

# THE LUMEN MESSENGER



"Sharing the Good News!"

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<u>FAITH</u> \* <u>FAMILY</u> \* <u>EXCELLENCE</u>. 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.

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## **Annual High School Retreat**

Ginny Dauses, founder and leader of 12NoonMinistries, connected well with our high schoolers in a phenomenal way and brought about a spiritual reflection and engagement that was simply astounding. Her sessions were mesmerizing and fun at the same time. Everyone had a great time and grew in their faith walk with our Lord!



































Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month now through Oct 15th! Our Spanish classes are making posters, doing presentations, and leading the way in recognizing the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to our nation's heritage and culture! ¡Que nuestro Señor les ayude a nuestros estudiantes!



Dr. Carlson's Research Writing class welcomed Dr. Mandsager, retired CEO of Providence Hospital, to present information about homelessness in Anchorage as "poverty and homelessness" is the theme for the class. Dr. Mansager is passionate about marginalized people experiencing homelessness and has dedicated his life to helping those in need. In his retirement he now works for the Rasmuson Foundation to tackle "homelessness" through AFACT (Anchorage Faith and Action Congregations Together). Lumen students are blessed to have such an expert speaker as a resource.







A breakdancing Principal? Cool!

Lumen at St. Ben's Ministry Fair.

Booster parents at soccer game!











Donating from our Community Garden. Thanks, Goodwins!

Soccer and dogs.

Jr. High on retreat.







Sophia and J'adore in math class.

Archangels enjoying a concert.

"The Family" - all smiles on retreat!







"Going...going...gone!" Renovation of our "family play space" (gym) is on track. More news next month.



Two outstanding students, Karin and Mikayla, were inducted to Lumen Christi's National Honor Society Chapter because of their exceptional display of leadership, character and service in the community. At Lumen members have to maintain a 3.5 GPA for three consecutive semesters, so membership is a real challenge. We are proud of our latest inductees. Congratulations! Karin and Mikayla: you embody Lumen Christi's Core Values in so many ways. God bless you!









Our inaugural intensive elective, Automotive Class, came to a conclusion this month. Students received a certificate of completion and Deacon Kurt Adler, owner of "AA The Shop," received a thank you plaque from Principal Ross. Well done, archangel automotive technicians! Thank you, Deacon Kurt!



Archangel athletes attend morning Mass on game days.



We are so proud of our ten Seniors (Missing: John M.).

Did you know we have Lumen student athletes playing on public school sports teams? Caleb plays football for South HS; Mikayla swims for Dimond HS; Joseph plays baseball for Dimond HS; and Tommy skis for Service HS, just to name a few. Want to know how to get a high quality Catholic education AND play sports in the Anchorage School District? Contact Lumen Principal, Mr. Brian Ross!



Our debate team participated in practice arguments for the Lincoln-Douglas portion of upcoming debate competitions. Some interesting topics!



"Senior Night" for our high school soccer team was a great opportunity to congratulate graduating players John, Juan, Sophia, Nathan, and Kaiya.



High-achieving archangels humbly show off the accolades they recently received at Lumen's Semester Academic Awards Assembly. Way to go!





A dream of many years was finally realized on the morning of September 30th, as Principal Brian Ross drove the "Inaugural Lumen Christi—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Bus Route!" In wanting to help parents with students at both schools, daily bus service will transport students to and from Lumen's "Sister School." With a combined capability to transport 24 passengers these buses will allow Lumen to safely transport one entire grade along with chaperones to community-service projects, retreats, and sporting events. The buses will also be used for Saint Benedict Parish youth ministry needs as well as providing transportation for parishioners with special needs to church on Sunday.

Generous donors include alumni and friends of Lumen Christi who supported the purchase through the annual Lumen Gala/Auction, Barbara and Mary Halcro, in memory of longtime Alaska businessman, Robert "Bob" Halcro, Diana and Shaun Pfeiffer, owners of Alaska Sales and Service, and Gary and Roxanne Bucey. The distinctive design for the "wrapping" of the buses was donated by Amy and Shane Locke of Rival Graphics, who have kids at both schools.

Lumen Christi would like to especially thank Vice President and Chair of the Matson Alaska Community Giving Committee Mr. Bal Dreyfus, and committee members Claudia Russell, Tamara Grasse, Roslyn Mitchell, Athena Sampson, Rick Kniaziowski, Jennifer Tungul, Jeannette Levine and Chrystel Bankhead. Matson generously donated the shipping of the buses from Tacoma, Washington to Anchorage. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this milestone possible!









