

August 18, 2017

From the Headmaster



As we near the end of this first (short) week of school, there are many people to thank for the successful launch of another year at Lumen Christi. We thank God for his continued blessings on

our school, and in particular for the students, parents, teachers, and benefactors He has sent to us. Thanks ...

- To the Allen, Brammer, Jenkins, Kesterson, O'Daniel, and Tune families, who are joining our school community this year
- To all the families who attended the Back-to-School Picnic and to Father McCarthy and the faculty members who also came. It was great to get together with so many students, parents, and teachers to celebrate the new school year.
- To the PFA for organizing the picnic on Sunday and the Faculty Lunch on Tuesday, and to all the parents who pitched in to help.
- To the Page and Corsaro families of Holy Rosary parish, who graciously allowed our picnic to use the tent they rented for their family reunion earlier in the afternoon.
- To all the teachers in the elementary school, who have gotten off to a fast start and have been patient with me and all the little glitches at the beginning of the school year.
- To Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Collins for their work over the summer to get everything in place for the opening of school, and to Mrs. Barnes for teaching Mr. Jenkins's classes this week, to ensure a smooth start.
- To high school parents Mr. Richert and Dr. Frisby for leading the high school trip to Kentucky this coming Monday to experience a total solar eclipse.
- And to our Lumen Christi elementary school students, who started the new school year with enthusiasm!

A few updates:

- Following the eclipse trip on Monday, the high school will begin classes on Tuesday, Aug. 22.
- There will be a short all-school assembly after Mass next Wednesday, Aug. 23, in Priori Hall. At the assembly, we'll begin our weekly Litany of St. Michael as part of the Prayer Warriors for Police program.
- Mr. Jenkins will begin teaching on Sept. 5. Until then, Mrs. Collins will teach Geology and Mr. Granados – who taught British Literature last year and is teaching Spanish III this year – will cover Mr. Jenkins's elementary school classes.

Firsts for Lumen Christi:

Lumen Christi Catholic School has its first seminarian. Sam Rosko, who graduated from the high school in 2016, entered Simon Brute College Seminary this fall after a year at Christendom College. Sam is pictured in the *Criterion* and on Archindy.org. Please keep him in your prayers.

Last year, we celebrated the first Lumen Christi marriage, between high school graduates Sam Lesch and Melissa Jaeger. This summer we celebrated the baptism of Charles Damien Lesch – Lumen Christi High School Class of 2035!

Contacting Teachers:

If you would like to contact a teacher, unless the message is urgent, I recommend reaching out initially by email. It's almost impossible to get teachers on the phone at school, and a teacher's day is so structured and demanding that it's hard for them to stop and talk without an appointment.

All of our teachers now have Lumen Christi email boxes, and everyone's address is the first initial and last name. Mine is bcollins@lumenchristischool.org, for example, and Mrs. Barnes's address is kbarnes@lumenchristischool.org. If you email a teacher and don't hear back within a day, let me know and I'll help make the connection.