

November 22, 2019

From the Headmaster



Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped with driving and supervision on the field trip to the Children's Museum this week. All the students I spoke to said they had a great time!

Thanks to the 8th grade students who are helping clean the school building from time to time as service in preparation for Confirmation. It's a real service to us all!

Thanks to Andrew Wells for convening the first Dads Club event Thursday evening, and to Fr. McCarthy for his words on two key virtues of fatherhood. It was a good discussion and a good time, and I encourage other Lumen Christi dads to try to come to the next gathering.

Our high school students are attending the National Catholic Youth Conference this week. We're fortunate that NCYC meets regularly here in Indianapolis.

With only two school days next week, we won't be sending out the regular weekly communications. The next Friday folders will go out on Dec. 6 (but please return folders next week anyway).

A Few Advent Notes

Advent Angels: On Monday, Dec. 2, students in grades 1-12 will secretly draw the name of another student (or a teacher) to pray for during Advent. Advent Angels will be revealed with an exchange of cards on Dec. 19, the last day of school before Christmas Break. We want to keep the focus on prayer. Advent Angels should not give gifts – a small piece of candy attached to the card is OK.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena: Dec. 2 is also the beginning of annual novena to our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe, leading up to the feast on Dec. 12. Students will pray the novena each day after Mass for Lumen Christi benefactors.

Student Confessions During Advent: Confessions for the students during Advent will take place on Thursday, Dec. 5, directly after Mass. Religion teachers will prepare the students by completing an examination of conscience on Wednesday, Dec. 4. Please email Mrs. Dowell if you have any questions or would prefer your child not go to confession during this scheduled time.

St. John's Christkindl Village

Make plans to visit the annual Christkindl Village presented by St. John the Evangelist Church, Dec. 12-15 along Georgia St., in the old Pan Am Arena, and at St. John's. In recent years our students participated in a choral festival associated with the event, and many families enjoyed the Village. There's no choral festival this year, but you can stop by anyway!

Geography Bee – Grades 4-8

In the folders this week, parents of students in grades 4-8 will find a flyer about this year's Geography Bee. The qualifying test is two weeks away, on Dec. 6. Please encourage your children to start boning up on their geography facts!

Posting *The Bleat* on Our School Web Site

We'd like to post each monthly issue of our student newspaper, *The Bleat*, on lumenchristischool.org. Before posting, we would delete identification of individual students in a photo. Students would still appear in photos, and their names would be included in articles. If you have concerns about your child's name or photo appearing in *The Bleat* online, please contact me by Dec. 2 to opt out.

From the Development Director:

Annual Appeal Update

Not quite two weeks after our Annual Appeal letter began arriving in mailboxes, we've raised over \$14,000 in contributions, about 21% of our ambitious goal of \$68,000. (The appeal raised just under \$63,000 last year.) The Annual Appeal is our second-biggest fundraising effort of the year, after the Annual Dinner. Our school is blessed to have so many generous benefactors. Can you help keep our light shining brightly?