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The Lumen Christi Student Newsletter



LCCS Grows: More Students, More Teachers, and Even Another High School Building!

By Sara Teipen and Allison Loiselle

Lumen Christi is going to be popping with new growth next school year! LCCS is going to have more teachers, more students, and an additional high school building. Headmaster Mr. Bob Collins says LCCS is getting at least 15 new students next school year.

“The high school is getting another teacher who teaches a lot of different subjects,” said Mr. Collins. He said there will be at least six more students at the high school.

Because the current high school building is already at maximum capacity, the school has arranged to lease the building next door from Holy Rosary parish. The rendering above shows how the two buildings will be linked with a covered walkway.

An anonymous donor is giving \$500,000 for remodeling and refurbishing both buildings. The

renovation, which is supposed to be complete by the beginning of next school year, will increase the high school capacity to 50.

Meanwhile, the elementary school is also growing and will add two new educators to the staff. The school is seeking a full-time fifth-grade teacher. Mrs. Kris Barnes, the current fifth-grade teacher who has been at Lumen Christi for 18 years, will reduce her hours to part-time so she can spend more time with her family. She will continue with administrative duties and teach math and possibly other classes as needed.

Lumen Christi is also hiring an educational aide to help Mrs. Cathy Miller in the pre-k classroom, which is expected to be at its maximum capacity.

In thinking about next year, Mr. Collins said, “I hope there’s no COVID; we hope we can really focus on faith and academics.”

Don't Miss *Treasure Island* Tonight at McGowan Hall

By David Lopez

The school play is tonight at McGowan Hall! Students are performing *Treasure Island*, a thrilling story about pirates and treasure, good guys and bad guys, and what kind of man Jim will be.

“This is going to be a great play with an amazing cast,” says director Mrs. Julie Lehner.

The play starts at 7 p.m., with a \$5 donation per person requested. We hope you can all make it!



What Are You Doing for Spring Break?

By Clare LeMark and Vivian O'Connor

On March 26th to April 3rd, Lumen Christi students and staff will have a time to relax this spring! That's right, spring break is just around the corner. Here are some exciting things students from Lumen Christi are planning to do.

Roland Anderson (6th grade): "I'm going to Florida; I'm going to the beach, and I'm going dolphin watching."

Lillian Gudan (6th grade): "We are going to a rollerskating park with our mom."

Will Foerster (4th grade): "We are going to Kentucky to go hiking."

Mrs. Stacy Dowell (school principal): "I'm going to Terre Haute to visit family."

Sara Teipen (7th grade): "I am going to Florida — to Disney World and the beach."

Alice Haywood (6th grade): "We are going to Spring Mills State Park."

Hazel O'Connor (9th grade): "I am going to a fun lodge in southern Indiana with a pool."

Lucy Jackson (6th grade): "I'm going camping and celebrating my birthday there!"

Alanna Wishik (3rd grade): "I'm going to Florida to see (dolphin movie stars) Winter and Hope."



Photo by Anah Bowling

Mrs. Shewmaker Has Lots of Fun with First-Graders

By Sara Teipen

Mrs. Maribeth Shewmaker is LCCS's wonderful first-grade teacher, now in her seventh year at our school. Most of her eight children have attended Lumen Christi as well.

"I like classical education, Mass every day, and that my kids could be together at the same school," she says.

Mrs. Shewmaker went to college at St. Mary's College at Notre Dame, earning her degree in elementary education with a reading minor and a concentration in theology. Previous to coming to Lumen Christi she taught first grade at Our Lady of Carmel for seven years.

She is known for her sense of humor, including teaching the first-graders funny poems and songs that they take home to regale their parents. She is not only a teacher but also a nurse: She used to work at Riverview Hospital in the maternity center and emergency room for 15 years.

Mrs. Shewmaker and her husband Barry met in the high school youth group at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, where they still worship. Their children are Zachary, Nathan, Jeremy, Avery, Jill, Ben, Joe, and Matty.



Shakespeare Contest Enthralls LCCS Again!

By Evie Brown

For the second year in a row, senior Jill Shewmaker placed first in Lumen Christi's annual Shakespeare Contest! Senior Annalise O'Daniel and seventh-grader Vivian O'Connor placed second and third.

The contest was held in Priori Hall on February 24, 2022. Nine students all gave outstanding performances. Jill Shewmaker portrayed Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II, Scene 2; Annalise O'Daniel portrayed Juliet in the same scene; and Vivian O'Connor portrayed Hamlet in Act III, Scene 2.

This year's judges included:

****Stephanie Engleman**, a wife and mother of five who is a Catholic motivational speaker and author of the best-selling novel, *A Single Bead*.

****Gary Geipel**, also a published writer who is a communications consultant, think-tank scholar, and university teacher.

****Eli Perry**, a registered representative for Perry Financial Group who is a husband and father of two children and a graduate of LCCS. In fact, Eli Perry won first



Photo by Lucy Motyka

place in Lumen Christi's 2009 Shakespeare Contest!

Other contestants included seventh-graders Adriana Altmeyer and Maria Bach, senior Isabella Brown, sophomore Leo Brown, junior Molly Miller, and eighth-grader Cooper Olecki.

Vivian O'Connor was by far the youngest winner, and she did not expect to get a ribbon. "I didn't really think I would get in (the contest)," she said, "and I definitely didn't think I would win third!"

Both Girls Volleyball Teams Play Well at Tournament

By Maria Bach and Cooper Olecki

Lumen Christi's Cadet Volleyball team of seventh and eighth-graders won its first tournament match on March 10 at Our Lady of Lourdes gym, upsetting St. Mark's Cadet B team.

"I was super hyped!" said Cadet player Anah Bowling.

The Saints were not able to keep their tournament momentum going, losing their next tournament match on March 14 to Saint Maria Gorreti in two close games, 25-17 and 25-19.

The team also had a match on February 27, losing against Our Lady of Lourdes. The Saints also lost to Cardinal Ritter Junior High on Feb. 22. They ended their season with a 2-7 record in the tough A league.

"It was exciting and fun!" said Cadet player Vivian O'Connor of the season.

Lumen Christi's 5th-6th team had its first tournament match on March 10th against Little Flower. The Saints won the first game, lost the second, and unfortunately lost the third game in a thriller, 15-13.

"I was super excited and nervous at the same time!" said 5th-6th player Amelia Bach.

Special thanks to 7th-8th Coach Heather Wilson and 5th-6th Coaches Josh Bach and Cara Bach and Assistant Coach Victoria Bach for putting all of your time and effort to the team.



Upcoming Events

By Adriana Elisea

March 18: Progress Reports

March 18: School Play

March 21: Celebrate St. Joseph

March 23: Hot Dog Day

March 25: Geography Bee

March 26-April 3:

Spring Break

April 4: School Resumes

April 8: Spirit Wear Day

April 12: Pizza Day

April 15: Good Friday, No School

April 18: Easter Monday, No School



A theory about the missing ceiling tiles ...

Comic by Philip Gallagher

Sister Loretto Relates Miracles

By Isaac Haywood and Nolan Denney

Sr. Loretto, a religious Sister from the Archdiocesan mission office, shared her mission story as well as some personal miracles in a talk to grades 1-4 on Feb. 23. She told the students how she was miraculously healed after suffering paralysis and told about St. Agnes appearing to her in multiple dreams.

“What I talked about to the students in a nutshell is reminding students what God, their parents, the school, the church and the world expect of them on this planet,” she said. “Then we talked on our holy vocations in the church and world.”

Sr. Loretto said that three objectives of her ministry are: strengthening relationships with God; reinforcing baptismal responsibility in the students to share their faith with other children throughout the world; and responding to the need for basic resources like water, food, education, and medical care in developing countries,

Sr. Loretto provided donation boxes for the Missionary Childhood Association, which were sent home in the first Lenten Friday folder. She told the students to pray hard and to fast all through Lent. The students were very attentive and asked a bunch of questions. Second-grader Colin Gallagher said his favorite thing about Sister Loretto’s talk was that she called the devil “stupid.”

