

May 15, 2020

From the Headmaster



Two Lumen Christi students are winners in the 2020 Right to Life of Indianapolis Essay Contest: Mary Motyka placed second in 7th grade, and Sofia Lynch placed second in 8th grade. Congratulations!

Farewell to Mrs. Lewis – and Thanks!

I want to offer my sincere thanks to Mrs. Ann Lewis, who is leaving Lumen Christi after 10 years in our school. Most students and families know Ann for the wonderful plays she directed. Year after year, Ann pulled off boffo productions with no facilities, minimal budget, and a small pool of actors. Ann was also a great writing teacher and created excellent curriculum materials for our high school English classes. She is a remarkably talented person – a published author and accomplished singer – and we have been fortunate to have her working with our students for the past decade. We wish Ann the best in her new position at the Catholic Center.

School Wrap-up Day Wednesday, May 20

As announced last week, we will wrap up the school year next Wednesday, May 20, with times for families to drop off books and pick up belongings – and to see teachers before summer vacation officially begins.

Let me emphasize once again that our plans are in keeping with state guidelines. And while those guidelines ask schools to consider exchanging materials outside, I believe we can better maintain social distancing and safe handling of materials if families come to the classrooms. At the same time, we are prepared to retrieve materials for any parents who want to remain in their cars, and we will make arrangements for families that do not wish to come to school that day.

Let me repeat some key information that was provided last week and add details on procedures and precautions.

The elementary school will be open 10 am – Noon. We recommend that families with last names beginning with A-K come during the first hour, and L-Z during the second.

Homeroom teachers will be in their classrooms to greet students. Student belongings will be in shopping bags labeled with students' names. Families will drop off books, other school materials, and any work due. **A list of books and materials to be returned for each grade level is attached to today's Weekly Update.**

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

Mrs. Dowell and Mrs. Sanders will be at the front door of the school to implement precautions and retrieve materials upon request. I will be available in my office, and other teachers will be present, as well.

The high school will be open at Noon. Mrs. Collins will be at the front door, and students will be admitted in limited numbers to clear out their lockers and drop off books and any remaining assignments.

High school students and teachers will gather in Edna Balz Lacy Park around 12:15. Incoming 9th graders and other new or prospective students have been invited. We will celebrate our 2020 graduate, Avery Shewmaker, and box lunches will be provided. Our new high school principal, Mr. Joseph Brake, will attend. We will follow guidelines for social gatherings of under 25.

Precautions:

- Most importantly, **if anyone in your family has virus symptoms, do not come to school.**
- Masks are recommended; anyone without a mask must maintain 6 feet of distance from anyone not in their household.
- Use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the school building; avoid touching surfaces.

To maintain safety:

- All doors will be open. Restrooms and water fountains will be closed.
- We will have sanitized surfaces and will sanitize stair rails during the drop-off period.
- Teachers will gather materials using gloves, and in most cases 72 hours or more before pick-up. Any papers to be picked up will be prepared at least 24 hours in advance.

Two Final Suggestions for Wrap-up Day:

Tuition Worksheets for the 2020-21 school year are due June 1. If you have not already done sent in your worksheet, please bring it to the office on May 20, and save a stamp!

Our Lenten collection for **St. Anthony & Holy Trinity Food Pantry** was cut short. We'll have boxes by the main office if you'd like to donate food or other items. The pantry is especially in need of deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, dish soap and body soap, but any food donations would be appreciated. Thank you!

I'm looking forward to seeing everybody on Wednesday!