

April 17, 2020

From the Headmaster



It has now been five weeks since we were last together at school. In some ways, it seems like that was in a totally different world. Still, teachers and students continue to work on lessons, thanks to the cooperation

and patience of parents, and it seems that people are keeping their spirits up. The faculty meets each week on Zoom, and we're all genuinely glad to see each other!

Tonight is the night that our annual Light in the City Dinner was supposed to take place. The dinner is now scheduled for July 12. I'm an optimist, and I plan to be there, and I hope you do, too.

As I communicated earlier, we have applied for a Payment Protection Program loan from the federal government, and I hope to be able to report on that by next week. We will also be asking families to prepay tuition for the 2020-21 school year if they are able to do so. And I want to repeat that we are eager to help any families who face financial difficulty in paying tuition for this school year or next.

We continue to pray for those stricken by the virus, and for the many more whose jobs and livelihoods have been affected by the economic shutdown.

Prayers for Fallen IMPD Officer

In keeping with our commitment as a school community to pray for the police officers of Indianapolis, please pray for the repose of the soul of Officer Breann Leath, who was killed in the line of duty on April 9, and for her family. Although Officer Leath was not among those officers for whom various classes or students pray for by name, she has been in our prayers to St. Michael the Archangel, and we can offer special prayers for her now.

Letters of Encouragement for Hospital Staff

Please see the reminder in today's Weekly Update to write notes of encouragement for the doctors, nurses, caregivers, and cleaning staff serving COVID-19 patients at our local hospitals. Send your cards and notes to Mollie Smith, who will forward them to the hospitals. Thanks to those who have already responded to this request!

New Staff for Academic Support and Counseling

Just before COVID-19 turned things upside down, I was ready to announce the addition to our staff of Mr. Anton Wishik. Mr. Wishik has many years of experience as a school counselor and expertise in working with students who need academic support. He has joined our faculty on a part-time basis to help us coordinate with IPS on resources for students in need of academic support and – when we're in the school building again – he will be available on Mondays to meet with students.

Mr. Wishik is currently working with Mrs. Dowell on resource plans for several students, and he is available upon request to help students or families during this period when we're not in the school building. Mr. Wishik is known to many of our students as the moderator of *The Bleat*. He and his wife Tina are parents of two Lumen Christi students.

From Our Development Director:

Photos Still Wanted

How is your family practicing your Catholic faith while you are staying at home? I'd love to post any photos and stories you text to me on Instagram and Facebook. Sharing your experiences can be a great way to inspire others, including me. Please text to 317-797-2157 or email to ESanders@LumenChristiSchool.org

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