

August 28, 2020

From the Headmaster



We are so happy to be back **IN SCHOOL!** Things are as close to normal as we could hope, and students and teachers have a positive spirit about dealing with some new requirements and

procedures. As I write this, we're still trying to work out how best to seat everyone at 7:30 Mass, and I appreciate your cooperation and patience.

The rules for dealing with COVID-19 in schools have changed many times since we began planning, and there are different views about how they should be interpreted and implemented. We are trying our best to comply, to keep people safe, and to maintain a good academic atmosphere. Thanks for your understanding.

Welcome Mr. Grande

As many of you know, our newly hired third grade teacher was not able to join us for the new school year. Fortunately, we became aware of a Lumen Christi alumnus who was willing to help us out. Mr. Tommy Grande is a 2012 graduate of Lumen Christi Catholic High School. He has a degree from Marian University and has taught second grade for three years.

Until we can find a permanent replacement, Mr. Grande will teach the third graders in the morning, and Mrs. Dowell will teach in the afternoon. He was here by the second day of class and is off to a great start. If you know anyone who might be interested in the third grade position, please let us know.

Back-to-School Night Tuesday, Sept. 1

Please plan to attend Back-to-School Night, next Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 7 pm. This is for parents only, as an opportunity to meet your children's teachers and learn about procedures/expectations for the year.

Please note that this year we will not have a general session for all parents. I will be in the office from 7:00 to 8:30 to talk with individual parents and answer questions. We will just have three sessions – 7:10-7:30, 7:35-7:55, and 8:00-8:20 – when the grade school homeroom teachers will make presentations in their classrooms. High school and part-time teachers will be available in the gym for parents to stop by.

School Handbook and Directory

A copy of the 2020-21 School Handbook is in the Friday folder today. If you have not already done so, please take some time to review it, and **please sign and return the last page of the handbook.** The handbook is also posted on the school web site.

The **School Directory** is also in today's folders. Thanks to Emily Rosko for putting this together!

Supply Fees and Other Forms – Bills for Supply Fees are in today's Friday Folders. We're asking families to pay these fees by sending a check to the office by Sept. 30. Also in today's folders are:

- **Pizza and Hot Dog order forms**
- **Emergency Medical Form**
- **After Care Form** (for families that expect to use this option)

Please return these forms in your folder at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation!

Legal Notices

I must attest to the Archdiocese that our school is meeting several requirements under state law. As part of this responsibility, I am providing the following information:

- **Asbestos** – Please see the Asbestos Notification Letter attached to the Weekly Update.
- **Pesticide Use** – The school maintains a Pesticide Notification Registry of parents and staff requesting to be notified of pesticide applications at school. Lumen Christi has not applied pesticides in the three years I have been headmaster. CYO has pesticide treatments every other month in its part of the building, including some areas used by our school: the gym, basement hallway and basement rest rooms. If you wish to be added to the registry, please let me know.
- **Indoor Air Quality** – The school must publish the contact information for an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Coordinator. I fill that role; I can be reached at school at (317) 632-3174 or through email at bcollins@lumenchristischool.org.

Reminder: Please make sure your children have a water bottle. It's hot, and the drinking fountains may be used only for filling water containers.