



THE BLEAT

The Lumen Christi Student Newsletter



New Teachers for the Youngest and the Oldest!

Mrs. Ashley Wells is teaching Preschool

By Allison Loiselle

Mrs. Ashley Wells first heard about Lumen Christi when she was looking for a school for her oldest child, Olivia; the Haywoods told her about Lumen Christi. What she likes best about working here is going to Mass every day.

Mrs. Wells went to college at IUPUI, majoring in psychology with a concentration in elementary education. Before she worked here she stayed home for eight years after her oldest daughter was born.

She grew up in Portland, Indiana. Mrs. Wells did not grow up Catholic, but she and her husband Andrew got married at Holy Rosary in 2011. She went through RCIA at Holy Rosary and converted to the faith in 2012 and one week later gave birth to her oldest child. They now have five kids; the three oldest attend Lumen Christi. Welcome to our school, Mrs. Wells!



Mrs. Ashley Wells

Mr. Joseph Brake is the High School Principal

By Mary Motyka

Besides being the new principal of Lumen Christi Catholic High School, Mr. Joseph Brake teaches Western Civilization, American Literature, World Religions, and Theology of the Body for the high schoolers.

He first heard of Lumen Christi through Kyle Field, who was in Lumen Christi's first graduating senior class. Mr. Brake loves the students, faculty, staff, philosophy, and curriculum at Lumen Christi.

"It is a very special place," he says. Mr. Brake tries to incorporate church history and Catholic theology into all that he teaches. He says he finds it easy to incorporate his faith life into his classes.

Mr. Brake earned a bachelor's degree in education from IUPUI, a special education endorsement from IU-Fort Wayne, and a master's in educational leadership from IU-Bloomington. He is currently working towards a master's in theology at St. Meinrad. We wish him luck in earning his degree.

Mr. Brake taught at various public schools from 1995 to 2003. He was the religious education director and youth minister at St. John's in Bloomington from 2003 to 2009.

Mr. Brake was also the principal of Precious Blood Catholic School in Jasper, Indiana, from 2009 to 2012. Then he was the theology teacher at Washington Catholic Middle/ High School from 2012 to 2020. Now he's here, and we're lucky to have him!

Mr. Brake is currently in the process of moving from Jasper, Indiana, to Indianapolis with his wife, Holly. They have two adult children. In his free time, Mr. Brake enjoys running, biking, fishing, cooking, watching sports and old movies, and traveling.

Welcome to our school, Mr. Brake!



Mr. Joseph Brake

Fall Fest is Here!

By Sophia Denney

LCCS's Fall Fun Fest is tomorrow! Due to the corona virus, the Smith family has offered to host the event at their house. The event includes contests for costumes, pumpkin carving, and chili, plus a kickball tournament.



Rants & Raves: The Bleaters Bleat

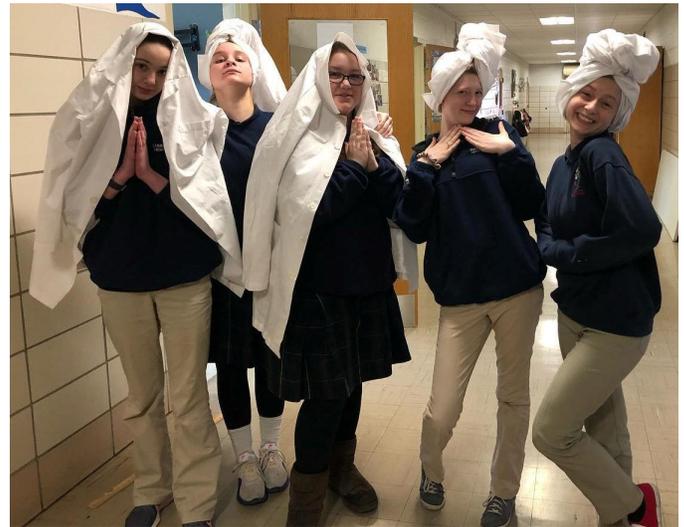
Rant: Down with Uniforms!

By Mary Motyka

Let's say there are two friends who go to different schools. Every morning they wake up, get dressed, and go to school. One greets their school friends, who say, "Nice shirt." The other enters a colorless world of blah. The first friend's school has an appropriate dress code. The other school has uniforms.

Every day at school I have to wear expensive, uncomfortable, ugly uniforms. There goes any respect I had for the color Navy blue. I have an entire dresser drawer dedicated to my uniforms. I did not open it once all summer, and life was good.

Also, it is a huge waste of cardboard to make our school pants. I am excited for out-of-uniform day, where we can wear normal clothes. That is coming up next Friday, October 30. Yeah! Until then we must don our cardboard and go to class.



Some Lumen Christi students will go to any lengths to jazz up their uniforms. You didn't know that lab coats are an accessory?

Note: These rants and raves are solely the opinions of the student writers and not of the school itself.

Rave: Going to Mass Every Day!

By Allison Loiselle

Here are a 14 reasons we love the Lumen Christi tradition of daily mass:

1. We grow more into our faith.
2. We start our day with some alone time with God.
3. We hear what God has to say every day.
4. If you are struggling with something, you can ask God.
5. We get to receive the body of Christ.
6. We meet God.
7. We learn more about God.



8. Going to Mass teaches self-discipline.
9. We hear the daily reading.
10. We learn about forgiveness

11. We are supposed to spread the word of God and if we don't go to Mass we won't be able to teach anything.
12. Going to Mass

- reminds us there is a purpose to life.
13. We can thank God for what we have.
14. We realize we don't have to worry.