



4th Annual State of the School January 28, 2020



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.



Escuelas Católicas
Liderazgo. Servicio. Aprendizaje. Logra tus metas.

Faith + Family¹ + Excellence

Sports Leader Virtue of the Week



EXCELLENCE

The strength to achieve objectives with perfection and skill.

68% of our students made Honor Roll!

Virtue = Strength

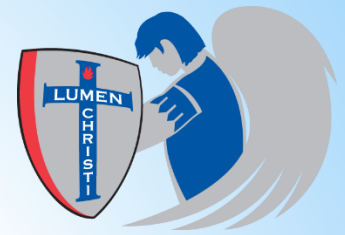


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Now



Agenda

- Prayer and Introductions
- Why Now? Catholic Schools Week!
- Foundational Documents Review
- Where We Are
 - Academic, Athletic, and Spiritual Excellence
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Finances
- Where We Are Going

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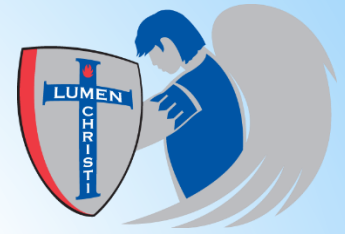


Our Parish Staff



Father Tom Lilly (Pastor)
Katherine Mitchell (Parish Secretary)
Marcy Adkins (Pastoral Assistant)
Danna Hoellering (Business Manager)
Bob McMorrow (Director, Catechesis and Evangelization)
Gabe O'Lena (Junior High Youth Minister)
Elise Martinez (Youth and Young Adult Minister)
Ken Miller (Music Director)
Elaine Potter (Church Housekeeper)

Our School Board



- Greg Gallagher (Board Chair)**
- Father Tom Lilly (Pastor)**
- Father Arthur Roraff (Priest Representative)**
- Kara Moriarty (Recruitment and Retention)**
- Bonnie Bezousek (Archdiocesan Rep)**
- Jim Seeburger (Recruitment and Retention)**
- Nikelle Sherman (Alumni Rep/Secretary)**
- Shane Locke (Marketing and Public Relations)**
- Lea Bouton (Marketing and Public Relations)**
- Bill Arnold (Finance)**
- Carly Helgesen (Member)**
- Danna Hoellering (Business Manager)**
- Brian Ross (Principal)**

School Board Strategic Direction 2019-2023



- Developed from parent and stakeholder surveys
- Six month collaborative effort, including August 2019 School Board retreat.
- Published Oct 2019
- Five main areas of focus:
 - ✓ Faith
 - ✓ Family
 - ✓ Excellence
 - ✓ Recruitment and Retention
 - ✓ Development and Advancement

Our School Staff



Brian Ross (Principal)

Anne Gore (Front Office)

Debra Brewer (Dean of Academics)

Michael Bauzon (Dean of Students)

Elizabeth Loeffler (Campus Minister)

Antje Carlson (Humanities Chair)

John Warren (Athletic Director)

Annie Broberg (Social Studies)

Megan Spillers (Social Studies/LA)

Alison Craig (Math/Science)

April Alvarez (Spanish)*

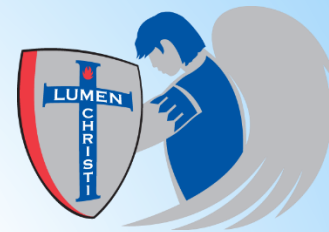
Kate Bazin (Theology)*

Bob McMorrow (Theology)*

***Part Time**



Faculty Snapshots



100% of our full-time teaching faculty possess an Alaska state teaching certification and/or an advanced degree in their content area!



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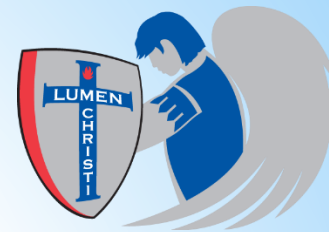


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UNIVERSITY
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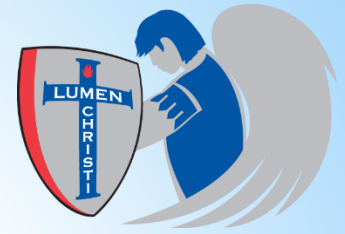


Which four of the 15 following words best describe what you think of your teachers? (Top 4 Answers)

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Caring | 68% |
| Honest | 58% |
| Fun | 56% |
| Interesting | 44% |

Which four of the 16 following words or phrases best describe your experiences in your classes? (Top 4 Answers)

| | |
|--|------------|
| Challenging | 48% |
| Positive Interactions with Others | 42% |
| New Ideas Encouraged | 40% |
| Working in Groups | 38% |



Why Now? Catholic Schools Week, of course!

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Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020

January 26 -
February 1
#CSW20

- **Sat, Jan 25 and Sun, Jan 26: Celebrating Our Parish**
 - **Class advisory groups attended Mass at either St. Benedict's or St. Elizabeth together in school uniform**
- **Mon, Jan 27: Celebrating Our Students**
 - **Each student received a personalized, hand-written note from a teacher or staff member**
 - **All Schools Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 - **Academic awards Assembly**
 - **6th Grader "Move Up" Day (27 students)**
- **Tues, Jan 28: Celebrating Our Community**
 - **Thank you video for our awesome community! Later...**

➤ **Wed, Jan 29: Celebrating Our Nation**

- Students will give thank you cards to local police and fire first responders as well as congressional representatives
- The Chris Kyle Patriots Hospital will receive 24 appreciation bags of goodies for the residents

➤ **Thurs, Jan 30: Celebrating Vocations**

- Prayer chain for all parishes in the Archdiocese
- Priests and deacons hosted for lunch here at school

➤ **Fri, Jan 31: Celebrating Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Volunteers**

- Shhhh....its a secret!



Review of our Foundational Documents

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Mission Statement

(What we are called to do)

**As a ministry of St. Benedict Parish,
Lumen Christi High School provides a
rigorous Catholic education in a
Christ-like environment**

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Our Philosophy and Core Values (What we are called to be)

**We are called to proclaim the
Gospel of Jesus Christ,
to build community,
and to serve our brothers and sisters.**

**We are united in our Core Values of
*Living Faith, Celebrating Family,
and Achieving Excellence***

6 Attributes of Lumen Graduates



“Mind” (Academics)
“Body” (Athletics)
“Spirit” (Faith Life)

Our Graduates:

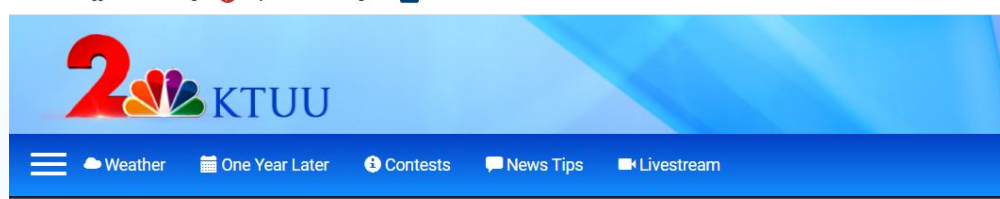
- **Have a worldview centered in the teachings of Jesus Christ**
- **Respect the value and dignity of others as made in God’s image**
- **Are servant leaders in the Church, community, and society**
- **Strive to live justly and value service to others before self**
- **Communicate effectively, think critically, and solve problems**
- **Are confident and prepared for life’s challenges**



Where We Are: Academic Excellence

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Local News Coverage



Home / Morning Edition / Article

Anchorage high school implements cell phone free policy

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NEWS

New cellphone-free policy at Lumen Christi High School dials up positive results

Thursday, October 3rd 2019, 7:29 AM AKDT

By: Scott Gross



Education

To reduce distractions, this Anchorage high school has gone cellphone free

✍ Author: Tegan Hanlon ◉ Updated: October 21, 2019 📅 Published October 20, 2019



At Lumen Christi, staff reported students being engaged with each other during breaks and at lunch. Importantly, teachers noticed increased participation and focus in class, according to *Anchorage Daily News*.

☰ EXPLORE **People**

PEOPLE.COM > HUMAN INTEREST

Students 'Bummed' After Alaska High School Totally Bans Cell Phones — But Staffers 'Love It'

Lumen Christi High School officials have implemented a strict no cell phone policy, having students turn in their devices at the start of class

National News Coverage

yahoo!
lifestyle

Search

High school bans student cell phones and teachers are ecstatic: 'They're engaged with the real world instead'

Sun, Jan 26, 2020

Newsweek

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ALASKA HIGH SCHOOL BANS CELLPHONES, AND STUDENTS ARE HAPPY WITH THE NEW RULE

Should cell phones be banned from classrooms?

Could a French-style ban work in the U.S.?

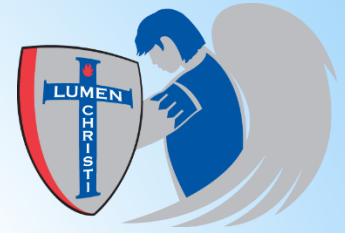
Where Were You in the Great Hurricane of 2018?

What about emergencies?

One issue surrounding cell phone bans is concern about students having access to their phones in the event of a mass shooting. Anchorage experienced a hurricane last November, an event with the similar circumstances of widespread danger with no warning.

This was before the ban, and many kids “didn’t have their phone on them anyway, they were in their lockers or in their backpack,” when the building was evacuated. Students were able to use teachers’ phones to notify their parents and landlines when they could return to the building. A message was also sent out via an app to notify parents that all students were safe.

Testing Program



- English and Math Placement Tests for Admission
 - Determines English proficiency
 - Determines Math placement
- Standardized Tests Annually
 - Spring (7th and 8th Grade): PSAT 8/9
 - Fall (9-11th Grade): PSAT NMSQT
 - 12th Grade: SAT/ACT (not required)
 - Spring (8th and 11th Grade): ACRE (Assessment of Child/Youth Religious Education)





Senior “Capstone” (2018 Objective)

- Interdisciplinary with Theology 12 and English Non-Fiction
- Focused on one or more of the 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching
- Lengthy research paper or shorter paper/project

****School Board Strategic Direction
Area (Excellence):**

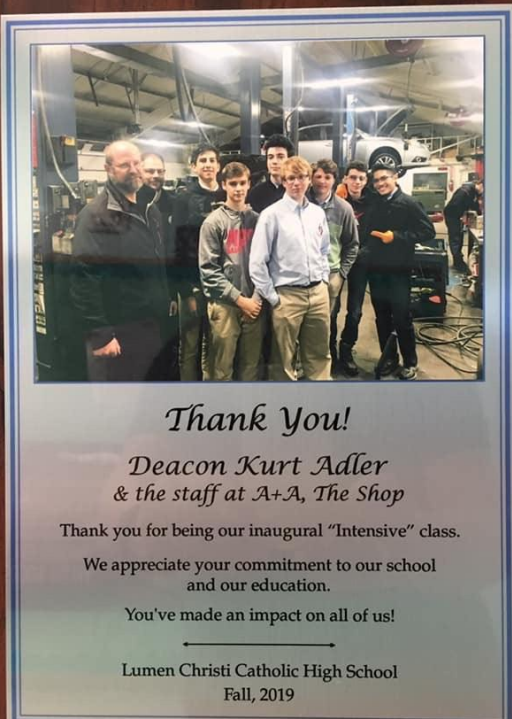
**“More deliberate commitment to
the development of the six
Attributes of a Lumen Graduate”**

**Attribute #5: Communicate
effectively, think critically, and
solve problems**



“Intensives” (2017 Objective)

- 6-8 week course twice per week
- Basic Auto Skills and Culinary Arts
- (1st semester)
- First Aid and Hunter Safety (2nd semester)



Thank You!

*Deacon Kurt Adler
& the staff at A+A, The Shop*

Thank you for being our inaugural “Intensive” class.

We appreciate your commitment to our school
and our education.

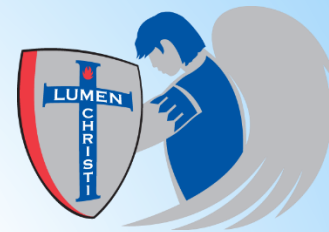
You've made an impact on all of us!

—
Lumen Christi Catholic High School
Fall, 2019



****School Board Strategic Direction Area (Excellence):
“to offer more and greater opportunities...so that every
student receives a well-rounded education”**

Choir and Debate (2017 Objective)



****School Board Strategic Direction Area (Excellence):
“More opportunities for artistic and creative expression”**



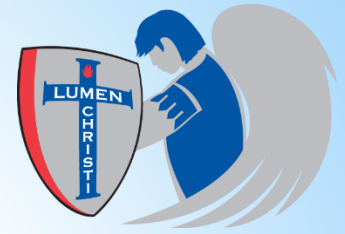
Advantage Program

- Five year partnership with UAF
- Online 100 and 200 level college courses
- Savings of nearly \$300 per course!
- Parents can use 529/college savings plan
- Up to 18 credits by Lumen graduation



Advantage

****School Board Strategic Direction Area (Excellence):
“More manifestations of academic excellence across the
curriculum”**



Where We Are: Athletic Excellence

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AUTHENTICITY

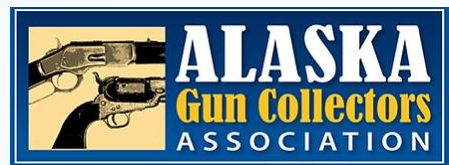
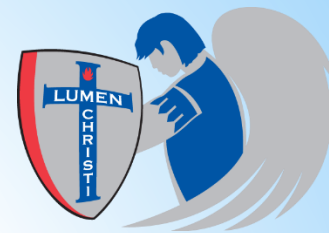
The strength to be always true and real.



Our New Gym Floor!

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Riflery (2017 Objective)



Over \$17,000 in equipment grants!



“Virtual Match” League (Jan-April)

538 competitors

60 other teams

30 states + Guam

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“Cooperative Sports” Agreement (Pending)

- Joint agreement between Lumen and ASD only
- If approved, would allow our students to play on ASD high school sports teams if NOT offered at Lumen Christi:

| | |
|------------|---------------|
| Football | Nordic Skiing |
| Gymnastics | Hockey |
| Swim/Dive | Baseball |
| Wrestling | Softball |



- ASAA Board vote end of Feb = PRAYER!

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Where We Are: Spiritual Excellence

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Prayers with the opposing team

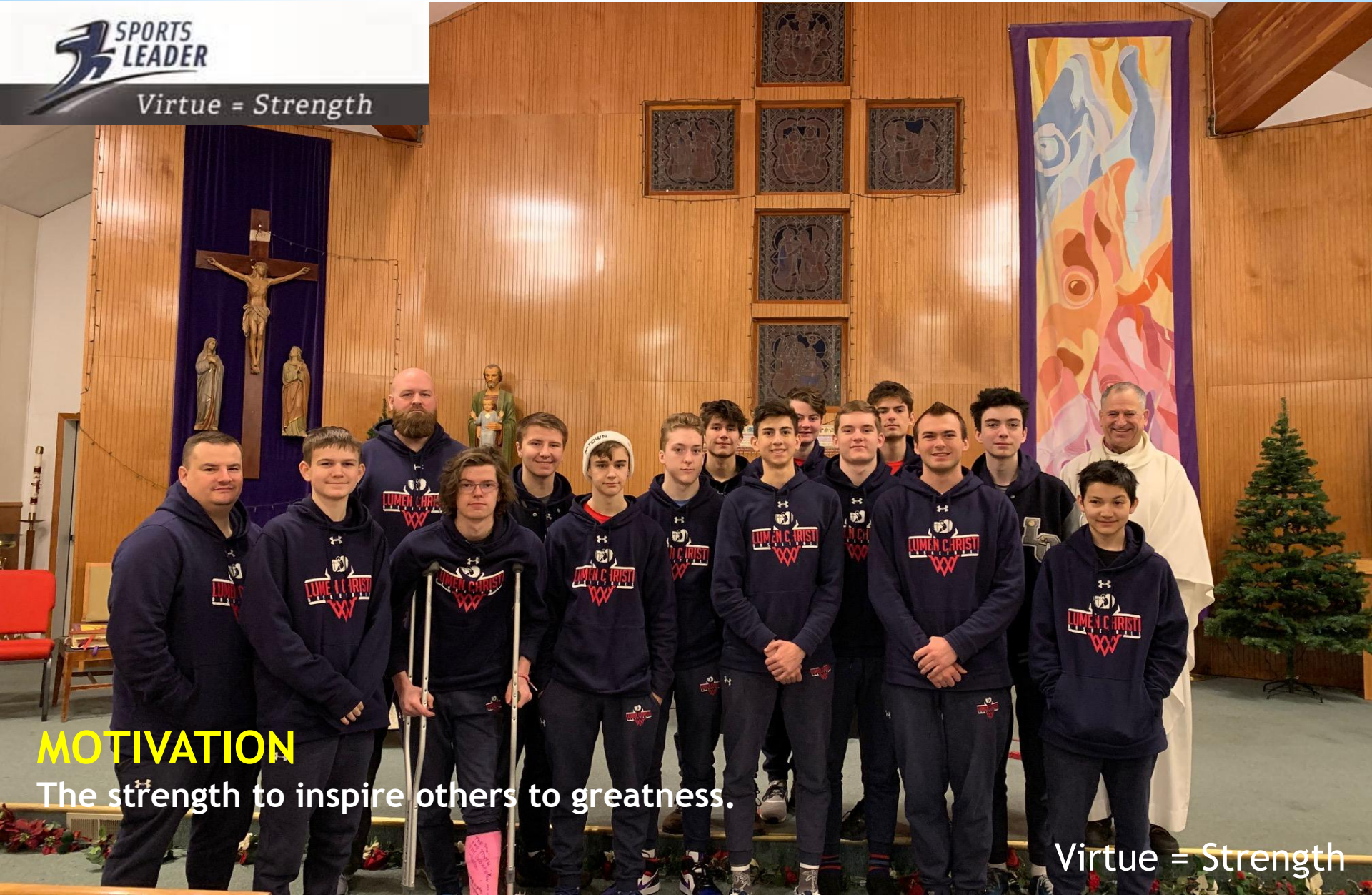


EMPATHY

The strength to understand and share the feelings of another.

Virtue = Strength

Team Mass



MOTIVATION

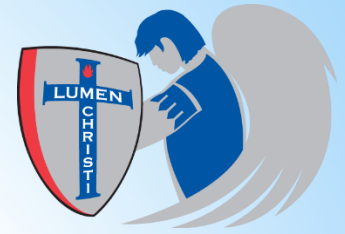
The strength to inspire others to greatness.

Virtue = Strength

Basketball Rosary Rally and Jersey Ceremony



****School Board Strategic Direction Area (Faith):
“More social occasions in a faith-filled environment”**



Recruitment and Retention

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Safe and Reliable Transportation

NOW ENROLLING

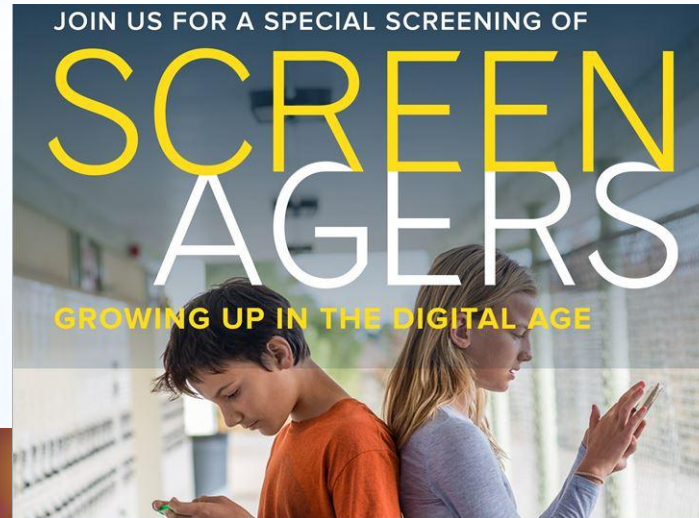
OPEN HOUSE 11/20 6-8PM



Ask us about Financial Aid

Grades 7-12

**(2017 Objective)
with several
years of Gala
Fund a Project
support!**



SCREENAGERS
Movie Screening
April 16th 7pm

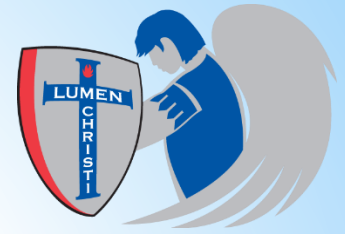


**Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday
Pancake Dinner and
Open House**
Feb 25th from 5:30-8pm



**Cinco de Mayo
Festival**
May 8th from 6-10pm

**School Board Strategic Direction Area (Recruitment and Retention):
Get people in the building**



Finances

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Gala Auction

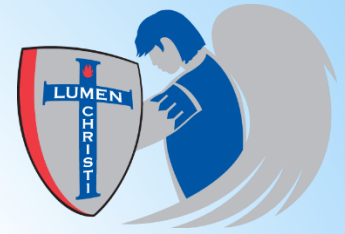
- Largest single fundraiser of the school year
- Goal: \$100,000
- Raised over \$20,000 for tuition scholarships (supports 6-8 students; average aid given is \$3500)
- Immediate need: Set up and clean up, lead data entry on night of event, and student volunteer monitor
- Future need:
Co-Chair



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2020
5:30 P.M. • LUMEN CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education!

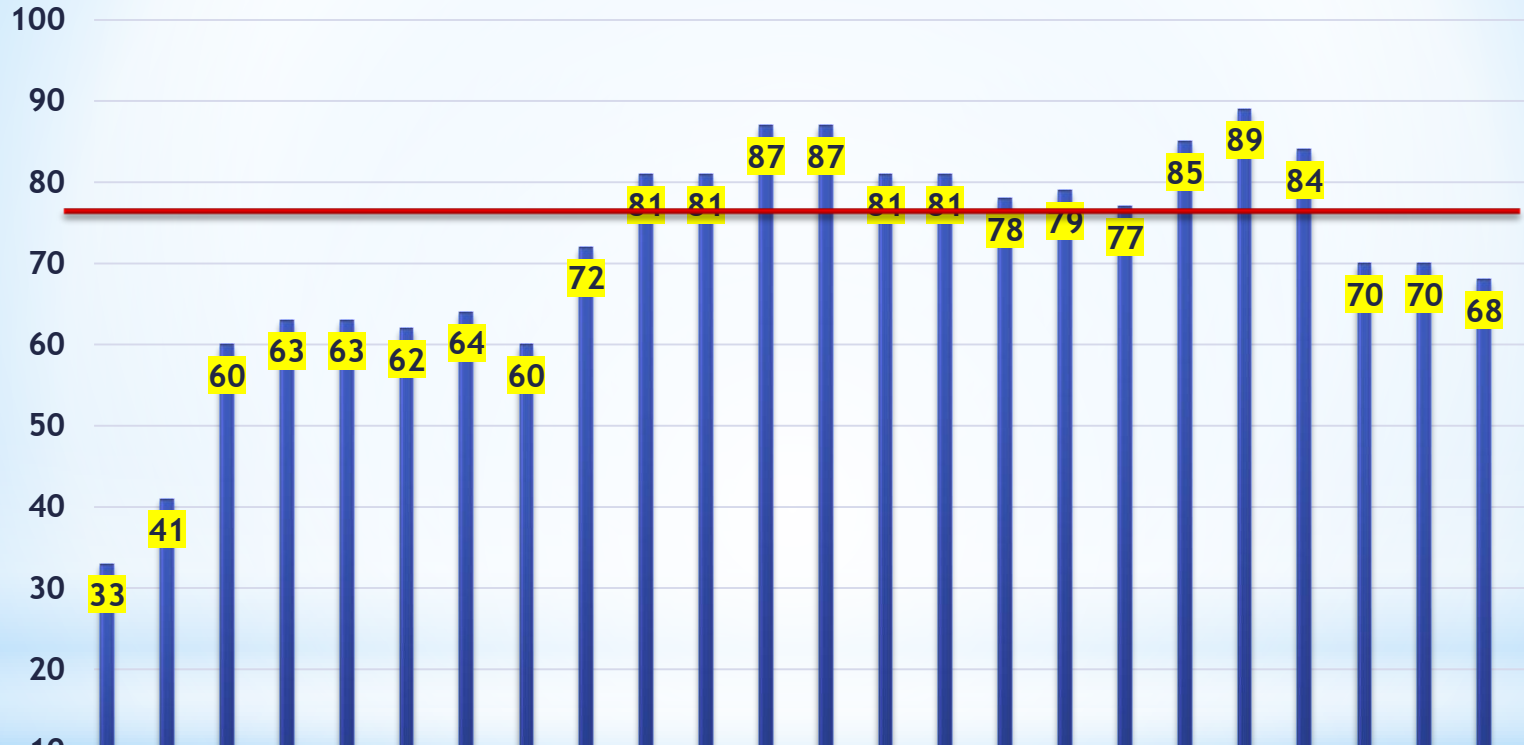
2020 Fund a Project: Gym Enhancements



- New interior paint scheme
- “Ring of Virtues”
- More symbols of our Catholic faith?

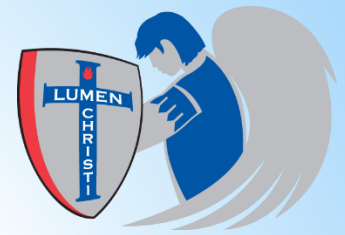
VIRTUE=STRENGTH.™
SPORTSLEADER

Enrollment Update



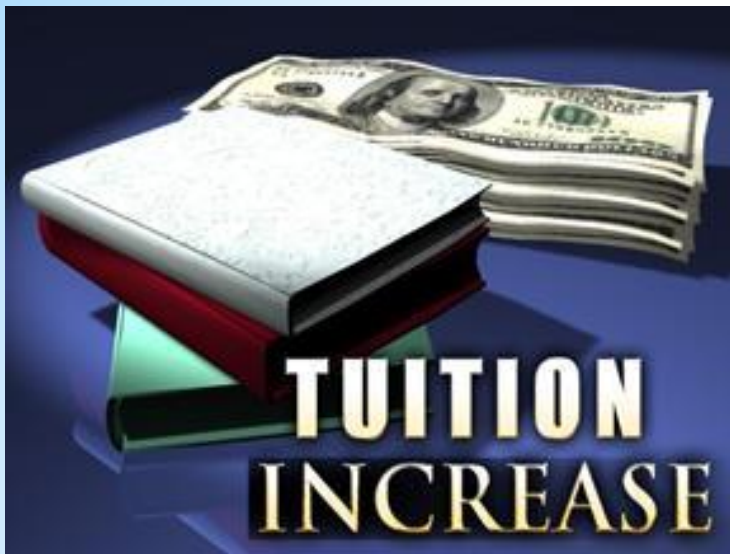
Bottom Line:

Lower than Average Student Count The Past Three Years Has Meant Significant Additional Financial Pressure on the Parishioners of St. Benedicts and Substantial Indebtedness to the Archdiocese



3 Ways You Can Help in the Next 30 Days

1. Invite prospective families to our Feb 25th Open House and other Lumen events
2. Attend or work at the Gala on Feb 8th
3. Support our “friends and family” fundraising challenge during Catholic Schools Week



Yes. Most likely a 6-8% increase**** to be announced in late Mar/early Apr

| Grade | Current Tuition | Projected 2020-2021 |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Junior High | \$7600 | \$8200 |
| Senior High | \$8000 | \$8600 |

****The Archdiocese of Anchorage directs a minimum tuition increase each year of 3%





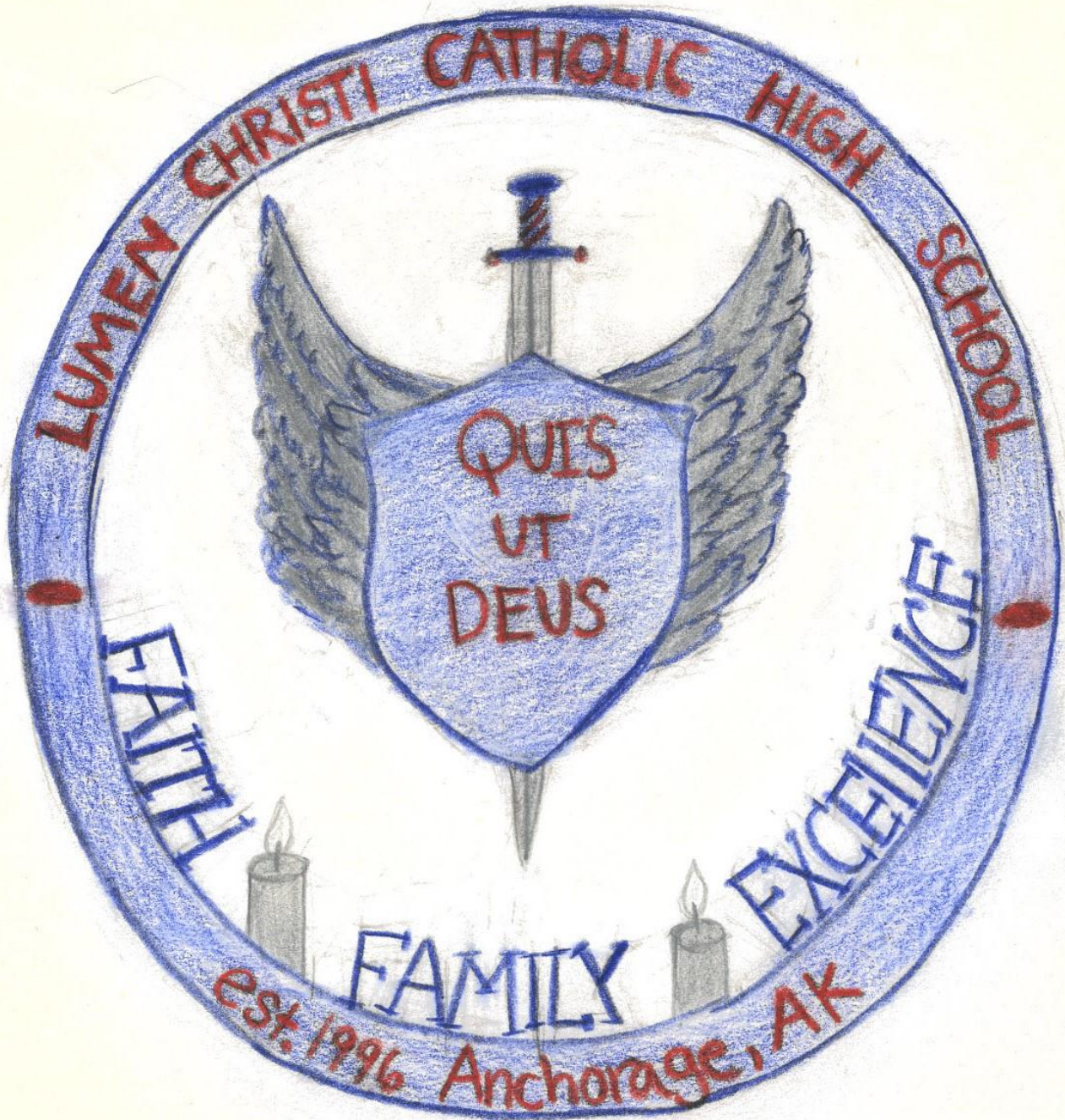
Where We Are Going

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Student Designed School Crest (2019 Objective)



- **Core Values**
- **School colors/mascot**
- **Unique Alaska location**
- **Catholic identity**
- **Mind, body, and spirit**
- **Chosen by parents, students, staff and alumni**
- **\$100 gift card to winner**
- **5 submissions to date**





LUMEN CHIRSTI

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Faith

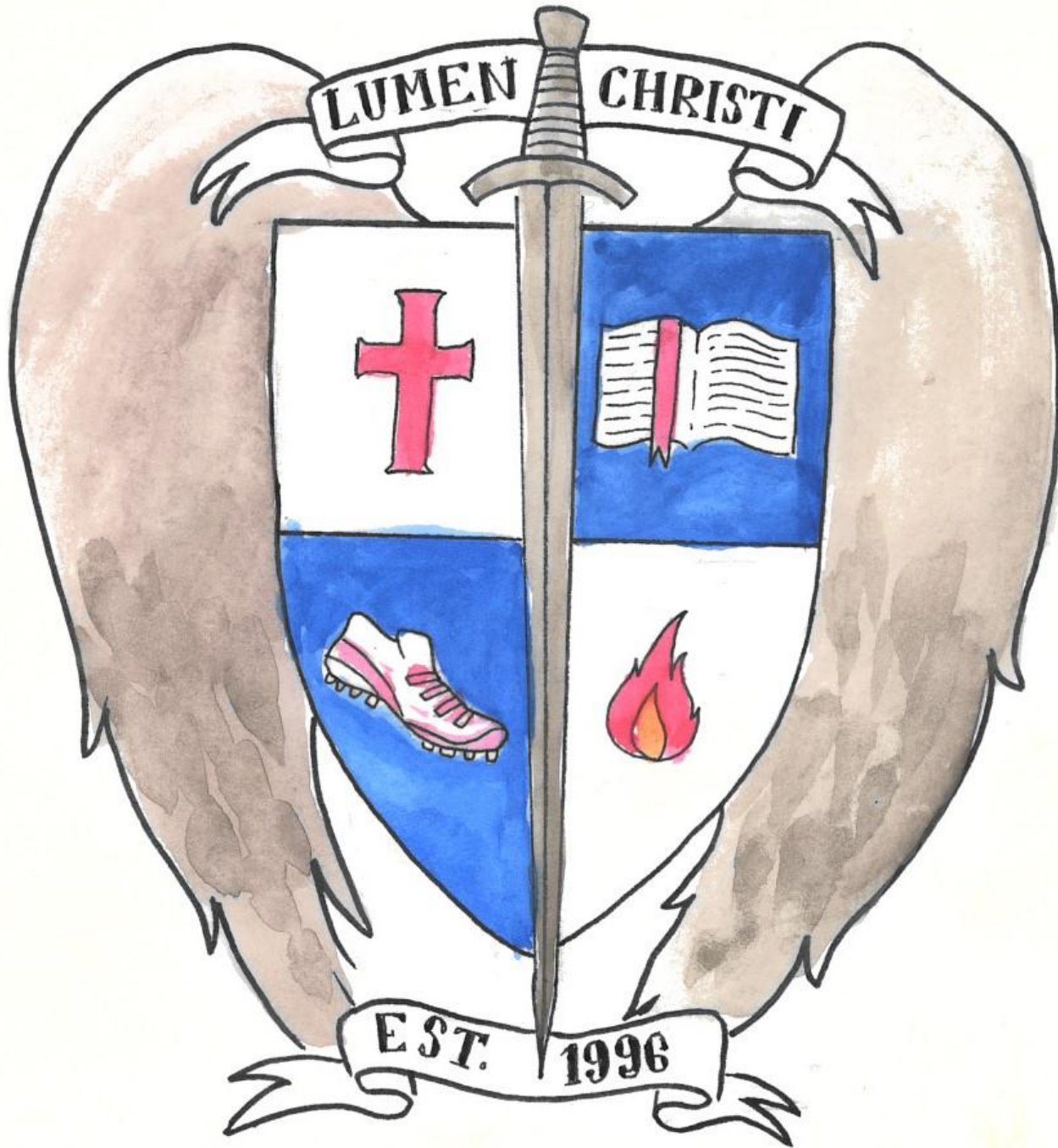


Family



Excellence

HIGH SCHOOL



LUMEN CHRISTI

EST. 1996



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Lumen Christi High School

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Lumen Christi High School 25th Anniversary in 2020

- All stakeholders involved
- Date: September 2020 – May 2021
- Next planning meeting: February 19th at 7pm





Cognia (formerly AdvancEd) Reaccreditation in 2021

- **All stakeholders involved**
- **Engagement team visit**
- **Data driven**
- **6-12 month process**
- **Date: April 2021**
- **Goal: Demonstrate Continuous Improvement**



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Continuous Improvement (Two examples)



1. Admissions Math Placement results determined need for “Survey of Algebra” course between Pre-Algebra and Algebra I
2. Teacher Observations and Assessment Results determined need to improve student writing skills
 - More emphasis on grammar/mechanics at Junior High level
 - Move Speech/Composition to Junior year
 - Offer Non-Fiction Course every fall vice every other year



Questions?

Follow Us:

A white rounded rectangle containing the text 'Follow Us:' on the left and four social media icons in a row on the right: Facebook (blue square with white 'f'), Twitter (blue square with white bird), Snapchat (yellow square with white ghost), and Instagram (gradient square with white camera icon).



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protector against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him
we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly host, by the power of God,
Cast into hell, Satan and all the evil
spirits who prowl around the Earth
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (334-336): *“the whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels. From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession.”*

Closing Prayer

