

April 24, 2020

From the Headmaster



Condolences to Shannon Denney and her family on the death of her mother, Jane Stillely. I know that all of Mrs. Denney's friends at Lumen Christi are praying for her and for her Mom and Dad.

Three More Weeks of "Remote Learning"

We have three more weeks of the current arrangements for remote learning, concluding Friday, May 15. As I've said previously, we hope to make plans for teachers and students to come into school the following week to see each other and to drop off work and pick up belongings.

In the meantime, please check the progress of your child(ren) on ThinkWave. Sometimes ThinkWave will default to first semester grades, so make sure you're looking at Semester 2. I appreciate your effort in checking work and reporting to teachers that it's complete. To minimize our demands on parents, in most cases we're just asking you to vouch for completed work, without having to somehow send it in. I would ask you to keep all workbooks, notebooks, and completed papers through the end of the school year.

We really appreciate parents' cooperation and patience. From my contacts with other schools, I know that there are different approaches to this unprecedented situation. We have tried to keep things as simple as possible and to maintain reasonable expectations. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please let me know. I'd be happy to talk with you.

Good News for Our School Budget

I am pleased to report that we received funds from our Paycheck Protection Program loan on Monday. These funds will cover our payroll and rent costs through the end of the current school year, as we await the proceeds from our annual dinner, which we would normally have by this time. What's more, because we will use the funds for eligible expenses, we expect to qualify for forgiveness of the loan.

We are still in need of at least some of the prepaid tuition for the coming school year that we would normally receive in the spring, and we ask those families who can prepay some or all of their tuition to consider doing so. I will be sending Tuition Worksheets next week. Let me say once again that we are eager to work with any families who are facing economic challenges in these difficult times.

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

I want to stress that our school finances are on a sound footing. We are not immune to the economic problems and uncertainty affecting families and institutions throughout the world, but Lumen Christi has been here through thick and thin for 18 years, and we're fortunate that we entered this crisis in probably our best financial situation ever.

Hot Dog and Pizza Money

When we had to close the building, there were still a few Hot Dog and Pizza Days ahead. If you paid for hot dogs and pizzas for the semester, our intention is to apply any unspent money to your payments for them in the fall. If you would like to receive a refund now, just let me know.

From Our Development Director:

Sending the Newsletter to Friends & Family?

Do you have friends who might enjoy seeing what Lumen Christi is like, or family members who may want to know how your children are still learning and growing in their faith? Please consider forwarding the Development Newsletter to them. And if you'd like them to be added to the list for future newsletters, please send their email addresses to ESanders@LumenChristiSchool.org.

Fundraising During a Pandemic

It may seem awkward to ask people to support our school when so many are struggling with health and financial problems. But I've become aware that there are also people who are thankfully secure and healthy and who deeply want to help our community. And forming young Catholics in truth and virtue is as important now as it has ever been. This is why I am still connecting with our supporters to let them know the amazing ways our teachers and families are adapting to learning at home and to ask them for their prayers and financial support.

What's Up with Light in the City?

With so many demands on you to educate your children at home, we've stopped asking for help with Light in the City. We're still planning to celebrate classical, Catholic education on Sunday, July 12, 2020, 5pm – 9pm at The Montage, but we're taking a break until mid-May to ask for final donations to the auction, bourbon pull and raffle. Please keep praying that we can gather in person.

Still Collecting Photos

I'd still love to have more photos of how your family is doing remote learning and celebrating our faith. Please text them to 317-797-2157 or email ESanders@LumenChristiSchool.org anytime.