

October 30, 2020

From the Headmaster



Thanks to our teachers who put in extra hours on Tuesday for Parent-Teacher Conferences, and thanks to all the parents who attended. Please feel free to contact teachers whenever you have concerns.

Unless a situation is urgent, the best way to get in touch with teachers is usually through email.

Nov. 2-6 is Vocations Awareness Week. Parents are encouraged to attend Mass on Monday morning and stay for the talk by Father Doug Marcotte. During the week, we'll be offering special prayers and making cards for Sam Rosko, Lumen Christi Catholic High School Class of 2016, who is a seminarian at St. Meinrad.

Thanks again to the Autry family for supplying pumpkins from Nunamaker Farms for the Pumpkin Patch for kindergarten and 1st grade, and to Marie Settles for helping Mrs. Mascari "hide" the pumpkins in the park. The kids loved it!

The second grade will present the ever-popular puppet show "Dog's Dark Day" on Friday (Nov. 6) in Priori Hall after 7:30 Mass. Parents are invited to attend!

Open House Nov. 5, 12-2 pm

Our Open House for prospective Lumen Christi families will be this coming Thursday, Nov. 5. If you know families that may be interested in our school, please encourage them drop by anytime between 12 noon and 2 pm to tour the school and ask questions. **We are in need of a few parents to greet visitors and/or give tours. Please let me know if you would like to help.**

For more information, or to schedule a different time for a school tour, interested families can contact Emily Rosko at erosko@lumenchristischool.org, or call the school at 317-632-3174.

Early Dismissal Nov. 16 – Faculty Meeting

Students will be dismissed early on Monday, Nov. 16, for a Faculty Meeting. Dismissal will be 1:00-1:10 pm. After care will be available from 1:10 to 5:15 pm.

Looking Ahead

Geography Bee Cancelled: The National Geographic Society has cancelled the GeoBee for 2021, due to a 75% drop in schools registering. So, for the first time in 14 years, we will not have a Geography Bee this year.

Lessons & Carols Dec. 18: Our annual Lessons & Carols program is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 18. We're making plans to present the program as usual, with changes to allow social distancing. In recent years we've combined with Holy Rosary, but to reduce the number of people in the church, we'll have our own program.

Dec. 18 is the last day of school before Christmas Break. As usual, we'll have a half day, with dismissal at noon, and return in the evening for Lessons & Carols. All students in kindergarten through high school are expected to participate, so please make your holiday plans accordingly. If we determine that we need to further limit attendance at Lessons & Carols – or if changes in regulations affect our plans – we will inform families as early as possible.

Grade 8 Testing Nov. 11

There is very little standardized testing at Lumen Christi, but we do normally administer the Terra Nova test to 7th and 8th graders. Because we weren't able to give the Terra Nova in the spring, we are going to try out a new test in early November called the CLT8.

The CLT8 is offered by the Classic Learning Test, an alternative to the SAT and ACT that has been accepted by a growing number of colleges since 2015. The CLT's founder, Jeremy Tate, is a member of Lumen Christi's Advisory Council, and our school has been a testing site.

The CLT8 is administered to 7th and 8th graders in the fall and spring. It is given on a single day and takes two hours. The fall date is November 11. We will give the test to 8th graders only. This will help us decide whether the CLT8 is a viable alternative to Terra Nova and may also give us some information about how our 8th graders are doing after the stretch of remote learning in the spring. The test will be given during the regular school day, and no preparation is needed.

Reminders

- Please make sure your child has a water bottle for school.
- Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend.