



THE BLEAT

The Lumen Christi Student Newsletter



Fall Fun Fest Was Quite a Kick!

By Stella Kolb

This year we continued the LCCS Fall Fun Fest but with a twist due to the Corona virus—a new location to allow for social distancing.

The Mollie and Adam Smith family graciously offered to host the Oct. 24 event at their house, instead of the standard location in Priori Hall. The event included a Pumpkin contest, a costume contest, a chili contest, and a rousing kickball tournament.

Once everyone arrived, the costume contest began. Grace Grimm, a first-grader here at Lumen Christi, won dressed as St. Faustina. After this was the annual kickball game, with players ranging from kindergarten to teachers. The referee was Mrs. Feick, one of our past fourth-grade teachers.



Later, everyone sampled the cooking of the chili contest participants. The winners were Brian Heck and Briggo Gonzalez, friends of the Smiths who attended the Fun Fest. Everyone was supplied with voting chips for this and for the pumpkin-carving contest.



Lucy Jackson won the contest with a carving of a bird in a cage (above right). Second place was Andrew Denney's vampire pumpkin, third place was the Wells family's rosary pumpkin, and fourth place was Lydia Loiselle's pumpkin eating a pumpkin.

We were so happy to be able to celebrate safely at this festival. Thank you to the Smiths!

St. Faustina won the costume contest.





Several Events Canceled (Not All Due to Corona)

By Mary Motyka

Many events all over the world have been canceled or postponed this year due to COVID-19, and the Lumen Christi community is no exception. Not only were we shut down this past spring, but there are three events this year that were dropped from our fall semester schedule; two are truly due to corona, but the other has another reason. None of these yearly events are being canceled forever, though. Hopefully everything will be back to normal next year!

The first event to have complications is the annual **eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C.** The reason for the cancellation is that students wouldn't be able to social distance in the car together for 10 hours straight. However, this event at the moment has only been postponed, not canceled. We hope our eighth-graders can view our nation's capital this spring instead.

Another occasion with corona issues was the annual **kindergarten and first grade**



Thanksgiving feast. Normally, the kindergarteners dress as Native Americans, the first-graders dress as Pilgrims, and both classes meet for turkey and other Thanksgiving dishes. This year, due to spreading of germs through sharing food, it was not possible to have this feast. Luckily, most of the first-graders experienced the meal last year, and the kindergarteners will be there next year. So they will still get to see what it's like. We're sorry we had to cancel a favorite school event, but just wait until next year!

The third event that has been canceled this year was the **Saints Program.** Every year on All Saints' Day (last year's event above), the fourth-graders dress as a saint they

choose — and in front of the school give a speech from a first-person view about their saint. Then everyone guesses which saint they are. This event was not canceled this year for COVID reasons — it was simply canceled because the school only has three fourth-graders this year. Next year both the fourth and fifth grades will take part in the Saints Program, so those three children will still get to participate.

The school is sad to cancel these events, of course, but they aren't gone forever. We hope to have it all back to normal next school year. In the meantime, with the Christmas holiday approaching, we still have other events to look forward to. Lumen Christi is still pushing through COVID-tide, but we're sure we'll come out the other end all the better.

Prayers and Chocolate for Police Officers

By Stella Kolb

Every day Lumen Christi students pray the St. Michael prayer for police officers. Once a week, on Wednesdays, we pray the Litany of St. Michael for the police officers of Indianapolis. Once a month we pray the Chaplet of St. Michael. And then, on St. Michael's Feast Day each Sept. 29, we honor the police in person.

This year we invited Marion County Superior Court Judge David Certo and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Officer Andrew Sheler, to whom we gave a prayer shield. All the students took a sticky tag and wrote or drew a supporting message for the police to put on the shield. After Mass we gave the shield to Officer Sheler, along with a St. Michael prayer coin and 60 chocolate bars to share with the IMPD.



Rants & Raves: The Bleaters Bleat

Rave: **Classical Education, Faith-Based Curriculum**

By *Stella Kolb*

A great thing about Lumen Christi is our classical education — which means no Common Core. Many schools have decided to stop teaching cursive and history and start teaching math in a new Common Core way that tends to confuse students and especially their parents. All of this would just end up being more confusing in the long run.

Some schools will tell you that abortion is a woman's right and other un-Christian things. This is completely against the faith here at Lumen Christi. We will continue to teach respect for our country, love of God, and classical education.

Sr. Loretto from the archdiocesan mission office, right, visited our school and spoke beautifully about how mission is doing something good like Jesus did. How are you fulfilling your mission today?



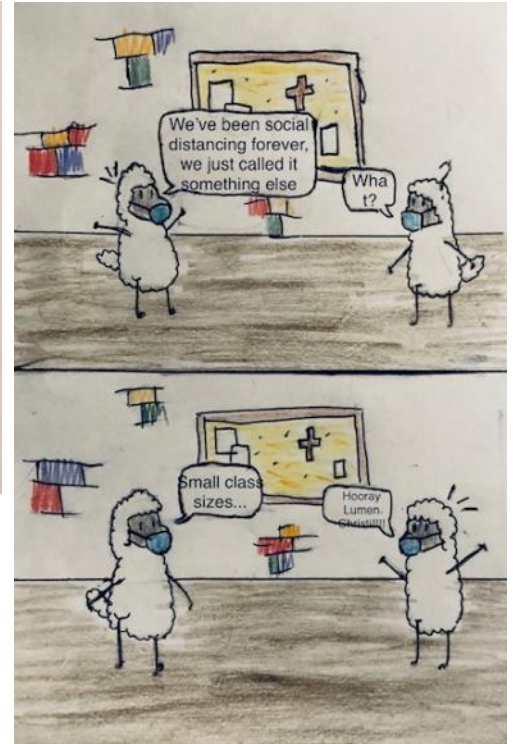
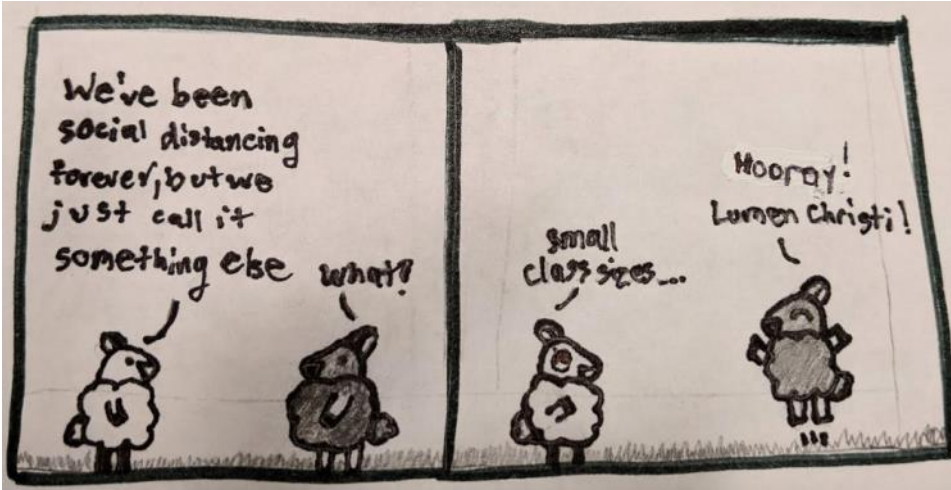
Rant: **8th-Graders Have Had No P.E. for 4 Years!**



By *Sophia Denney*

It's absolutely heartbreaking that the eighth-grade class has had no P.E. — sorry, I get choked up — in 4 four years! I cry myself to sleep at night knowing that our small group of healthy children will never get to exhaust themselves for a pointless grade. I am hoping that we will get to experience the joys and happiness from Physical Education at some point in our lives ... *sniff*. Be strong, eighth-grade class. Be strong.

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



Lumen Christi Cartoonists Shine!

Lumen Christi is well-known for an excellent art program led by Mrs. Roller. Artists Lucy Motyka (above) and Sophia Denney (right) both drew the editorial cartoon dreamed up for this issue by *The Bleat* advisor, Mr. Wishik. Great work, girls!

Students Turn Into Advent Angels for Each Other

By Sophia Denney

Advent Angels is a fun way to pray for other students! A student receives a name to pray for, and at the end of first semester they reveal themselves as the other student's "Advent Angel." The drawing for students took place on November 30, where there also were other activities such as hot chocolate and making cards for the student you picked. The "reveals" take place on December 16.

"I Prayed About It ..."

By Allison Loiselle

Mrs. Dawn Sahn is our new third-grade teacher, though she worked before here at Lumen Christi as the third-grade teacher when her sons attended Lumen Christi.

Why did she decide to come back? She says, "Mrs. Dowell asked me to do it. I prayed about



it — and then I wanted the job!"
Welcome back, Mrs. Sahn!

Calling All Writers: We Need Staff for *The Bleat*!!!

By Mary Motyka

Our school newspaper, *The Bleat*, is still seeking staff members for the 20-21 school year. You can join the staff if you are in grades 6-12.

In addition to learning more about writing, as an added incentive anyone on the staff can get extra credit in English for every article they write. This activity also looks great on college applications!

We meet every Monday during sixth period in room 103. If you're interested, please consider coming to our next meeting or talking to faculty advisor Mr. Wishik (in room 103 all day Mondays) or one of our current staff members: Sophia Denney, Stella Kolb, Allison Loiselle, or Mary Motyka.