

**January 22, 2021**

**From the Headmaster**



As you may know, both of the Right to Life marches I mentioned in my notes last week have been cancelled – the Indianapolis march replaced with a car procession and the DC march going “virtual.” To commemorate the anniversary of

*Roe v Wade* today, all students in grades 2 and up stayed in church after Mass to pray a Rosary led by our high school students for the protection of life.

We’re still making plans to revive the annual high school pilgrimage this spring, and we also hope to schedule an 8th grade trip – we’ll be in touch with parents soon.

Feb. 1-5 is **Catholic Schools Week**. Please see the yellow flyer in today’s Friday folders about special activities throughout the week.

### **2021-22 Enrollment/Open House**

Just about half of current families so far have returned the Letter of Intent to Enroll for the 2021-22 school year. **The intent form should be returned by Feb. 5.** We have also received several applications from new families.

Lumen Christi will host an **Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 12-2 pm.** Please encourage friends and family who may be interested in Lumen Christi to stop by and see the school. And let them know that they can arrange a tour or shadow day at any time. We have **yard signs** publicizing the Open House available at pick up.

### **Upcoming Dates**

**Early Dismissals in February and March** – To accommodate Faculty Meetings, we will have early dismissal at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 10, and Monday, Mar. 15. We’ve added these dismissals to the school calendar.

**ACRE Testing** – Each year the Archdiocese expects us to administer the ACRE test in grades 5, 8, and 11. This is a test of knowledge of the faith. We receive scores by grade level, not for individual students. We will administer the test on the morning of Feb. 10; it takes only about a class period to complete, and students do not need to prepare.

### **Volunteer Needs**

We have several needs for parent volunteers. Please take a look at the following list and consider where you might be able to help:

- **St. Thomas Aquinas Sundaes Bar and Catholic Schools Week Volleyball Game Snacks** – Please see the link in the Weekly Update for a SignUp Genius to provide food items for the sundae bar and volleyball game snacks. **If you can help with supervision at the volleyball game on Feb. 5,** please contact Mrs. Dowell.
- **Bulletin Board for Catholic Schools Week** – We’d like to redecorate the main bulletin board in the elementary school for Catholic Schools Week. If you’re willing, please let me know – we have materials you can use.
- **Family Night** – We’ll be communicating soon about our Family Night on Saturday, Feb. 27. The event is fairly simple, but we need a few parents to take charge of planning, set-up, and clean-up.
- **Annual Dinner Planning Committee** – Thanks to the parents who responded to my plea last week for the Annual Dinner. We need more volunteers; if you’re willing but unsure, please contact me and I can describe several different options for helping out.
- **Father-Daughter Dance** – One of our dads has proposed hosting a Father-Daughter Dance. We’re thinking it could be scheduled sometime in March, but we would need a few parents to put it together. If you’re interested, please let me know.

### **Edie Fitzgerald Award Nominations**

There’s still time to submit a nomination for the Edie Fitzgerald Legacy Award. The deadline is Feb. 5. The link to the nomination form is in the Weekly Update. Past recipients of the award are Tom and Carol Feick, Sara Butterfield, Kris Barnes, and Mary Rose Collins.

### **Reminder – Chess Club Starts Monday**

All K-12 students are welcome at the Chess Club – whether you’re a skilled player or a novice or even if you’ve never played before. The first meeting is on Monday (Jan. 25) at 2:30 in the science lab.

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