



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.

- A Special Combined November and December Edition -
Wishing you a blessed Christmas Season and New Year!



SportsLeader: Virtue = Strength

Lumen Christi embraces SportsLeader, a Catholic virtue-based formation program for our athletes and coaches. Our athletes attend Mass on game days, pray before and after practices and games, and encourage one another to grow in virtue. Our basketball teams even kicked off this season with a Rosary Rally. **Virtue = Strength!**

Rosary Rally and Jersey Celebration

Sports and Faith are closely intertwined at Lumen Christi. Our girls and boys basketball teams kicked off their season praying the Rosary along with parents and coaches, and thereafter received their jerseys from their coaches.



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Our Lumen family helped other families at Thanksgiving by donating over 900 boxes of stuffing to assist the Knights of Columbus.



With the conclusion of the Pre-colonial Literature Unit, Mrs. Carlson's U.S. Literature class came together for a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration!



Once again, Danielle and Travis Rybicki go "above and beyond" in preparing a teacher and staff appreciation luncheon. Thank you so much, Danielle and Travis!



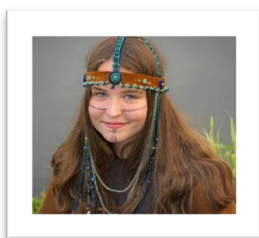
Archdiocesan Dodgeball Tournament



Sporting the motto, "Old age and treachery will always beat youth and exuberance!" our Lumen dodgeball teams competed "magnificently" in the December archdiocesan-sponsored dodgeball tournament!



The Annual Alumni Basketball Game is always a fun time! Our "Lumen youngsters" managed to beat out the "Lumen Oldsters" this year. Check out the letterman jackets on Garrett (21) and Dan (03).



Youth Summit Award Nominee: Sophia Dupras!

While there are many events and awards that focus on academics or athletics, the Youth Summit Award focuses on good deeds, kindness, community involvement, friendship in the classroom, or just kids doing something awesome in their neighborhood, church or school that makes Anchorage a better place. Lumen Senior Sophia Dupras was our nominee. Congratulations!



Noah and Jack create an edible polymer in biology class!



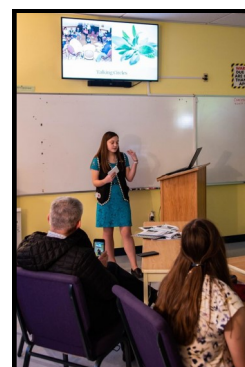
Following months of planning and expert craftsmanship, our new gym floor is complete! While this project has had its share of frustrating moments, the end result is absolutely beautiful. Hopefully, no more earthquakes for awhile!



Kateri and Ryan prepare for the "Battle of the Books!"



Emily & Garrett earn awards in Youth Shotgun League.



Juniors and Seniors write 25-page papers in their Non-Fiction Writing Class. Topics this year included: "Endangered Languages: The Impact of Loss of Culture on Indigenous Peoples and the World;" "School Bullying among Asian Adolescents;" "Implementing Culturally-based Models of Care: An Effort to Reduce the Effects of Loss of Culture in Alaska Native People;" "A Comparison/Contrast Study of Reusable and Plastic Products and the Impact on the Environment;" "Aggressive Masculine Behavior and Its Effects on Violence in American Schools;" "Domestic Violence and the Effects on Children;" "The Effects of Parent/Child Separation at the U.S./Mexican Border;" "Therapeutic Cloning and Catholic Church Teaching;" and "The Impact of Climate Change on the Lifestyles of Native Americans in the Arctic Region." Students presented their papers to fellow students, parents, staff, and invited guests. Our Lumen Archangels strive for excellence!



Girl's Jr. High Team Undefeated!

Our Jr. High Lady Archangels team capped an undefeated season and won their final tournament! Amara Warren was voted the Most Valuable Player of the tournament by the participating teams' coaches. There were a number of really good games and our Archangels displayed good sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Our boys team played well, also. Thanks to our coaches and parents who all helped make a winning season!