

**December 10, 2021**

**From the Headmaster**



This has been a busy week, with extra rehearsals for Lessons & Carols, the last week of class before exams in the high school, auditions for the spring play, and basketball practices and games.

We've continued our Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Thanks to our teachers for keeping students focused amid all the distractions.

This week Mrs. Grande met with girls in grades 4-8 to engage them in a discussion of kindness, empathy, finding common ground with others, and leading a virtuous life. This is an age when girls especially struggle with positive relationships, and the feedback from the sessions with Mrs. Grande was very positive. We will continue to work with students to foster kindness and build a supportive environment for everyone.

Congratulations to Hugo Warner, who placed 6th among 1st graders in the U.S. Chess Federation 2021 National K-12 Grade Championships in Orlando last weekend.

Good luck to the Middle School Boys Basketball Team, who will play at St. Jude tomorrow (Saturday, Dec. 11) at 10 am.

**Reminders for Friday, Dec. 17**

Friday, Dec. 17, is the **last day of school** before Christmas Vacation. It will be a half-day, with dismissal at Noon. We will not have a lunch period, but parents are encouraged to send a snack. There is no After School Care that day.

Students may wear a red, green, or Christmas-themed top with uniform pants on Friday.

We'll gather around 11:15 am in the gym to reveal **Advent Angels**. Please remember that the focus is on prayer, and Advent Angels should give a card and, at most, a small piece of candy or cookie – and encourage your children to keep praying!

**Fall Semester Grades**

Dec. 17 is also the last day of the Fall Semester. Report cards for both the grade school and high school will be sent home in Friday folders Jan. 7.

**High School Notes**

The high school will observe a Reading Day on Monday, with no classes. Fall semester exams will be given Tuesday-Thursday, and students will have a half-day of activities on Friday.

**Collection for Little Sisters of the Poor**

If you haven't already done so, please consider donating needed items to our Advent collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Suggested donations include toilet paper, paper towels, Clorox wipes, shower gel, and bottled water. We'll have a collection box by the main office through Friday, Dec. 17. Thanks to all who have already contributed!

**From the Development Director:**

WOW!! Our **Annual Appeal** is well on its way toward our goal. We've already raised \$43,400, and \$17,500 more will come in as matching gifts. Thanks again to all who have donated thus far. We are truly grateful for the continued support and generosity of our donors.

**Car Magnets** are still available. Please send in the order form to the front office if you haven't already. The cost is \$5 each and Limit (2) per family.

You are cordially invited to an **Epiphany Party** for Lumen Christi parents, faculty and friends. Leave the kids at home and enjoy a night out with friends and fellowship at the Chatham Hills Guest House in Westfield. The party is January 8, 2022, from 6PM - 9PM. Here's the link to the [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48ABA62C7-2022)\* to register for the event and what dish and or drinks you plan to share. **Epiphany Party attendees are encouraged to bring a bottle of bourbon for the Bourbon Pull at our Annual Dinner in May.**

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