AUGUST 14, 2024

AS YOU SIGN IN, PLEASE:

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

JUNIOR PARENT ORIENTATION

AGENDA

- Welcome & Prayer Dawn Deweese
- Commitment & Communication Martha Tedesco
- Attendance/Absences and Other Good Stuff to Know

 Kamaria Wesley
- Student Support Services/Achievement Center Pam Conway
- Retreats/Service Learning Program –Katie Culver
- Academic Expectations/Testing/AP/DC Judy Fieldhouse
- Information about College Leigh Jackson
- Leadership & Engagement Kristin Walsh
- State of School Update Mary Lang
- Overview of Junior Year/Socio-Emotional Learning Dawn Deweese
- Closing Dawn Deweese

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

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.

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES/OTHER GOOD STUFF TO KNOW

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 follow uniform and handbook infractions

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 <u>attendance@ahsrockets.org</u>
- 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



DRIVER'S TESTING (and yes, we still have parking available)

- Students are encouraged to use time out of school for driver's testing whenever possible. When it is not possible, students should minimize their time out of school and are asked to incorporate their study block into the time missed if they can.
- Written Permit Testing: due to limited days/times when written tests are administered, students may be excused from school for up to a half day to take the written permit test.

- Road Test for Restricted Driver's License: students may be excused from school for up to a half day to take the road test to get her restricted license.
- Your child is responsible for communicating any planned absences to her teachers, gathering her make-up work, and abiding by the make-up work policy.



- Use Thursday of Mission Week (February 27, 2025)
- PSAT/college visit option on Testing Day (Thursday, October 10, and followed by 3 weekdays of Fall Break) to visit
- There is no need to get approval for college visits
 - On the day of the college visit, you will still need to call the school or email attendance@ahsrockets.org to report your child as absent.
 - Student must obtain official letter of verification of the college visit from the college admissions office and turn it in to the attendance office within 2 school days of the college visit.

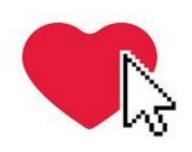
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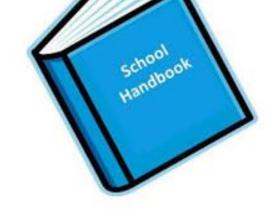
Know that I am here
to support you and
your child in every way
possible. I look
forward to being a
team with you and
appreciate your
support!















- 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.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

PAM CONWAY – ACHIEVEMENT CENTER DIRECTOR



THE DREAM TEAM IN THE AC





THE AC HAS 4 TEACHERS AND THE ENGLISH DEPT!

Mrs. Britt Math/Science



Mrs. Conway English/Writing/ Reading



Ms. Prentice Math/Science



Mrs. Whitfield Math/Science





HOW DOES THE AC SUPPORT STUDENTS?

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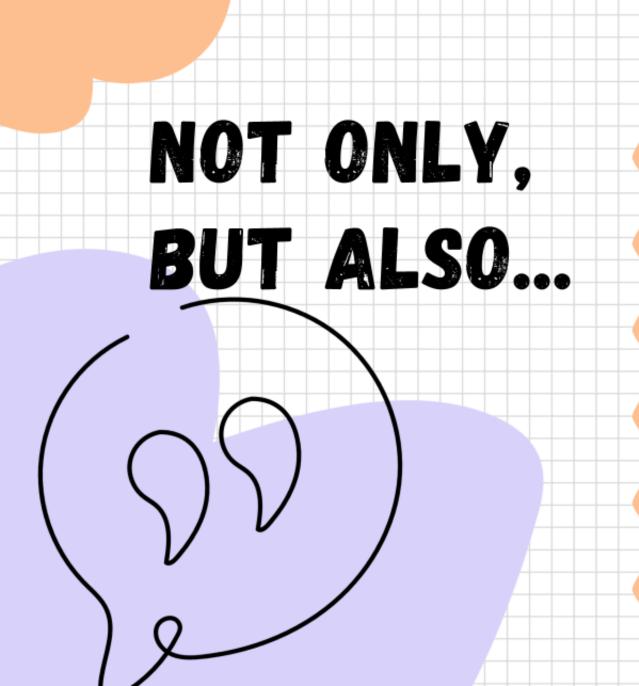
Academic support in any subject to the best of our ability. 02

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.



We are here before/after school.

 We can match students with a peer tutor.

We create study groups for students.

We send reminders of upcoming tests.

We provide ACT practice tests.

We are your student's biggest cheerleaders!

6.



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.

SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM/RETREATS

KATIE CULVER- SERVICE LEARNING DIRECTOR

JUNIOR ACTS

- Katie.Culver@ahsrockets.org458-9551 Ext. 2597
- Gave Junior ACTS expectations to class of 2026 last year during their theology class and will visit class meeting this semester
- I5 hours of required service at a social justice related agency by the end of the semester they take CST
 - Social Justice Issues: Marginalized populations, homelessness, elderly, special needs, immigrants and refugees, poverty, environmental concerns, animal welfare
 - Students submit Junior ACTS form electronically on SharePoint
 - Students will turn in service hours on MobileServe- they must be logged and verified by the due date
 - Hours are 150 points in the major points category.

JUNIOR RETREAT – LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART

- Julia.Scudder@ahsrockets.org
 - **271-2621**
 - Instagram: @ahs.rocket.retreats
- Juniors attend a 2-day, I-night retreat at Mount St. Francis that emphasizes communication with God, family, friends and self.
- Students can pick up retreat applications this Friday, August 16.
- Two dates in September and two dates in March.
- As always, please just email me if you have any concerns regarding the retreat fee.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

JUDY FIELDHOUSE – DEAN OF STUDIES

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Academic advising by Deans of Studies

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

Drop/Add ends Wednesday 8/21



Course selection in March—please attend the Sophomore/Junior College and Registration Night

TEAM 'YOUR DAUGHTER'S NAME HERE'

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
- +If a student is invited by a teacher and they do not attend parents will receive an email notification

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.
 - Government, Algebra II, Physics
- Important to remember who purchased the textbooks and what email address was used for Book Buy Backs in May
- Seems like several little blips with some books that are fixed with a trip to Mrs.
 Valenzuela in the Boeckmann lab



Assumption High School

2170 Tyler Lane Louisville, KY 40205 Phone: (502)458-9551 * Fax: (502)454-8411 www.ahsrockets.org Nationally recognized for excellence
U.S. Department of Education
Blue Ribbon School of Excellence 1989, 1993, 1998
Lighthouse School of Excellence 2003, 2005
NCEA Innovation in Education Award 2005, 2009
RAMP Award for Model Guidance Program 2005, 2008
LDA Beacon of Hope Award 2006

Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools



CUMULATIVE GPA:3.50 CREDIT HOURS:14.00 CUMULATIVE WEIGHTED GPA:3.91

Grade 9	Grade	Credit
13-14 Assumption High School		
ALGEBRA I (Advanced)	A-	1.00
BIOLOGY I (Advanced)	С	1.00
CATHOLIC BELIEFS (Honors)	В	0.50
ENGLISH I (Advanced)	В	1.00
HEALTH (Honors)	A-	0.50
INTRO to 3-D ART (Honors)	B+	0.50
PHYS EDUC I (Honors)	A+	0.50
SCRIPTURE (Honors)	A	0.50
SPANISH I (Advanced)	A-	1.00
WORLD GEOG (Advanced)	В	0.50

9th YEAR CREDITS 7 9th YEAR GPA 3.55 ABSENT 2 TARDY 1 9th Yr Weighted GPA 3.87 Leveled courses are available to students to allow for an individualized course of studies.

Academic: college preparatory course for freshman and sophomore students requiring greater emphasis on basic skills

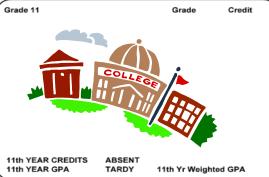
Honors: college preparatory course based on standard high school curriculum which requires in-depth consideration of concepts and independent study and research.

Honors 1: college preparatory course requiring in-depth consideration of concepts, independent study, analysis, and research; material is presented at an accelerated rate

Advanced: the most advanced high school level course available to students; accelerated college preparatory course which requires students to independently analyze and synthesize curriculum

DC: dual credit college level course; credit may be earned through University of Louisville or Western Kentucky University

AP: College Board approved course; students prepare to take AP exams



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Grade 10	Grade	Credit	Grade 12		Grade	Term
14-15 Assumption High Scho	ol		1			
AP US HISTORY	В	1.00	1			
CHEMISTRY I (Advanced)	B+	1.00	1			
ENGLISH II (Advanced)	В	1.00	1			
GEOMETRY (Advanced)	В	1.00	1			
HUMANITIES I (Advanced)	В	0.50	1			
LEADERSHIP ED (Advanced)	A+	0.50	1			
SPANISH II (Advanced)	В	1.00	1			
THE LIVING CHURCH (Honors)	B-	0.50	1			
THE PASCHAL MYSTERY (Honors)	Α	0.50				
10th YEAR CREDITS 7 ABSENT 1			12th YEAR CREDITS	ABSENT		
10th YEAR GPA 3.45 TARDY 0	10th Yr Weigh	ted GPA 3.95	12th YEAR GPA	TARDY	12th Yr Weight	ed GPA

1	GPA Designations and Grading Scale				Weighted Grading Scale				
П	A+4.00 98-100 A 4.00 94-97 A- 4.00 90-93	B+3.67 88-89 B 3.33 85-87 B- 3.00 83-84	C+2.67 81-82 C 2.33 78-80 C- 2.00 76-77	D+1.67 74-75 D 1.33 72-73 D- 1.00 70-71	F 0.00 below 70	AP/CP A=5 B=4 C=3 D=2 F=1	Advanced A=4.5 B=3.5 C=2.5 D=1.6 F=0.5	College Prep(H1, H and AC) A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1 F=0	_

Official Signature: _____ Graduation Date: _____

- Emailed home late summer
- Password protected with your daughter's student ID
- Only valid for 60 days
- Save as PDF for unofficial use



WE NOW OFFER TWICE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

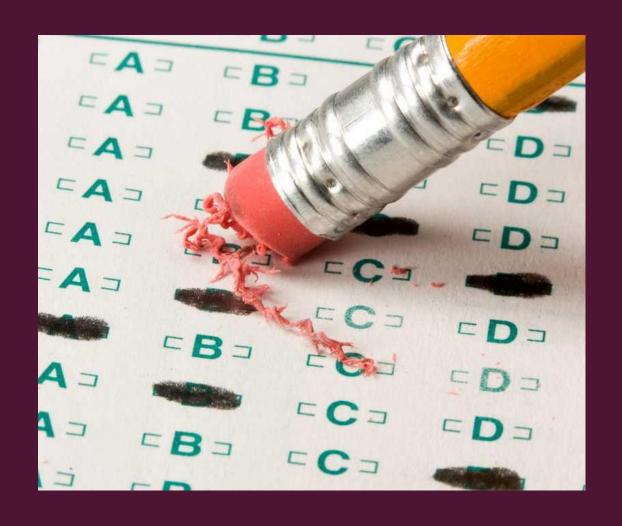


OFFICIAL NATIONAL ACT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024

&

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025



PSAT DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- DIGITAL PSAT OFFERED TO ALL JUNIORS
- Practice SAT/Practice Digital Test
- The qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program
 - National Merit Finalists
 - National Merit Commended
 - Some companies/organizations offer matching scholarship dollars
- Useful for preparation for the ACT and SAT
 - RECENT CHANGE: This test is optional
- You will be asked to reserve a spot in late September. Watch the Rocket Report

DUAL CREDIT COURSES AVAILABLE TO JUNIORS

JCTC

Public Speaking (3 credit hours)

- COM 181
 - GPA requirement 3.0

OR

- GPA of 2.5 AND
- ACT requirement
 - ENGLISH 18
 - READING 20

SPRING 2024 courses

PreCal (4 credit hours)

- MAT 171
 - ACT requirement
 - MATH 23

Calculus (5 credit hours)

- MAT 175
 - ACT requirement
 - Math 27
- French 101, 102

DUAL CREDIT COURSES AVAILABLE TO SENIORS

UL

ENGLISH

- English IV (3 credit hours each)
 - ENG 101
 - ENG 102

TEACHING AND LEARNING PATHWAY

(3 credit hours each)

- EDTP 201 The Teaching Profession
- EDTP 215 Foundations of Instruction
- EDTP 107 Human Development and Learning

WKU

BUSINESS COURSES (3 credit hours each)

- Personal Finance FIN 161
- Intro to Business BUS 101

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish 102, 201

SOCIAL STUDIES

History 102

STUDENT/FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY: WE ARE LEADING HER THROUGH

AP

Enroll in the course online and choose to take the exam

Pay the test fee to AHS

currently \$98 by January 28

Send score to college or university

DC

Enroll in the course

Apply and Register at the College or University

Pay the tuition – Currently \$95 per credit hour

KHEAA Scholarships Available
Set up university email

Request and send transcript to college or university

DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM KRS 164.786

- Must apply to University
- JCTC or WKU or UL
 - Must apply for scholarship on KHEAA
 - TWO COURSES for BOTH 11th grade AND 12th grade
 - Request transcript from college or university upon graduation.
- Some courses are also eligible for the Work Ready Scholarship
 - Details given to students in each class and Rocket Report



DON'T LET THIS BE YOU!

Only the Family can apply for the KHEAA Scholarships.

PLEASE READ THE ROCKETREPORT AND CHECK YOUR DAUGHTER'S KHEAA ACCOUNT



- Know there will be a bump somewhere along the way
- Please work with us to help your daughter through it
- We will help your daughter know she is much more than ONE failed test or ONE missing assignment or ONE behavior poor choice.



COLLEGE INFORMATION LEIGH JACKSON – COLLEGE COUNSELOR

COLLEGE COUNSELING – JUNIOR YEAR

- Two College Counselors:
 - Leigh Jackson: A-K
 - Kimberly Habich: L-Z
- College Counselors work with all juniors and seniors regarding the college process and begin the conversation with juniors in January.
- Two junior focused events during the spring semester:
 - College Presentation in English Classes in January
 - College & Registration Workshop (January 30, 2025)
 - College Workshop August 2025

COLLEGE COUNSELING – JUNIOR YEAR

- This is a great time for juniors to begin thinking about what they want out of the college process.
- Researching colleges & universities
 - SCOIR
 - Mission Week
- Visiting colleges as a junior is extremely important to the process of determining which schools/types of schools feel like a good fit.
- Questions to ask
- Junior year grades are vital to the college process.
- Schedule a second semester appointment with your College Counselor and watch the Rocket Report for information about the College Workshop Day in August 2025.

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.

START OF SCHOOL UPDATE

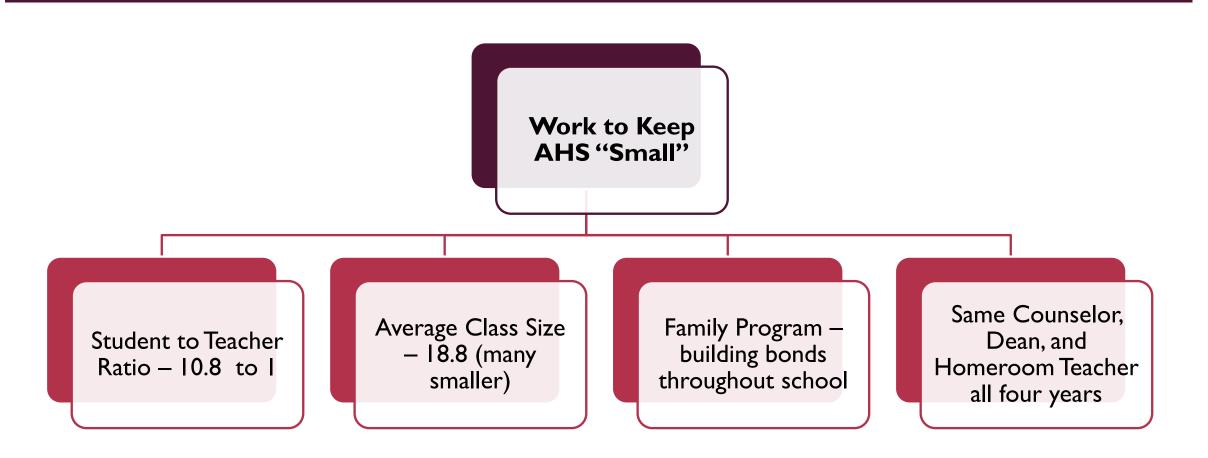
MARY LANG - PRESIDENT

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 AS AHS EDUCATION POSSIBLE

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

Over \$1.7 M awarded in tuition assistance for 2023-24 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!

OVERVIEW OF JUNIOR YEAR/JOB SHADOW/SOCIO-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

DAWN DEWEESE- JUNIOR COUNSELOR

OVERVIEW OF JUNIOR YEAR: HERE WE GO!

Academic

- Prepare for and take the ACT: In-school dates are in October and March and I'm happy to share our test prep resources – feel free to reach out!
- Explore colleges: schedule in-person visits and check out the virtual tours as well
- Schedule a second semester appointment with college counselor
- Keep an eye on grades: this is the last full year of grades colleges see

Social

- Independence: new responsibilities such as driving, getting a job for the first time
- Mental health: last couple years have been tough, feeling stressed and overwhelmed is common as they begin thinking about the future and feeling pressure

JUNIOR JOB SHADOW PROGRAM

- Juniors will have an opportunity to complete a job shadow experience during Mission Week second semester.
- Students and parent(s) decide on the job shadow contact, make the connections, and provide transportation.
- There will be more information shared with juniors and parents as the semester continues.
- What can you do now? Begin thinking about what career to shadow and who might be a good fit.

JUNIOR YEAR SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social Emotional Learning- "It's about connecting everyone and making sure that they feel safe and secure." NEA Today

Our Guidance & Counseling program provides a solid foundation for social/emotional learning by...

- Meeting with all our students at least once a semester.
- Offering groups: grief, stress management, college exploration, personal growth, etc.
- Additional appointments by student request or by referral from faculty, staff, friends, and parents
- Weekly Schedule emails with announcements and reminders
- Referral list and support for students seeking outside counselors

FOLLOWING UP FROM LAST YEAR'S SPORTS ANALOGY...

Third year accomplishments:

LeBron James- 31.4 points per game, made playoffs, first NBA All-Star Team

Serena Williams-Won her first Grand Slam title in 3rd season

Allyson Felix-Won her first world championship in her 3rd season with a personal best of 22.16 seconds.

Tom Brady- Super Bowl win in third season with Patriots



GUIDANCE RESOURCES: WE ARE HERE TO HELP

- Guidance & Counseling Program:
 - Junior Class Counselor: Dawn Deweese
 - Two College Counselors: Leigh Jackson (A-K) & Kim Habich (L-Z)
 - Administrative Assistant: Meghan Rogers

Be sure to follow us on X (formerly Twitter) @AHSGuidanceDept

Like us on Facebook: AHS Guidance Parent Page

New posts throughout the week on a wide range of topics

Don't forget about Parent Prayer!

Tuesdays from 8:15-8:45!

Assumption Parent Prayer Group



Join us to pray on Tuesday mornings!

August 27 - May 6 8:15am - 8:45am Assumption Chapel

Please park in any open spot and enter the school through the main entrance.

All are welcome!

All AHS parents are invited to begin the day in prayer every Tuesday morning. Throughout the year, we pray for each student, faculty and staff member at AHS by name while parents at Sacred Heart, Mercy, Presentation, Trinity and St. Xavier share the same weekly prayer.

No need to RSVP. Please invite friends.

Join the email list: bit.ly/AHSPrayer
Let us know how the AHS Community can pray for you:
bit.ly/AHSIntentions

REACH OUT!

President – Mary Lang

Principal – Martha Tedesco

Junior Counselor – Dawn Deweese

Dean of Students – Kamaria Wesley

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

College Counselors – Leigh Jackson and Kim Habich

Service Learning Coordinator – Katie Culver

Retreat Director – Julia Scudder

Email us at firstname.lastname@ahsrockets.org or call the school at (502-458-9551).