

### THE LUMEN MESSENGER



"Sharing the Good News!"

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FAITH \* FAMILY \* EXCELLENCE. These are Lumen Christi's Core Values. In this issue of the Lumen Messenger we dedicate one page to each Core Value, with photos and text to share how Lumen Christi students are living out that particular Core Value in their lives at school. Thank you for your past and future support of Lumen Christi Catholic High School!







#### Giotto's "Virtue Series" Now Adorn School Hallway

There is something about art that touches the soul. Art has the unique ability to make spiritual things visible in the world. It is because of this ability that art holds an important place in the Church. Beautiful art connects us with the true beauty of God himself. It is in viewing art that we are uplifted into a new awareness of who we are. Whether it be a breathtaking painting, a powerful poem, or a song that speaks to the heart, art- in all forms - has the unique ability to transform, uplift, and inspire. Lumen Christi Catholic High School faculty and staff seek to accompany our students along their journey through Junior and Senior High School and to help transform, uplift and inspire them. We continue an intentional transformation of our school building to reflect a more Catholic appearance—from converting a storeroom into a chapel to introducing Scripture and quotes from the Saints on the walls. On Easter Monday we took the next big step and proudly displayed hand-painted reproductions of Giotto's "Virtue Series," in an effort to lead our students into a deeper understanding of beauty as a pathway to God. We seek to form our students in the Cardinal Virtues of Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance, while helping them appreciate the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, infused into their souls by God. Giotto's "Virtue Series" brings these virtues into the world of art. All costs associated with this project were covered by a private donor. Come and enjoy!















Faith

Hope

Love

Prudence

Justice

Fortitude Temperance

## FAMILY

#### "I wish to play drums in a Revolutionary War reenactment!"

8th Grader John McConnell, a history buff and avid reader, spoke the above words to the Alaska Chapter of the "Make a Wish" Foundation. He got his wish...beyond his wildest imagination! Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington joined forces to welcome John, his sister, Jeannie (10th grade), brother Daniel (7th grade), mom (Jackie) and dad (Brian) to Boston for the granting of his wish on Patriots' Day! But before all that took place, John was "summoned" to appear through an official proclamation delivered, of course, in front of the entire school by a messenger on horseback!







From Mom and Dad: This week we have had the great pleasure of seeing John fulfill his Make-A-Wish to play drums at a Revolutionary War Reenactment in Boston. Since October, John has been learning firing commands and 18th century marching music from Anthony Jenkins, a drum major in His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot, as well as a member of several other reenactment groups, including the End Zone Militia for the New England Patriots. On Monday, Patriots' Day, in a heavy downpour that cancelled all parades and events to be held in Minute Man National Historic Park, including John's wish performance at the Old North Bridge Battle Commemoration Ceremony, Anthony and dozens of reenactors converged upon the bridge to fire their muskets at John's command- an act of rebellion against the National Park Service that would have made the Sons of Liberty proud! After viewing the historic reenactment of the Battle on Lexington Green, John met up with the Acton Minute Men at a midway point in their march from Acton to the Old North Bridge in Concord' as they did on April 19, 1775 in response to the British attempt to seize a cache of Patriot weaponry. Members of the Acton pushed John in an all-terrain wheelchair to the Old North Bridge where Anthony and the whole reenactment community were waiting. With John in the lead British regiments and Colonial Militia marched to the bridge to await his drum commands to prime and load, make ready, present and fire. The wish of one kid from Alaska who travelled all the way to New England left its own mark in history and in the hearts of the people who made it all happen. We dedicate this issue of the Lumen Messenger to "Archangel John McConnell." We're proud of you, John!

# EXCELLENCE



Our Archangel Indoor Co-ed Soccer Team fought their way to an undefeated season and emerged as league and tournament champions!







Students in Mrs. Spillers' Geography class brought in authentic dishes from Africa. Each student chose a country and researched the history, landscape, people, and culture of their region. The presentations were informative and the food was delicious! Nice job to all of our students!



Fairness and justice are a cornerstone of Catholic social teachings and literature is a perfect medium to connect it to our Catholic Faith. In Mrs. Carlson's World Literature class, students created Universal Human Rights Declarations that reflect the literature theme "Oppressors and Oppressed."



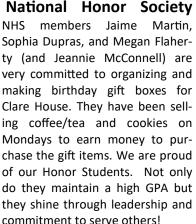
Our Archangels stand in solidarity with their Canadian brothers and sisters of the Humboldt Broncos Junior Ice Hockey Team who were tragically killed in an bus accident. May these young men and women rest in eternal peace.





#### "And Came the Spring"

If it's spring then it must be time for Lumen's annual play! And a smashing success it was! With almost standing room-only crowds both nights, this romantic comedy touched the hearts of everyone. Many thanks to all involved, especially Mrs. Robertson, who made a surprise appearance! Well done!





Senior Maeve Bakic recently garnered two prestigious awards: the Wendy's High School Heisman Female State Finalist Award and the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for her excellence in serving her local community. Congratulations, Maeve. We are proud of you and your accomplishments!