

December 11, 2020

From the Headmaster



The past week of virtual instruction has gone well – though I would much rather have our students in the classrooms with their teachers as it should be. Lumen Christi teachers, students, and parents are all making the best of a bad

situation. We just need to keep students working hard for one more week. Thank you for your patience and support.

The good news is that the Marion County health department director announced on Thursday afternoon that K-12 schools may open in-person on Jan. 4. So we will begin our second semester that day as scheduled in our classrooms! (and in uniform)

We completed our Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe this morning, in anticipation of her feast day tomorrow. We pray the novena each year for Lumen Christi benefactors. We are truly grateful for their generous support, which makes possible everything we do here.

Advent Service Friday, Dec. 18

We will anticipate the coming of Christ at Christmas with an Advent service in Holy Rosary Church at 11:15 am on Friday, Dec. 18. Student attendance is not mandatory, but all K-12 students are encouraged to attend. The service will include singing by K-8 students. Parents are welcome to attend. (I don't think church capacity will be an issue with our numbers.)

Reminder: Advent Collection

Please contribute to our Advent collection for Beggars for the Poor. You can drop off items in the **church vestibule before the Advent Service**, or you can leave them in the box by the main office when you come by school anytime next week. We're asking for the following **needed items for MEN**: underwear, white tube socks, travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste), toothbrushes, mini-deodorant, sweatshirts L-XXL (may be gently used), jeans 34-?? (gently used), plastic grocery bags.

Plan for Next Week

Academics:

- **Kindergarten and Pre-K:** Classes will continue to meet as usual, except for early dismissal for kindergarten on Friday, Dec. 18, at 12:00 noon.
- **Grades 1-8:** Parents of students working at home should drop off assignments and pick up materials in homerooms between 1:30 and 2:15 pm on Monday, Dec. 14. Assignments to be completed next week should be dropped off at school by noon on Friday, Dec. 18. Study groups will meet in the mornings again next week.
- **High school:** Monday, Dec. 18 is a reading day for the high school. Students will take semester exams Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 15-18, according to the schedule that was sent out previously.

Extracurriculars:

- **Boys Basketball:** Practices will be held on Monday, Dec. 14, and Wednesday, Dec. 16, 12:30-2:00 pm.
- **Art:** All students in grades 1-8 may participate in extracurricular Art on Thursday, Dec. 17. Grades 1-4 will meet 12:30-1:10 pm, and grades 5-8 will meet 1:15-2:00 pm.
- **Chorus:** Students who signed up for Advent Chorus are tentatively scheduled to practice on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 12:30-1:30 pm.