

August 31, 2018
From the Headmaster



On Monday, I met with all students in grades 1-12 to talk about expectations for the year. The theme for our year is RESPECT – respect for teachers, for other adults, and for each other. Like

Aretha Franklin, I spelled out what R-E-S-P-E-C-T means to me. It means treating each other person as they should be treated – respecting the authority of teachers and other adults, and respecting the dignity and worth of everyone.

In particular, we expect every student at Lumen Christi to treat each other with kindness so that everyone feels happy to be here. That means always making sure that everyone is included and never making a joke at someone else's expense.

We have a very positive atmosphere at the beginning of this school year. I'm noticing that students are more friendly, more likely to smile and say hello, and more willing to cooperate and help out.

Lumen Christi Communications

All Lumen Christi families should be receiving the **LCCS Weekly Update**, as well as other information and reminder emails, from LCCS Communications.

Another good source of information is our school web site, **LumenChristiSchool.org**. At the bottom of the home page you'll find links to Resources for Parents and Teachers, the School Calendar, and archives of these weekly notes from the Headmaster.

We're introducing two new means of communication:

- **Remind.com** – Parents who opt into this list will receive text and/or email notices (e.g., school closing or early dismissal) and reminders.
- **Facebook group** – This is a closed group for Lumen Christi parents who choose to join, to ask questions and share information.

Information on how to sign up for these two new communication channels is included in today's folder.

Special Choir Activities in 2018-19

One of the distinctive strengths of Lumen Christi is our music program under the direction of Miss Welch.

This year, in addition to the regular choral events on our school calendar – notably Lessons and Carols and the Year-End Program – our students will be involved in two external choir festivals:

Friday, Dec. 14 – St. John the Evangelist's School Festival of Christmas Carols – 2nd through 7th grade students

Saturday, Mar. 9 – Pueri Cantores Indianapolis Choral Festival and Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral – 5th through 7th grade students

These events are great experiences for our students – the enjoyment of making beautiful music and the confidence that comes from mastering a difficult piece – and are an important opportunity to bring attention to our school.

Flyers about both events are in today's Friday folder. All students in the grades indicated above are expected to participate in these events. **If your child cannot participate in one of these choral events, please let us know as soon as possible.**

Drama Information in Today's Folder

Another outstanding program at Lumen Christi is the drama production each year under the direction of Mrs. Lewis. Families with students in grades 7 through 12 should see the information on drama in today's folder.

A Note on Pesticide Use – Last week I said that I was not aware of any pesticide applications at Lumen Christi in my time here. Since then, I have learned that CYO has pesticide treatments every other month in its part of the building, including some areas used by our school: the gym, basement hallway and basement rest rooms.

Have a great Labor Day weekend!