

September 14, 2018
From the Headmaster



Congratulations to Ashley and Andrew Wells on the birth of their baby boy, James. Mother and baby are doing well, thank God. Special congratulations to big sisters Olivia and Reagan!

Mrs. Butterfield has asked me to share this note with our Lumen Christi families: "Thank you for all of the wonderful cards, prayers and condolences people have given me during the passing of my father. They were truly appreciated and helped ease the burden of grief. Thanks, Sara."

I'm grateful to all the parents who helped out with supervision at school this week. We had a lot going on – Picture Day and a faculty meeting on Monday, and Pizza Day on Tuesday. Thanks to Nahir Kesterson, Frank Hodal, Julie Motyka, Joan Brockman, Mollie Smith, and Mary McGillicuddy for pitching in!

Fall Candy Drive

The candy drive is off to a great start, with several students and families already requesting more boxes to sell! Thanks to all for your participation – please turn in the money collected by Sept. 26.

Summer Readers

I'd like to recognize our Lumen Christi students who participated in the Indianapolis Public Library's Summer Reading Program: Andrew, Nolan, and Sophia Denney; Philip, Raphael, and Victor Gallagher; Alice, Gus, Henry, and Isaac Haywood; Sarah McGillicuddy; Lucy and Mary Motyka; and Clarissa Ocampo.

About the Dress Code

With the start of the new school year, we've seen a noticeable improvement in the uniformity and neatness of student attire – especially shirts, pants, and socks. I know that requiring Schoolbelles pants has created extra effort and expense for some families. I appreciate your compliance with the new rule and hope that you find that your Schoolbelles pants are a good value over time.

That said, I have to admit I didn't know that not all Schoolbelles pants are marked as such (with "SB" on the waist). When we see student pants with no "SB" that appear to conform to our dress code in style, color and length, we haven't checked to verify that they came from Schoolbelles. As long as we maintain uniformity, I don't intend to change this policy and start checking "unmarked pants."

So I would think of the rule this way: If you buy Schoolbelles pants approved for Lumen Christi, you can be sure that your children will be allowed to wear them – and we are grateful for your support of our dress code policy. If you buy pants somewhere else, we may determine that they do not fit the dress code (in color, cut, etc.), and so you may have to replace them.

I want to emphasize that we decided on the Schoolbelles requirement only after Mrs. Barnes did a lot of research into alternatives, and I hope the approach I've described here does not lead to a deterioration in the standard we've set this year. If it does, I may have to enforce the requirement more strictly. But I think things are going well overall, and I appreciate your cooperation.