

November 2, 2018
From the Headmaster



Congratulations to the 4th graders for an excellent All Saints Day Program! Thanks to Mrs. Richert for organizing the program and preparing the students, and to the parents for helping with the great costumes and providing treats.

Special thanks for the birthday wishes, cards, and treats (shout out to Mrs. Mascari) I received earlier this week.

Open Houses This Coming Week

Lumen Christi Catholic High School will host an open house on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 6-8 pm. A special invitation to families with students in grades 6-8 is included in today's Friday folder. Please come see our high school!

We'll host an open house in the elementary school on Thursday, Nov. 8, 12-1:30 pm. Visitors can tour the school and see a typical school day.

Please spread the word to friends who might be interested in Lumen Christi for their children. Thanks!

Vocations Awareness Week

This coming week, Nov. 5-9, is National Vocations Awareness Week. We'll begin our observance of the week at Lumen Christi with a talk by Father Landwerlen after 7:30 Mass on Monday. There will be activities in the elementary classes each day of the week, and all our students will be praying for seminarians of the Archdiocese.

Courtyard Construction

It's quite possible that construction will begin this week on long-awaited repair of the courtyard between Lumen Christi and Holy Rosary Church. The work is expected to take six weeks or so, and it should involve minimal disruption to our school. For example, we'll have to go outside to get to the church and Priori Hall – a small price to pay for ending the courtyard flooding and fixing the leaky ceiling underneath!

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday.

Reminder for Servers

Boys who serve 7:30 Mass should have dress shoes and be at school by 7:15 to get ready for Mass.

Safety at Drop-off and Pick-up

Mrs. Dowell and I have been concerned about the potential danger of through traffic on Stevens Street during drop-off and pick-up at the elementary school each day. The terrible accident this week in Northern Indiana, when three children were killed by a passing car while boarding the school bus, spurred us to focus on the problem of fast cars and distracted drivers while our students are in the street.

If you do not need to get out of your car, the best option for drop-off and pick-up is to use the alley just to the east of our building. Since the alley can only be accessed from Merrill Street, I know it might be inconvenient, but I'd ask you to consider it.

If it is not feasible to use the alley, please use the CYO parking lot across from our building to drop off students – whether you park or not. **Do not drop off students in the street.***

This will prevent car doors opening and children getting out in street traffic, and we think it will be safer even if you do not walk your children across the street (though that would be best). I can help keep an eye on students as they walk from the parking lot. And we've ordered signs that we will put in the street each morning and afternoon to alert drivers that students are crossing.

We also ask that you do not park at the curb between the entrance and exit to the parking lot, and we'll try to have a cone there as a reminder in both the morning and afternoon. This improves visibility for students crossing between the parking lot and the building.

I try not to be a nanny, but I think this is something that needs to be addressed. We appreciate your cooperation and welcome any suggestions you may have.

**Exception: On very rainy days, you can pull up to the curb in front of the building IF children can get out on the driver's side.*

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