

September 4, 2020

From the Headmaster



Welcome to Kevin and Jennifer Smith and daughter Olivia who joined our high school this week!

Thanks to all the parents who attended Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, and to all the teachers

who presented plans and expectations for the year. We had a great turnout and a very positive night.

Dealing with COVID-19

With two weeks behind us, we're getting used to new routines intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and we're not losing focus on all the things that make coming to school a valuable experience.

Let me emphasize once again that the risk of COVID to the health of school-age children is exceedingly low. Data from countries around the world also show that COVID is very rarely transmitted in schools. So if we have a positive case, as we did this week, it is likely that it was contracted somewhere else.

Still, we're not cavalier about COVID, and we're doing our best to carry out state and local guidance. With this in mind, let me suggest a few things that you can do – which you are doing already!

- Help ensure that your children get plenty of sleep.
- Develop good hygiene habits – especially washing hands. We will reinforce these habits at school.
- Make sure that children who wear masks bring them home each evening and have them ready to put on before entering the building the next day.
- Throw masks in the laundry at least once a week.

And last but not least, screen your children's health each morning, and do not send them to school if they are sick. Use your own best judgment, based on your knowledge of your children and their usual symptoms. If your child has a fever but does not exhibit unusual symptoms that might be associated with COVID, keep him/her out of school for 24 hours as you would normally. If the school or parents observe symptoms that clearly point to COVID, we will follow the guidance from the state; testing is not necessary, and a negative test does not shorten the symptom-based quarantine period. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank You!

We've been able to make a lot of upgrades to our equipment and facilities, thanks to the generous help of many people. Let me offer thanks to

- Mark and Ryan Fricker for upgrading our WiFi and phone systems and installing a new computer at Mrs. Mascari's desk.
- Tom Sullivan of CYO and his brother John who installed new hands-free fixtures in both buildings, to Scot Rosko who provided faucets from Delta, and to the Brush family for funding the project.
- Tom and Annalise O'Daniel for upgrading our PA/bells systems in both buildings and linking them for the first time.
- Raphael Gallagher, who did troubleshooting on our student computers and helped set up new laptops, and to brothers Victor and Philip for painting and cleaning.

Reminder – Please turn in forms

If you haven't already done so, please send in the following forms when you return your Friday folder:

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

Please pay Supply Fees by September 30. Thank you for your cooperation!

Spirit Wear Day Next Friday

Next Friday, September 11, is our first Spirit Wear Day of the year. I have dropped the ball on ordering new spirit wear for this year, so students will be allowed to wear, in addition to Lumen Christi spirit wear, other appropriate T-shirts with uniform pants or skirts. We'll have information soon about ordering new spirit wear.

Milk for Lunch

We are considering the possibility of selling milk for students to have with lunch each day. We're working on arrangements and will be taking a survey soon to gauge interest. If you have any ideas, I would welcome your input.

Have a great Labor Day Weekend!