

October 4, 2019

From the Headmaster



Let me add my congratulations to Ashley and Andrew Wells on the birth of their daughter Zita Rose – and to her Lumen Christi siblings Olivia, Reagan, and Matthew!

Both Priori Hall and the gym are closed indefinitely for repairs to

floors due to flooding this summer. The closings could affect scheduled activities unless the work is completed soon. As it is, if we have rainy days, students will have to remain in their classrooms for lunch period.

Midterm and Grades

Believe it or not, we will reach the halfway point of first semester in just a couple of weeks on Oct. 16.

As we explained previously, the Engrade online grading program has been discontinued, and we have had to switch to ThinkWave. If you have not yet logged into ThinkWave to check your students' progress, please see the note below with tips from Mrs. Barnes.

Midterm progress reports will go home in the Friday folders on Oct. 25. We will schedule parent/teacher conferences on Oct. 29. Details to come.

Lumen Christi Strategic Plan: Parent Input Encouraged!

Now in our 18th year, Lumen Christi is building a strong and lasting presence in the Church in Indianapolis. Our board is in the midst of updating the school's strategic plan to guide us in our mission for the next five years – and they need your input!

There are two ways you can participate:

- Log into the online survey at the link provided in the Weekly Update. There you will find informative descriptions of seven aspects of our school: Catholic Culture; Student Life; Organizational Structure and Governance; Faculty/Staff; Facilities; Curriculum and Academic Excellence, and Development, Finance and Marketing. It should take about an hour to read the descriptions and provide your feedback.
- Attend the workshop on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 am to 2 pm, where the data compiled from the survey will be used to further define our strategic plan.

While I know that our parents are very busy and your time is limited, you are a big part of the future of this school, and I encourage you to take this opportunity to help set the course. Thank you for your support for Lumen Christi.

Help with ThinkWave from Mrs. Barnes

Parents, as midterm approaches, I hope you all were able to get your ThinkWave account up and running and have been able to check your students' classes. If not, please try it now. Emails were sent on Sept. 3 inviting you to sign up. If you still have that email, it will still work to get you into ThinkWave. If you can't find it, you can be issued a new ID by calling me in the office.

Once logged in:

- Your chosen user name is found in the far-right-hand end of the Blue Strip/Ribbon at the top of the page.
- When you pull down on your user name you can pick the child whose grades you wish to see.
- At your dashboard you will see a list of the most recently entered assignments from various classes.
- Along the Blue Strip/Ribbon at the top of the page click on "Assignments." (If using your phone, you will need to pull down the Blue Strip by clicking on the lines by the cloud. Then click "Assignments.")
- At the far left you can click on a particular class you wish to see. (If using your phone, you will need to click on the class that shows up, and a list of other classes is provided. Click on the one you want.)

All of the assignments for the chosen class should appear. A grade is given for each assignment.

(M = Missing Work E = Excused Work)

Along the Blue Strip/Ribbon you also have the choice of clicking "Grades." This will give you the percent grade for that class. If you want to see the percentage in all of a student's classes at once, click on "All classes" when given the choice to pick a class.

Please contact me in the office next week if you are having any trouble. Kris

Open House Nov. 7

We'll host our fall Open House on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 12 noon until 1:30 pm. We've found that having open house during the school day is a popular option that gives visitors a better look at Lumen Christi. If you know anyone who might be interested in our school please encourage them to come to the Open House.

We are also happy to set up tours or shadow days at any time. Interested families should contact Emily Rosko (erosko@lumenchristischool.org) to make arrangements.