

September 16, 2022

## From the Headmaster



Our growing enrollment at Lumen Christi is definitely something to celebrate, but I have this nagging feeling that all my excitement may have left the impression that I care only about numbers. So I want to share the rest of the story.

First, I can allay any concern that we've had to compromise our mission to attract more students. This is my sixth year in this job and our family has been involved in Lumen Christi for 18 years, and I can't recall any time when families were more supportive of the school's mission than they are today. I am especially encouraged by so many new young families that are enthusiastic about their faith and eager to form their children spiritually and academically.

Second, there's not only more energy in the school with more students, but also a healthy atmosphere and a positive spirit among students across all grade levels. Of course there are occasions when discipline is necessary or negative situations need to be addressed, but my sense is that, because the general level of discipline and academic progress is good, we are able to identify and deal with issues earlier.

And last but not least, we're able to provide our students, old and new, with great teachers. God has sent us many wonderful teachers over the years, but there has never been a stronger faculty across the board than right now. They're talented, hardworking, and dedicated to students. We're disappointed that we have not yet found a music teacher, but we're still working at it (see below), and we ask your prayers.

We have been blessed with an exceptional school, and I know we can't be complacent, so I must do my part to make the most of this gift. I encourage all our families, old and new, to bring any questions or concerns you may have to the attention of the relevant administrator or teacher. We welcome your feedback and appreciate your support for our efforts and for our school.

**Congratulations** to Marie and Joe Perry (parents of Michael – PK) on the birth of Thaddeus John on Sept. 13.

### **Kudos to:**

- The staff of *The Bleat* for a great first issue, in Friday folders today.
- The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who cleaned the school on Thursday afternoon.
- The 10th and 12th graders who packed 750 pounds of groceries at the David S. Moore Food Pantry.

## Music Update

As we continue to search for a full-time Music teacher, we are taking a couple of first steps to bring more music into the students' day. The Chorus for Grades 2-4 will resume next week, led by Mrs. Roller. We will also begin singing during Communion at Mass. If you know of anyone who might teach music, or even just direct the two choirs, please let us know.

## Picture Day is Monday!

Simple Heart Photography will be at Lumen Christi on Monday (Sept. 19) to take school photos. **Students should dress in uniform as usual.** Pre-K students will be photographed on Tuesday (Sept. 20), along with students who are out on Monday. There will be a Retake Day in October. You can save money on school photos by ordering [online](#) BEFORE Monday.

## Candy Sale Is Underway

Thanks to all the families that have picked up boxes of World's Finest Chocolate to sell for Lumen Christi. **If your family has not yet done so, please let us know ASAP whether you intend to sell a box or make a donation instead,** because we need to know whether to order more boxes.

**All families that turn in \$60 by end of day Tuesday** will be entered in the drawing for a 1-lb Milk Chocolate bar on Wednesday. The sale ends September 30.

## A Few Reminders

**Sign Up for Hallow Student Accounts** – If you have not already done so, I encourage you to set up student accounts on Hallow, the Catholic prayer app, for your children in grade school at Lumen Christi. Go to this link – [Lumen Christi Parents](#) – and enter a parent email. High school students can also sign up.

**Noon Dismissal and Evening Presentation, Sept. 22** – This coming Thursday, Sept. 22, we will dismiss at noon so the faculty can meet with Dale Ahlquist, a leader in classical Catholic education, in the afternoon. Parents are invited to hear Mr. Ahlquist talk at 7 pm in Priori Hall. Students should bring a lunch that day, and after care will be provided.

**Lumen Christi Moms Meeting Friday** – Moms are invited to meet in the park after Mass next Friday, Sept. 23, for conversation and prayer. Bring coffee and feel free to bring a snack to share (but not necessary) and a camp chair. Littles welcome. They expect to wrap up by 9:30/10. Contact Carrie Archual with questions at 215-837-1035.