

March 20, 2020

From the Headmaster



As you no doubt know by now, Governor Holcomb has extended the closure of schools in Indiana through May 1. We are trying to respond in a way that is realistic about what can be accomplished under the current circumstances and consistent with

Lumen Christi's view of education. I think what we've put in place has been appropriate for a two-week period, but now Mrs. Dowell, Mrs. Collins and I are working with the faculty to prepare for a much longer period when students will be studying at home.

I will be communicating more details to you early next week after the faculty discusses the situation, but here is how things look now.

Next Friday morning, March 27, teachers will be at school for a specified period when parents and students can come in to drop off assignments from the first two weeks and pick up books and materials for the period beginning April 6, after Spring Break. We expect to schedule several pick-up/drop-off sessions during April.

Teachers will continue to assign work in each subject following, as much as possible, the 18-week plans they developed for the semester. Students will be expected to keep up in their work and turn in assignments by email or drop-off, as directed by the teacher.

Homeroom teachers will communicate with parents several times a week if not daily; teachers who have students for a single subject will probably communicate less often. High school teachers will communicate directly with students. All teachers will be available via email throughout the month ahead to answer questions from parents and students.

We are exploring the possibility that teachers could use online tools to connect with their classes, and some have done so. In keeping with the tradition of our school we will focus less on technology and more on reading and writing.

I know that this is a difficult time for all families, and that there are likely to be questions for teachers about content, procedures, and expectations. We will do our best to work with you – please understand that this is a strange and sudden situation for us, too. Thank you for your cooperation and patience. With God's help, we'll all get through this and learn a lot!

Teaching the unity of faith and reason, through the Light that is Christ Jesus, for the formation of young Catholics in truth and virtue.

Our New High School Principal, Joseph Brake

I am very happy to announce that we have a new Principal for Lumen Christi Catholic High School. Mr. Joseph Brake is a theology teacher at Washington Catholic Middle/High School in the Diocese of Evansville, and he was formerly Principal of Precious Blood Catholic School in Jasper. He holds an MS degree in Educational Leadership from Indiana Univ. and is working toward a master's in Theology at St. Meinrad. Mr. Brake grew up in Indianapolis in St. Luke parish.

"In today's culture, it seems that the good, the true, and the beautiful have been supplanted by the expedient, the relative, and the vulgar," Mr. Brake says. "I am eager to immerse myself in a school culture that challenges students not merely to gain knowledge but to foster their ability to contemplate their place in God's creation. A classical Catholic school is the ideal environment to accomplish this." Welcome, Mr. Brake!

From the Development Director:

New Date and Time for Light in the City!

Our Light in the City dinner has moved to **Sunday, July 12, 2020, from 5pm – 9pm**. We will still be at the Montage and will still have our auction, bourbon pull, dinner, and dancing. I will be updating our website, Instagram and Facebook later today and next week I'll be contacting everyone who received invitations by email, phone or postcard to let them know about the new date. You can still purchase tickets at LumenChristiSchool.org.

Please Keep Selling Raffle Tickets

We are still moving full steam ahead with our raffle since the proceeds will offset the next payment we owe to the Montage. We will plan to draw the winning ticket on the second Friday after we return to school. Remember that the person who sells the winning ticket can win \$20 if they write their name on the back of the ticket stub they turn in. If you need more tickets, please call or text Ellen at 317.797.2157 and I'll find a way to get them to you.

LITC Virtual Auction and Auction Items Still Needed

Because some of our auction items are time sensitive, we are considering having a virtual auction in advance of our dinner. You'll be the first to know if we decide to open up our auction with a few select items in April. We are still collecting additional auction items to raise money for Lumen Christi on July 12. Please contact Jill Olecki at oleckijj@gmail.com or Melissa Brush at TheBrushFamily@gmail.com if you have an idea for the auction.