanitizing liquid is an action of hope—hope that we will be “saved” from sickness. We can't see with our eyes the dangers possibly present on our hands, but we hope that anointing our hands with hand sanitizer will cleanse us of whatever the dangers may be.

Now, hand sanitizer is not as rich a symbol as water, but it really makes me laugh that there are some similarities between the two. It's sad of course that we can't have holy water at the doors of churches, but maybe just maybe if we look for similarities between the two we can be reminded of our baptism and the hope we have in Jesus. As hand sanitizer reminds us of the need to be cleansed from a seemingly invisible danger, much more so does holy water remind us of our baptism and the need to be cleansed of the much more dangerous sins we commit. As lathering up our hands with hand sanitizer is an action of hope of “salvation” from sickness, much more is anointing our hands with holy water and making the sign of the cross a sign of hope for actual salvation from our sins.

Instead of seeing a bottle of despair because of our sad situation; the next time you see a bottle of hand sanitizer, see a dispenser of hope—hope of warding off sickness, hope of our salvation found in Christ, and maybe, just maybe you'll see “holy” hand sanitizer.

# WE ❤️ OUR SENIORS!



Behind you,  
all your memories.  
Before you,  
all your dreams.  
Around you,  
all who love you.  
Within you,  
all you need.

