Dear Parents of the Class of 2029,

We are so excited that your daughter has chosen Assumption as her "home away from home" for the next four years! This home is a very special one in which she will grow intellectually, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and rooted in our Catholic faith, AHS will not only become a second family that loves and supports her through all her high school challenges and adventures but will also be a central part of her faith formation. Through theology classes, retreats, service work, liturgies, and prayer experiences, the Community of Assumption walks forward together in faith.

But it's not just your daughter that we welcome in a few short weeks. We are excited for you to join the family as well! For this reason, we invite you, your daughter, and your whole family—whether you are Catholic of not—to our **Freshman Parent Mass** on **Sunday, September 7 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church.** Celebrating the Eucharist together is a beautiful way to bless the journey of a lifetime that her high school years will become. And if you aren't Catholic, we'll have handy "cheat sheets" you can use to help you participate in the responses and songs!

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone" (1 Cor. 12:4-6). And we would love for you and/or your daughter to share your gifts in a special way during this liturgy! Please contact me at maryann.steutermann@ahsrockets.org if you or she would be willing to serve as a lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or gift bearer. Also, I'll be looking for a freshman and her parent(s) to do a little reflection about starting high school and trusting in God's care over the upcoming years. If you are interested, please let me know!

I look forward to celebrating with you at the Freshman Parent Mass! May our God of new beginnings bless you and your daughter in a very special way at this time.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Steutermann

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