

November 10, 2017

From the Headmaster



We had a very successful Open House on Wednesday. Eleven families, with children from pre-K through high school, toured Lumen Christi.

Thanks to our admissions director, Emily Rosko, for a great job organizing and publicizing the Open House. Also, thanks to the Bedwells, who worked hard to spruce up the school for our guests. And thanks to all our families who have encouraged friends to consider Lumen Christi.

We will have another Open House in early 2018, tentatively planned for January 25. And, of course, prospective families are welcome to call or visit anytime. So keep getting the word out about Lumen Christi.

National Vocations Awareness Week

We've had a good week focusing on vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We were fortunate to hear interesting and inspiring talks about vocations from Father Joe Newton, Sister Meritta Mary, and seminarians Sam Rosko and Owen Duckett after Masses this week. Father McCarthy talked with 9th and 10th grade girls on Thursday afternoon, and as I write these notes, I anticipate that Father will visit other classes on Friday. Also on Friday, the high school boys are visiting Bishop Brute Seminary for lunch.

Cold Weather Dress Code

With the advent of cold weather, the administrative team has reviewed dress code restrictions on outerwear in school and church. Our buildings can be cold during winter, and we lose many benefits of having a dress code if students are wearing all manner of outerwear over their uniform.

The current handbook allows only the uniform Schoolbelles navy blue sweatshirt, fleece, or (for girls) cardigan sweater in the elementary school. The high school allows the Schoolbelles fleece or a plain navy blue sweatshirt. But students continue to wear fleece, sweatshirts, and sweaters of various colors and patterns. We want to work toward more uniformity while allowing inexpensive options for students to keep warm.

- Going forward, **all students** will be allowed to wear over their polo shirts **any plain navy blue crew-neck sweatshirt** (e.g., Fruit of the Loom or Champion), as long as it is in good condition, has no graphics and no hood.
- In addition, we will continue to allow grade school girls to wear **any navy blue or white cardigan sweater**.
- Please note that **long-sleeve navy blue polo shirts** are also always acceptable.
- Students will be told to remove coats, non-Lumen Christi fleece, or sweatshirts that are not navy blue or have graphics in school buildings or in church, unless requirements are explicitly waived for very cold conditions (or on spirit wear days).
- Because of the lack of uniformity in the sweaters students are wearing, **beginning in 2018-19** we will allow **ONLY** the Lumen Christi fleece or sweatshirt or a plain navy blue sweatshirt – no sweaters.

I hope that this approach will help us to minimize enforcement issues for teachers and expense for parents, and I appreciate your cooperation.

Serving the Elderly at St. Paul Hermitage

Mrs. Barnes and the grade school teachers are planning visits by our students to the elderly residents of St. Paul Hermitage in the coming holiday season. Grades 7 and 8 will visit on November 28, and grades 1-4 will visit on Dec. 5. We'll have more details soon.

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