



**AHS PARENT CONNECTION**  
**KEEPING YOU INFORMED December 18, 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.*

**CALENDAR UPDATES**

Dec. 22: Golden Mass for High School only (not open to the public but will be live streamed) Mass time 1:15.

Dec. 23—Jan 3: Christmas break

Jan. 4: School resumes

**SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS:**  
**JANUARY 11 AND JANUARY 12**

**Please check the website for Marawood Conference for the updates on Basketball games and times. Schedules change on a daily basis.**

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*Let us journey towards the Feast of the Nativity with joyous hearts!  
 Fast not only from food, but also from hatred and fear.  
 Bring forth goodness and kindness to all.*

*Forgive. Be generous.  
 In all things, give glory to God.  
 Merry Christmas  
 God's Blessings to you and your family.  
 Assumption High School Staff*

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**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LEVI**

*A while back, one of the Assumption students said that 2020 has been like standing at a crosswalk, looking both ways for oncoming traffic, and then getting hit by a plane. It's been a rough year on multiple levels, which is why so many people cannot wait to have 2020 "behind them." Before zipping by too quickly, though, we should pause—we are in one of the most sacred times of the year.*

*When it comes to thinking about time, we should not underrate how privileged this time is. This Sunday, in the second reading from Romans, St. Paul speaks of a "mystery kept secret for long ages" (Rom 16:25). What is this mystery?*

**Here's what Mathetes, a Christian from some 1900 years ago, has to say:**

**He [the Heavenly Father] devised a plan, a great and wonderful plan, and shared it only with His Son. As long as He preserved this secrecy and kept His own wise counsel He seemed to be neglecting us, to have no concern for us...When our wickedness had reached its culmination, it became clear that retribution was at hand in the shape of suffering and death. The time came then for God to make known His kindness and power (how immeasurable is God's generosity and love!). He did not show hatred for us or reject us or take vengeance; instead, He was patient with us, bore with us, and in compassion took our sins upon Himself; He gave His own Son as the price of our redemption.**

*His plan is Christ. God wedding Himself to humanity in Jesus—the Son of God and the Son of Mary—is His plan. This secret mystery is not a secret to us, we know it! We have a hope, a life and a joy that no one before Christ was able to know! This is why St. Paul says that God "can strengthen you...through the revelation of this mystery" (Rom 16:25). 2020 with Christmas is better than the most peaceful or prosperous year without it.*

*I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!  
 May the graces of the Christ-Child's peace be yours now, throughout 2021, and always.*

*Fr. Levi Schmitt*