

**November 20, 2020**

**From the Headmaster**



My notes will be brief this week, because I am waiting for possible guidance from the Marion County Public Health Department that could affect our plans for school between Nov. 30 and Jan. 15. As

you know, the health department director announced last week that all K-12 schools would be required to conduct virtual instruction only during this period.

The health order issued last weekend exempted pre-K and kindergarten, and we have informed parents with students in those classes that they will continue as usual.

**In my notes last week, I pledged that we will do everything we can to maintain classes at school as close to normal as possible.** Since then, the faculty has met to discuss the issue, and I have spoken with several lawyers about our options. I have sent a letter to the health department requesting a waiver allowing Lumen Christi to maintain in-person classes in grades 1-12, due to our small size. In addition, all schools have received requests for additional information on COVID cases, and we've been told that the county may modify its requirements.

If we do have to go to virtual instruction for some or all grades, we are looking at how students might study together in small groups outside of school. I am grateful that several parents have offered to have students meet at their homes, but I am also looking at options for students to meet closer to Lumen Christi. Of course, these groups would be optional, and we will provide weekly packets of work to be done at home, as we did in the spring.

**I will provide more information as soon as possible.** I'm sorry that I can't be more specific until we hear from the health department.

**From Our Development Director:**

**Annual Appeal Publication Coming Home Today**

The 2020 Annual Appeal publication is in your Friday folder today. The appeal features an article from a student, quotes from alumni and parents, and a beautiful letter from our headmaster. Once you've read it and prayed about a donation, could you please pass it along to a friend or family member to introduce them to Lumen Christi? And please pray that we make our goal of receiving \$68,000.

**Annual Appeal Matching Gift for Parents, Faculty & Staff!**

A generous donor is offering a 2:1 matching gift up to \$2,500 for donations made by Lumen Christi parents, faculty or staff members before December 31, 2020. This means a \$100 gift becomes \$300 for our school! If God is calling you to support Lumen Christi, please send in your check or donate online on our website. And remember, thanks to the CARES Act, even people who take the standard tax deduction will be able to additionally deduct up to \$300 in charitable contributions this year.

**Boys Basketball** – If your son is playing on our basketball team and you haven't already done so, please remember to send in the \$80 fee. Thank you – the team is looking good!

***We won't send home Friday folders next week, but please return your folder on Monday as usual.***