

AUGUST 12, 2024

**AS YOU SIGN IN, IF
VIRTUAL, PLEASE:**

- ADD YOUR DAUGHTER'S
FIRST AND LAST NAME IN
THE CHAT FOR
ATTENDANCE
- MAKE SURE YOUR
MICROPHONE IS MUTED

FRESHMAN PARENT ORIENTATION

AGENDA

- **Welcome & Prayer** – *Amy Cundiff*
- **State of the School Update** – *Mary Lang*
- **Attendance/Absences/Traffic** – *Kamaria Wesley*
- **Faith Opportunities** - *Mary Ann Steutermann*
- **Academic Expectations** – *Theresa Schuhmann*
- **Student Support Services/Achievement Center** – *Pam Conway*
- **Leadership & Engagement** - *Kristin Walsh*
- **Guidance Resources** – *Amy Cundiff*
- **Closing** – *Amy Cundiff*

PRAYER

A Parent's Prayer for a Daughter

God of mercy and love, hear my prayer for my daughter. Be with her in these years as she struggles to hold on to the warm blanket of childhood while stretching toward the independence of adulthood.

Help her to feel loved for who she is and not for what she does. Help her believe that she is good even when she makes bad choices. Let her know that her life has purpose even when she cannot understand why things happen. Enable her to hope in the future even when she is tempted to give up.

PRAYER

When she is discouraged, help her to trust. When she cries, use her tears to wash away the pains. When she is hurt, heal her heart and memories. When she fails, give her the courage to begin again.

Help me to be a guide, a comforter, a model, and a companion along the way. Let me always realize that she is a precious and unique gift in my life.

Help me to praise and encourage at least as much as I correct and discipline. Be with me as I try to help her become who You created her to be.

Stephen J. Binz, Mount St. Mary Academy, Little Rock, Arkansas



STATE OF THE SCHOOL

MARY LANG – PRESIDENT

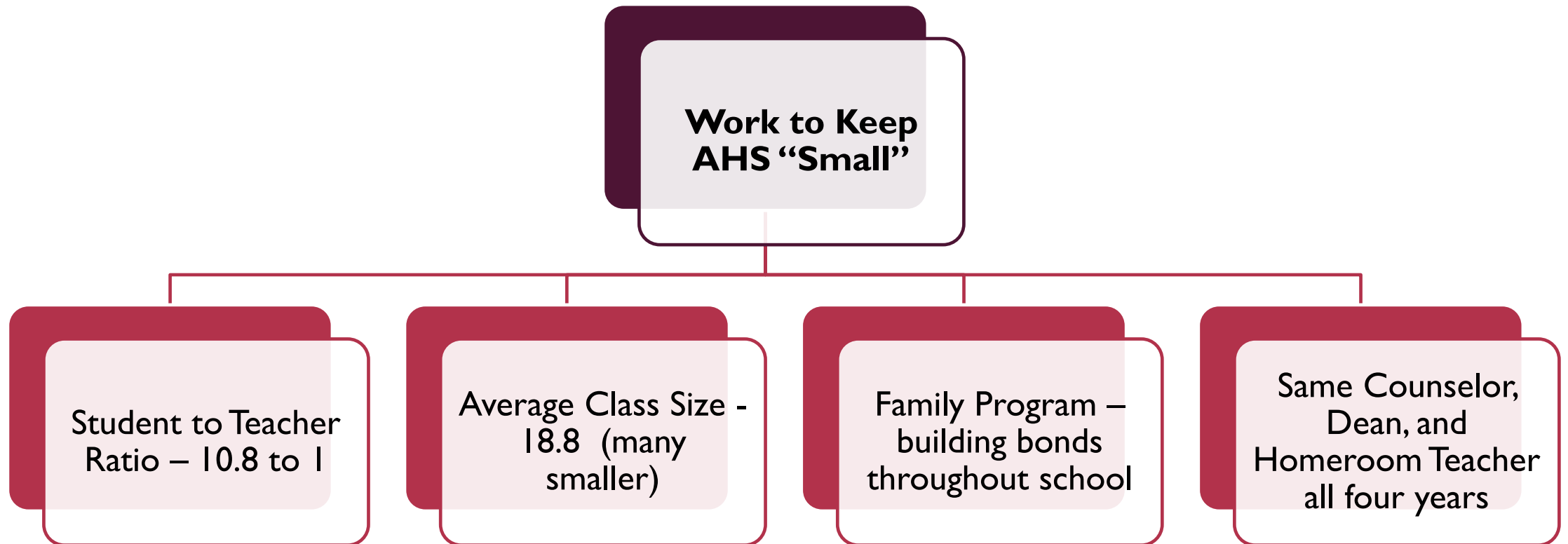


WELCOME TO 2024 -2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment

- 938 students
- Largest all girl's Catholic School in Louisville and one of the largest Mercy schools
- Benefit = wide range of enrichment opportunities to engage every student

AHS AT A GLANCE



WHERE OUR STUDENTS COME FROM



99 DIFFERENT MIDDLE
SCHOOLS



51 DIFFERENT ZIP
CODES



26.5 % ATTENDED NON-
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

MAKING A AHS EDUCATION POSSIBLE

40% of student body receive tuition assistance (financial aid & scholarships)



Over \$1.7 M awarded in tuition assistance for 2024-25 school year

REMINDER ABOUT ILLNESS

Covid is now treated like
other respiratory
illnesses (cold, flu, RSV)

If your daughter is sick
keep her home until
symptoms are fully
resolved and she is fever
free (w/o the aid of fever
reducing medication) for
24 hours





- Sound System
SS-500HD-D
3' high x 8' wide

- Arched Truss w/ Backlit
Channel Logos
DA-1008-25
3' high x 8.5' wide @2
Logos: 3' x 2.48' @2

- LED Display
LVX-440x760-10SMD
14.4' high x 24.94' wide



AHS voted as BEST private high school three years in a row!



ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES/TRAFFIC

KAMARIA WESLEY, DEAN OF STUDENTS



ATTIRE & ATTENDANCE: BACK TO BASICS

Please consult the Student-Parent Handbook for all the details

ATTIRE

- Please help us with our uniform policies – especially skirt length. After this week, disciplinary consequences will

ATTENDANCE

- We no longer differentiate between excused and unexcused absences
 - There is no longer a need to email to get permission for your child to miss school
- If your child is absent, you must call the school or email attendance@ahsrockets.org
- Attendance is taken by block- no more half-day absences; if a student is more than 20 minutes late to a class, they are counted as absent but must still attend the class.
- Students absent 10 or more times in a class will not earn credit for the course.
- Schedule appointments on breaks/around school hours
- Study block is a great time to schedule appointments

ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL

Carpool and Traffic Flow

IMPORTANT NOTE: The paved shoulder along Bardtown Road in front of Assumption is used as a turning lane/ waiting area for vehicles prior to entering the carpool lane on campus. Those queuing on the shoulder must be sure not to block the Bardtown Road/Tyler Lane intersection. If there is not room for the vehicle on the shoulder, drivers may not stop on Bardtown Road and block the intersection or drive past those waiting on the shoulder and then turn right onto the two-way drive/carpool line directly from Bardtown Road.

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Tyler Ln

No Student Drop Off or Pickup on Tyler Lane

EXIT

FACULTY/STAFF PARKING
No Student Drop Off or Pickup

CROSSWALK

STUDENT DROP OFF & PICKUP

MAIN STUDENT PARKING
No Student Drop Off or Pickup

Do not stop. Please continue to pull around.

CARPOOL LANE

FACULTY/STAFF PARKING
No Student Drop Off or Pickup

STUDENT PARKING
No Student
Drop Off or Pickup

CROSSWALK

ENTER CARPOOL
LANE HERE

PARKING QUEUE

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Bardtown Road

217
Louis

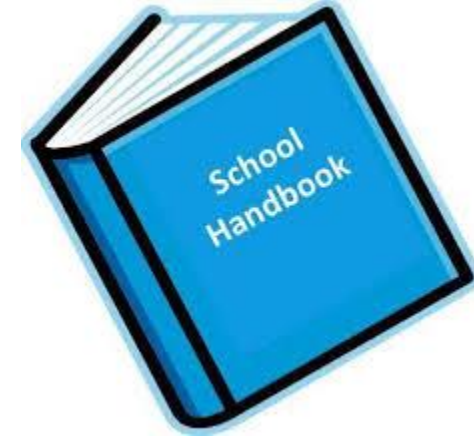
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AND BEFORE I GO...

Know that I am here
to support you and
your child in every way
possible. I look
forward to being a
team with you and
appreciate your
support!

"COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING;
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS;
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS."

- Henry Ford



- Trust your parenting! Look at the wonderful job you've done.
- Trust your Assumption community! We love your child and are here to teach them academically and socially.
- Trust your child! They want to make you proud and be successful. Let them continue learning how to walk. If they fall, be there to help them if they need you. Let them feel the trust you have in them to advocate for themselves.



FAITH GUIDES

MARY ANN STEUTERMANN – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MISSION EFFECTIVENESS



FAITH GUIDES

Assumption is a Catholic school and a welcoming community!

- ☐ Respectful of all faith traditions
- ☐ 24% Non-Catholic
- ☐ Theology classes all four years
- ☐ Service program – 5 hours required freshman year
- ☐ Retreat program – freshmen go with their homeroom


FRESHMAN RETREAT

September 9-10	Birr
September 12-13	Tullamore
October 24-25	Boosterstown
November 4-5	Galway
November 21-22	Cork
January 23-24	Kingstown
January 27-28	Limerick
January 30-31	Carlow
February 10-11	Charleville

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ❑ Prayer every morning
- ❑ Prayer Opportunities for students during RTI time.
- ❑ Short Mass and Reconciliation Opportunities periodically.
- ❑ Opening School Mass on Aug. 15 – Feast of the Assumption
- ❑ Freshman Parent Mass on Sept. 8 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Raphael
- ❑ Parent Prayer every Tuesday from 8:15-8:45 a.m. in the AHS chapel beginning Aug. 27

SPONSORED BY THE SISTERS OF MERCY

- ❑ **Mercy Education Core Values:** compelled by mercy, inspired by faith, principled leadership, educational courage, and a voice for dignity and respect
 - ❑ **Critical Concerns:** women, immigration, earth, non-violence, and anti-racism
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ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

THERESA SCHUHMANN– DEAN OF STUDIES



ACADEMIC ADVISING

Academic advising by Deans of Studies

- Mrs. Fieldhouse: A – K
- Mrs. Schuhmann: L – Z

We are looking forward to supporting your daughter academically!

TEXTBOOKS

- Thank you for taking care of ordering these texts from MBS Direct at <https://bnck-12.com/ahsrockets>
- Many of the digital books you have purchased are a subscription and the teacher will get your daughter set up.
 - Health, Algebra, Geometry, PLTW Biomedical Science, Art Fees
- Important to remember who purchased the textbooks and what email address was used for Book Buy Backs in May

Do you want to use your Course Materials Scholarship?

[Use It Here](#)

Getting Started

We've made it really easy to get your course materials. Let's get started.

Shop by Schedule

[View Your Materials](#)

- or -

Shop by Course



2021-2022 Academic Year

Starts between: 08/11/2021 - 08/25/2021



Site



[View Your Materials](#)



Starts between: 08/11/2021 - 08/25/2021



Site Assumption High School

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Summer Courses



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ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: If a course has the option of a print text and an electronic version, you may choose the version that best fits your learning style. You do not need to purchase both.

Course ID	Starting	Ending	Course ID	Starting	Ending
<input type="checkbox"/> 10114 HON BEGINNING CHORUS	08/11/21	05/28/22	<input type="checkbox"/> 5124 HON. HEALTH	08/11/21	05/28/22
<input type="checkbox"/> 10123 HON.I CHAMBER CHOIR	08/11/21	05/28/22	<input type="checkbox"/> 5201 DC THE TEACHING PROFESSIO	08/11/21	05/28/22
<input type="checkbox"/> 1014 HON. ACT PREP	08/11/21	05/28/22	<input type="checkbox"/> 5401 DC HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & LE	08/11/21	05/28/22
<input type="checkbox"/> 10202 ADVANCED CHOIR	08/11/21	05/28/22	<input type="checkbox"/> 5514 HEALTHY FAMILY LIVING	08/11/21	05/28/22
<input type="checkbox"/> 10402 INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE	08/11/21	05/28/22	<input type="checkbox"/> 5814 FITNESS AND NUTRITION	08/11/21	05/28/22

COMMITMENT TO YOUR DAUGHTER'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Team of professionals working with your daughter
- TEAM '*Your Daughter's Name*'
- Placement/levels
- PowerSchool
- We are partners and need your help



The Middle Block: RTI/Community Time & Lunch

- + 90 minutes of time in the middle of the day
- + Broken into 30-minute blocks of time which includes 3 lunch periods.

RTI Time = Rockets Taking Initiative Time for Students

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

- +Independent Work
- +Required RTI – priority!
- +Required “will” work in the LSC or AC
- +Requests to meet with a teacher
- +Attend enrichment and interest opportunities
 - LEOs
 - Advocacy work
 - Campus ministry activities



RTI Time = Rockets Taking Initiative Time for Teachers

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

- +Team Meeting & Planning Time
- +RTI Time to work with small groups or individual students



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

PAM CONWAY – ACHIEVEMENT CENTER DIRECTOR





We are the...

ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

Providing academic support for
all AHS students.

THE DREAM TEAM IN THE AC



THE AC HAS 4 TEACHERS AND THE ENGLISH DEPT!

Mrs. Britt
Math/Science

hi



Mrs. Conway
English/Writing/
Reading/Spanish



Ms. Prentice
Math/Science



GET IT SIS!

Mrs. Whitfield
Math/Science

hi





HOW DOES THE AC SUPPORT STUDENTS?

01

Academic support in any subject to the best of our ability.

02

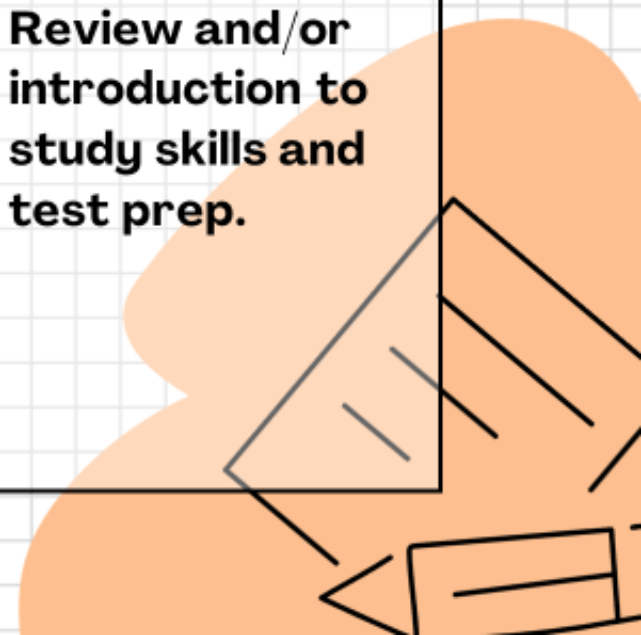
Organizational support with technology files as well as class binders/folders

03

Time management support for personal and study schedules.

04

Review and/or introduction to study skills and test prep.





NOT ONLY, BUT ALSO...

1.

We are here before/after school.

2.

We can match students with a peer tutor.

3.

We create study groups for students.

4.

We send reminders of upcoming tests/projects.

5.

We provide ACT practice tests.

6.

We are one of your student's biggest cheerleaders!



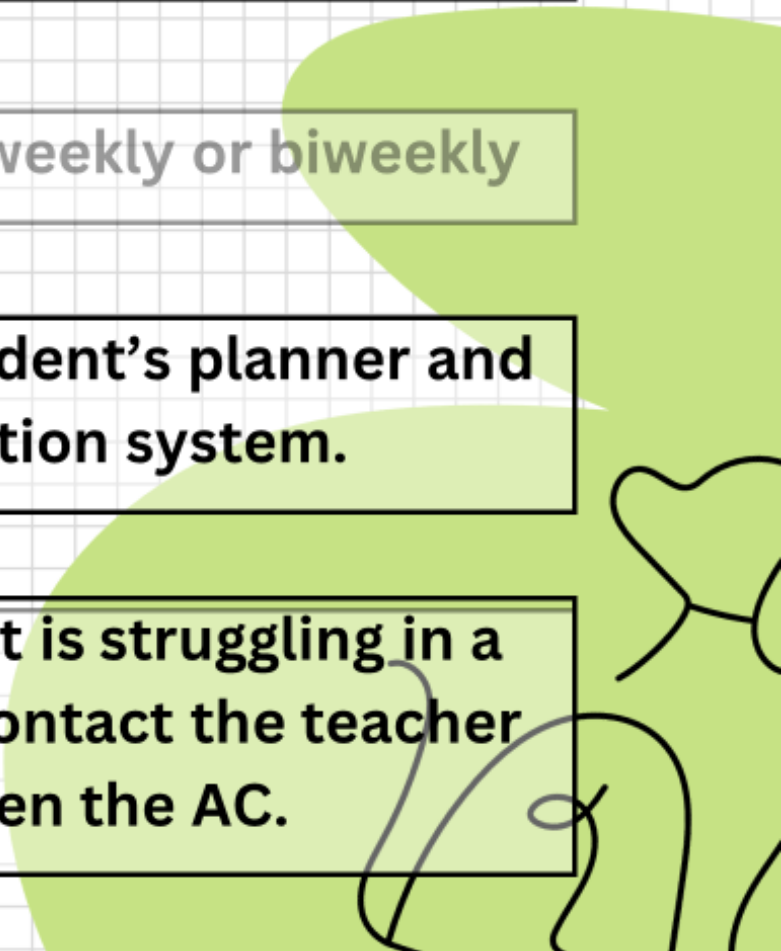
HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT FROM HOME?

Encourage your student to come to the AC for academic support.

Check grades weekly or biweekly

Check your student's planner and organization system.

If your student is struggling in a class, please contact the teacher and then the AC.





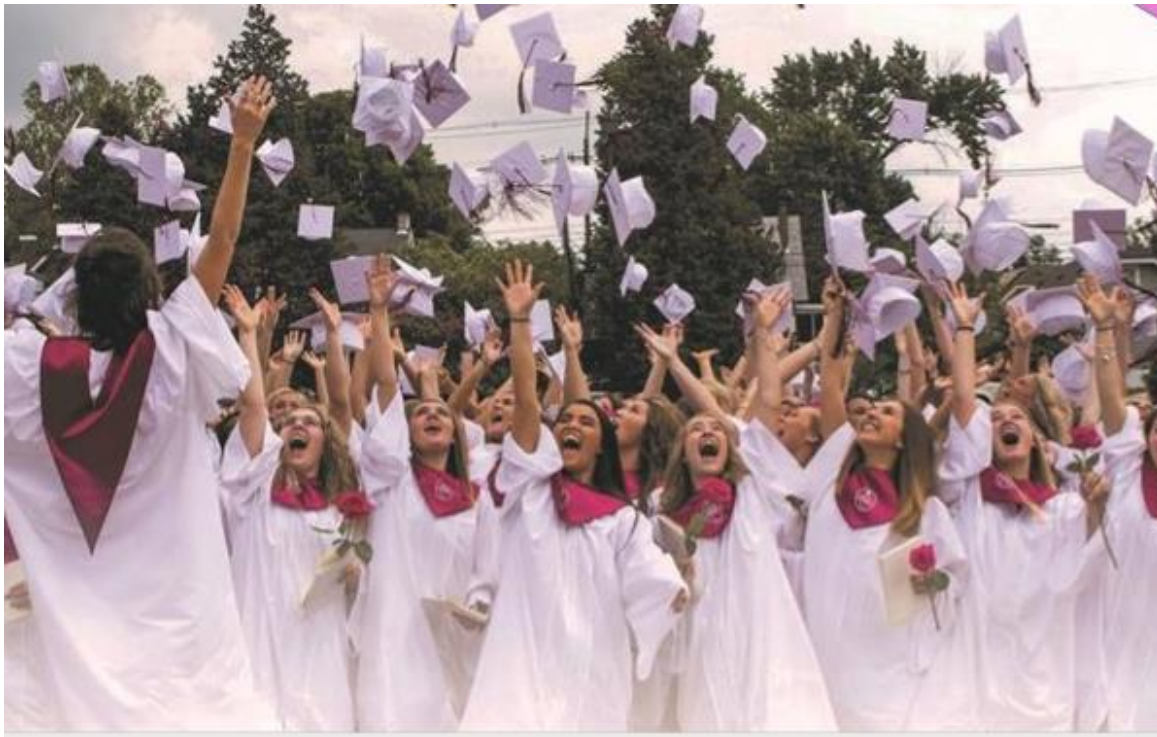
LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

KRISTIN WALSH – DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT



MEETING STUDENTS' WHOLE-PERSON NEEDS

*“Rooted in the values of Jesus Christ and the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy, Assumption High School, **dedicated to the development of the whole person**, educates young women in a Catholic community where faith guides, compassion inspires, integrity matters, and excellence empowers.”*



I am a valuable person.
I have dignity & worth,
and what I do makes a
difference.

ASSUMPTION ENGAGES ALL STUDENTS

• WE WORK PURPOSEFULLY ON THIS IN OUR COMMUNITY TIME

- Designated, regular time throughout the school day for opportunities for
 - **student engagement**
 - **community-building**
 - **academic advising and direction in areas including prevention, campus ministry, and guidance programming.**
- Students are either in class meeting or in homeroom
 - commitment to home base for students with two homeroom teachers who grow with your daughter
 - programming that provided advising and direction along the definition of engagement.

ENGAGING OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

- **Wide variety of clubs and activities for our students to engage with others with similar interests.**
- **Opportunities to develop as a Christian Leader—formal and informal.**
- **Development of school-wide programming to provide a community atmosphere for all students.**



COMMITMENT & COMMUNICATION

MARTHA TEDESCO - PRINCIPAL



COMMUNICATION

THANK YOU for a GREAT start to the school year!

The Importance of Email: Email is our main form of communication, so it is essential that students and parents check their emails regularly.

- **ROCKET REPORT:** The Rocket Report is emailed each Friday afternoon.
- **SPECIAL MESSAGES:** Special messages are sent as needed for timely information.

FOCUS OF OUR ORIENTATION DAY: COMMITMENT TO THE CULTURE

COMMITMENT

Reviewed pride in ourselves, school, space, and relationships with each other.

This year...a new component of our daily schedule.

FOCUS: Setting expectations and remembering who we are.

Partnership with our Parents

Communication is KEY

- Stop and think before you speak and act
- Speak with respect and with intention to LISTEN and understand
- Integrity matters
- Ask questions when you do not understand
 - **Ask 3 before me**
 - TEAMS
 - Guidance emails
 - Classmate
 - Faculty/Staff (during the school day)
 - **Are not expected to respond immediately to emails sent after school hours or on weekends**
 - **Allow two business/school days to respond**



COMMUNICATION & COMMITMENT

- **Assume positive intent.** We are all on the same team.
- **There are always at least TWO perspectives to every story.** And all perspectives are real.
- **Take a moment.** We acknowledge our passions for our daughter/student.
- **Be open to respectful, constructive dialogue.** We are committed to listening, reflecting, and responding.



COUNSELING RESOURCES

AMY CUNDIFF – FRESHMAN COUNSELOR



COUNSELING RESOURCES

- **Structure of our Counseling Program**
 - **Four class counselors:** Amy Cundiff, Lynnzi Hoehler, Jennifer Ruckriegel, & Dawn Deweese.
 - **Two college counselors:** Leigh Jackson (A-K) & Kim Habich (L-Z)
 - **Administrative Assistant:** Meghan Rogers
- **Academic, college, career, social, and personal support**
- **Offerings – Email communications, individual meetings, small groups, classroom guidance**
- **Confidentiality- following ASCA standards**

CHECKING IN ON EACH STUDENT EACH SEMESTER

Initial individual meetings with each freshman will occur before Fall Break. (students can also request meetings if needed)

What do we discuss in the meeting?

- **#1 Concern in the Transition to HS—Sense of Belonging**
 - **Placement & Involvement**
 - **Goals for the semester**
 - **Anything else they choose to share (I'm not given any information about incoming freshmen)**

MANDATORY FRESHMAN PARENT DRUG & ALCOHOL INFO. NIGHT

- **Attend one of two meetings:**
 - **Wednesday, September 4th in the Media Center at 6:30pm**
 - **Monday, September 9th in the Media Center at 6:30pm**
- **FEATURED SPEAKERS- Mark Parrish from InnerView Counseling and Kamaria Wesley, our Dean of Students**

PLEASE REACH OUT IF I CAN HELP!

In the words of High School Musical... *"We're all in this together."*

Please reach out if you have any concerns so that we can partner together to help your daughter. I may not be able to return calls or e-mails until after school, but I'll work hard to deliver a timely response.



REACH OUT!

President – *Mary Lang*

Principal – *Martha Tedesco*

Freshman Counselor – *Amy Cundiff*

Dean of Students – *Kamaria Wesley*

Deans of Studies – *Judy Fieldhouse (A-K) and Theresa Schuhmann (L-Z)*

Campus Minister – *Mary Ann Steutermann*

Email us at firstname.lastname@ahsrockets.org

or call the school at (502-458-9551).