

November 17, 2017

## From the Headmaster



Last week I met with groups of students in grades 1-5, 6-8, and high school to review expectations for behavior and manners in school.

One aspect I want to stress is respect for adults, and in particular for teachers. Most importantly, this includes showing respect for the time and effort that teachers put into their classes by paying attention, behaving properly, and doing the work. It also includes basic manners such as greeting teachers in the halls and standing when an adult enters the classroom. Our students are very well behaved overall. We just want to call them to be the best they can be, and I can say that they are responding well.

**School Choir Festival Dec. 15** – This note is for parents of children in 2nd through 6th grade. Francisco Carbonell, music director at St. John the Evangelist Church (and father of kindergartner Maria), has invited Lumen Christi to participate in St. John's School Choir Festival of Christmas Carols, at **6 pm on Friday, December 15**. The choir festival is at St. John's Church as part of its Christkindl Village celebration. Each school choir will sing two or three carols, and then all the choirs will sing the final carol together, accompanied by a string orchestra.

For this event, our music teacher, Elizabeth Welch, intends to combine the 2nd-4th grade choir and 5th-6th grade choir. This is a beautiful celebration and a great event for Lumen Christi to be a part of, and we want to have all students in 2nd through 6th grade participate if at all possible. We will provide more information as soon as we get it; in the meantime, **please contact Miss Welch** ([ewelch@lumenchristischool.org](mailto:ewelch@lumenchristischool.org)) or me if you **know your child cannot participate** on Dec. 15.

## Board of Directors Meeting and Headmaster

**Process** – The next meeting of the Lumen Christi Board of Directors will be at **7 pm on Monday, December 4**, at school. Parents and faculty are welcome to attend the open session of the board meeting. Please email Dave Olecki, board president, at [oleckidm@gmail.com](mailto:oleckidm@gmail.com) if you plan to attend and the specific topic for discussion you would like to bring before the board so that Dave can put you on the agenda.

A group of board members, parents, administrators, and teachers met for about 12 hours on Nov. 10-11 to work out a draft administrative structure for the school and responsibilities for each position. The workshop was facilitated by a friend of Father McCarthy who has extensive experience in leading these kinds of meetings, and I think everyone involved would agree that it was very productive. Participants are editing the descriptions of each position now for consideration by the board. We will have more information as the process unfolds.

## Calendar Notes:

**Regular Dismissal Dec. 1** – There will be a special student activity supervised by parents during the faculty meeting on Friday, Dec. 1, so dismissal will be at 2:15 as usual on that day.

**Serving the Elderly at St. Paul Hermitage** – Last week I mentioned upcoming visits by our students in grades 1-4 and 7-8 to St. Paul Hermitage. Since then we've added a trip for grades 5-6. **Please check today's Friday folder for permission slips and to volunteer to drive.**

- Nov. 28 – Grades 7-8 will lead Bingo.
- Dec. 5 – Grades 1-4 will sing and attend Mass.
- Dec. 7 – Grades 5-6 will decorate cookies with residents.

**Have a Happy Thanksgiving!**