

January 29, 2021

From the Headmaster



Yesterday was the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, one of our school's patron saints. We concluded our novena to St. Thomas after Mass and celebrated the feast with our traditional ice cream sundaes during lunch.

Thanks to all the parents who provided ice cream and toppings, and to those who came in to serve sundaes.

The Marion County Health Department has issued an excellent summary of the scientific data that supports keeping children *in school*. The summary is attached to the Weekly Update.

The Boys Basketball team season ended Wednesday with a loss in the tournament. The team faced the challenge of moving to a higher league this year and proved that they could compete. Congratulations to the team and thanks to the coaches for another great season.

Prayers in the Year of St. Joseph

In our prayers at Lumen Christi, and particularly when we pray a decade of the Rosary after Mass, we customarily end with asking our two patrons, St. Thomas Aquinas and Our Lady of Guadalupe to pray for us. This week I was approached by Linda Gatto, a parishioner of Holy Rosary and friend of our school who attends 7:30 Mass every morning. Mrs. Gatto suggested that, during this Year of St. Joseph, we should ask for his prayers as well. Everyone with whom I shared this suggestion was heartily in favor, and in fact our high school has always had a devotion to St. Joseph. So for the rest of 2021, we will end our Rosary and other prayers with

- St. Joseph, pray for us.
- St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Catholic Schools Week / Open House

Next week is Catholic Schools Week. We will have special dress on a couple of days and various activities throughout the week, culminating with the annual student/faculty volleyball games on Friday afternoon. A full schedule was sent home in last week's Friday folders and is attached to today's Weekly Update.

Our **Open House** is scheduled for Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week, **Feb. 3, 12-2 pm**. Please encourage friends to come see Lumen Christi during a regular school day. If they can't make the Open House, they can arrange a tour anytime by contacting Emily Rosko, admissions director, at erosko@lumenchristischool.org.

Letters of Intent for 2021-22

Thanks to all the families that have returned Intent to Enroll forms for the 2021-22 school year. Forms and registration fees must be in by next Friday, Feb. 5, to guarantee places in classes next year and to qualify for a discount of \$50 per student. If you have any questions about enrolling for next year, please contact me – I will be happy to speak with you.

Upcoming Dates

- **Early Dismissals in February and March** – To accommodate Faculty Meetings, we'll have early dismissal at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 10, and Monday, Mar. 15.
- **Family Night** – Please mark your calendar and plan to attend Family Night on **Saturday, Feb. 27**. It's a casual night of fun, highlighted by an Art Show of student works presented by Mrs. Roller.

Annual Dinner Update

The Annual Dinner planning committee is making good progress on preparations for our Light in the City Dinner on Sunday, April 25. We still need volunteers, and we have two requests of everyone:

- 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.
- A popular feature of recent dinners is the **Bourbon Pull**, which offers a chance to come away with a good bottle of bourbon. If you can donate a bottle, please bring it into the office.

New Activities Off to a Great Start

- Mr. Warner had a full house for the first meeting of the **Chess Club**. It's not too late to get involved, and all K-12 students are welcome. The club meets Mondays, 2:30-4:00.
- The **Girls Volleyball Team** will have their first game on Sunday, and they've been working hard to get ready!

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