

2020-21 Annual Report

Lumen Christi Catholic High School



Dear Friends and Families of Lumen Christi Catholic High School,

Since 1996, Lumen Christi Catholic High School has been synonymous with quality, value-based Catholic education. As a school community, we feel that we accomplish this best in a face-to-face, in-person environment. For 25 years, this has been the ideal method for helping to develop the academic, spiritual, and physical dimensions of each Archangel who enters our building and for achieving the six Attributes of a Lumen Graduate in each student.

In August 2020, we started our school year in person with 90 students, at that time, the largest student body in Lumen's proud 25th history. Thanks to a solid COVID mitigation plan complete with red, yellow, and green light operating phases; a dedicated teaching staff who worked hard to maintain the tenets of that plan; parents who provided an extra level of caution in screening their students on a daily basis and keeping anyone under the weather at home; and most of all - flexible students - we were able to maintain our in-person learning all year, with the exception of a few short weeks in December. Just like the spring semester before, our efforts as a school community throughout this pandemic have been exceptional.

In short, it was quite the interesting way to celebrate the silver 25th anniversary of our school's founding. As you review this Annual Report however, you'll see the myriad of activities and accomplishments that we achieved together with your support — all while in the midst of a global pandemic. To highlight just a few:

- A daily bus service transported over 30 students to and from the parishes of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Andrew!
- Both our boys and girls basketball teams won the Peninsula Conference Regional Championships and then our boys went on to win the 1A State Basketball Championship, the first time since 2004 and the second time in the school's history!
- Through our partnership with the University of Alaska Fairbanks Advantage Program, we have many juniors and seniors completing college credits in math, technology, and language arts, all while in high school!
- Thanks to our cooperative sports agreement with the Anchorage School District, Lumen students are playing the sport of their choice, including football, Nordic skiing, swimming, gymnastics and baseball!
- Lumen was profiled on the front cover of the National Catholic Educational Association's monthly magazine *Momentum*, seen by over 140,000 members representing 1.6 million Catholic school students around the world!

Of course, I could go on highlighting the accomplishments of our school, students, and staff, but you can see for yourself. I'm so very proud of this school community and know you are as well! Thank you for the tremendous support you provide which opens doors for our students each and every day.

Blessings, Brian

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From the Pastor



WE MADE IT! After a year filled with morning temperature checks at the door, social distancing in classrooms, keeping students in cohorts, and responding to the “numbers” that would send us into distance-learning, our school can be proud of the fact that we got through a very challenging year during a global pandemic by the grace of God and the strength of our community!

We were able to successfully navigate keeping our school open for in-person instruction for all but three weeks of the school year, thanks to the excellent planning by our principal, and through the extraordinary work of our teachers and support staff. As I reflect on the past year, we would not have had the success we did without our Lumen community working together for the good of our students and their families. Our students did an amazing job adjusting to so many new protocols and always did so with a great attitude and a “can-do, Archangel spirit!” Much of our success in being able to stay in-person and not having to quarantine classes and grades multiple times is because our students were so very cognizant of the importance of personal safety and hygiene to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Our parents were rock stars this past year! They were so very proactive and responsive when concerns arose about the potential for COVID-19 spread in their household or in their student’s classroom. I was so impressed with the number of families who didn’t just look out for their own children but who were truly concerned about the well-being of every student in the school.

Our faculty and staff deserve so much praise and gratitude for all they did to serve the students of our school. The amount of time they spent constantly adjusting teaching and learning in their classrooms was simply amazing as they navigated students who were distance learners, in-person, as well as those students who had to quarantine for up to two weeks at a time. Our faculty and staff went above and beyond to make this year a positive one for our students, and I couldn’t be more grateful and proud of this outstanding group of professionals.

Everything we accomplish here at Lumen we do so through God’s grace and the generous response of donors. In whatever way you personally supported our school through your donations of time, talent, and treasure, please accept my sincere thanks. We have much for which to be grateful! As we continue to strive to offer a “rigorous Catholic education in a Christlike environment”, we are committed to our core values of “Living FAITH”, “Celebrating FAMILY”, and “Achieving EXCELLENCE”! – Fr. Tom

Outgoing School Board President



It was my greatest privilege to serve as the School Board Chair for the 2020-2021 school year. In unprecedented times, I had the honor of being a teammate to a phenomenal administration, faculty, and staff that served over ninety students in face-to-face learning for the majority of the school year. The gains made, across the board, were simply phenomenal. My time on the board came to an abrupt end in May when I made the decision to join Lumen Christi in another position. I resigned as Board Chair to step into the classroom as a teacher, and concurrently enroll our eldest as a seventh grader. I am thrilled to be serving the Lumen community in this new role. These first months been joyful - thank you for sharing your students with me!

I am excited to see what is in store for Lumen with Michelle Hajdukovich at the helm of the LCHS board. Michelle has been a leading force in bringing the Lumen Speaker Series to life - she has a heart for aligning board work with the strategic vision for the school. Michelle’s leadership capacity and experience with Catholic school systems are an asset to our school.

In closing, thank you for all that you do to support Lumen Christi Catholic High School. Lumen is a fantastic institution from the inside-out, and is worthy of your prayers, time, and financial donations. I am ever grateful for the sacrifices you make on the behalf of our school.

-Lea Bouton

Incoming School Board President



A lifelong Catholic, Fairbanks born and raised third generation Alaskan, my family and I have been St. Benedict’s parishioners since moving here five years ago. As a former UAA lady Seawolf, I first became involved with Lumen Christi as the junior varsity and varsity basketball coach. Two years ago became a member of Lumen’s School Board, serving as Chair of the “Lumen Forward” committee. This year I assumed the role as Board Chair and will continue coaching the junior high girls’ basketball team as well as volunteer assist with the high school team.

My foundation in Catholic education (I’m a graduate of both Immaculate Conception Grade School and Monroe Catholic High School in Fairbanks) and my deep faith in our Lord Jesus Christ guide me in all that I do. I view my service to Lumen as service to our faith, as we make Catholic education available to all. I feel honored to represent Lumen and look forward to my two years of service to this wonderful community in pursuit of living **faith**, celebrating **family** and achieving **excellence**.

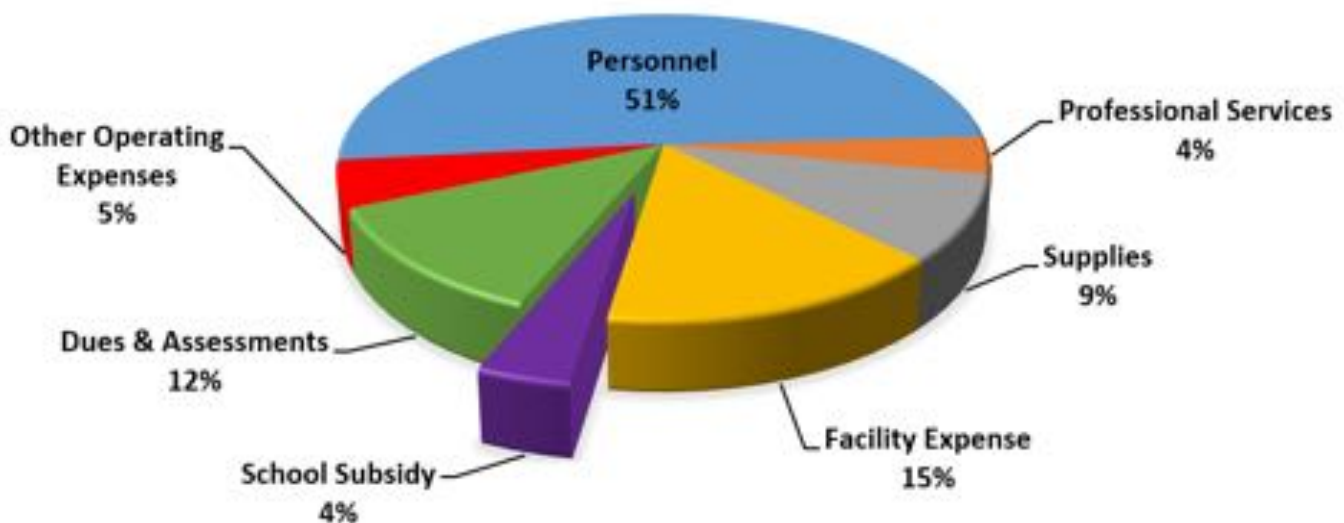
-Michelle Hajdukovich

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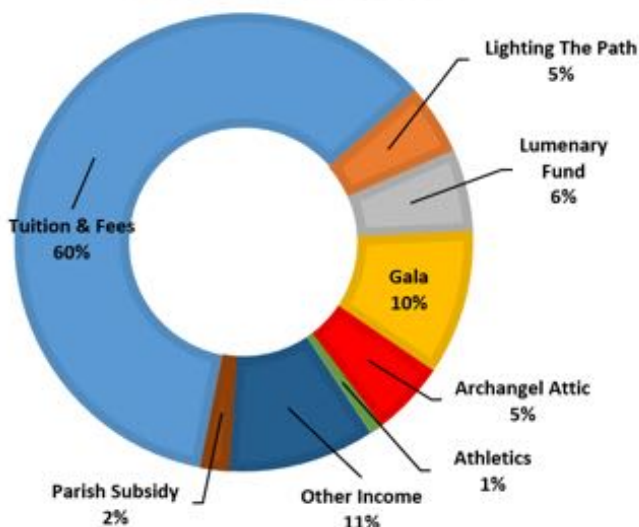
The real cost to educate a student at Lumen Christi was \$12,535 in FY21 and tuition averaged \$8,750 per student. The “gap” meant that Lumen families paid 70% of the real cost with an average scholarship of \$3,785. This gap was made up through a combination of the LUMEN-ary Drive, the Annual Gala, Lighting the Path pledges and other income (grants, federal reimbursements related to the COVID and the 2019 earthquake, debt reduction.)

Parishioners of Saint Benedict Parish supported Lumen Christi with \$26,000, a marked decrease from the previous year’s subsidy of \$120,000. A robust population of 91 students for 2020-21 vs. only 66 in 2019-20 is to thank for this savings to the parish. The Archangel Attic supported Lumen Christi with an additional \$68,103, a slight decrease in sales donations from the previous year by approximately \$2,500, but remarkable in that the Attic was operating on a very limited schedule because of COVID restrictions. These combined gifts of \$94,103 represented 7% of the school’s income and an investment of \$1,034 in each of the it’s 91 students last year. A thriving school = vibrant and growing Catholic faith and parish. We are better together!

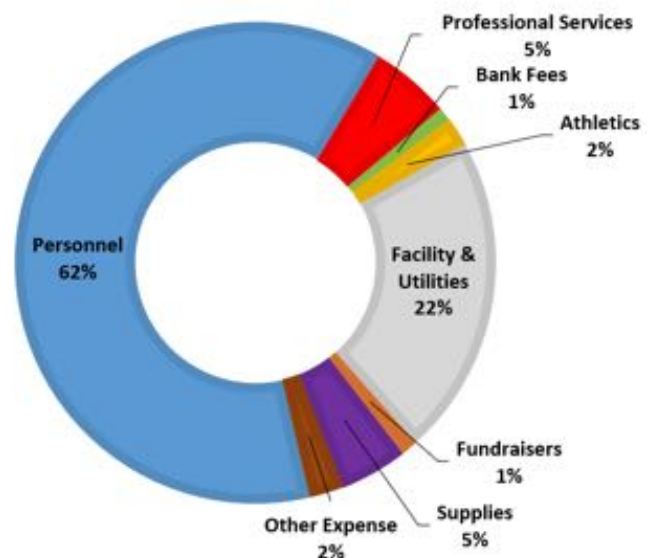
PARISH EXPENSE



SCHOOL REVENUE



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Lighting the Path to the Future

“Lighting the Path to the Future” is an intentional partnership with the Archdiocese of Anchorage and the wider Catholic and civic community to support Catholic and non-Catholic youth who desire the excellent education and moral development offered at Lumen Christi.

In its inaugural year in 2017, the Archdiocese, ten parishes, eleven members of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, and eight individual donors represented the “inaugural partners” and together broadened the donor base to create a promising and sustainable future for students to attend Lumen Christi.

In its second year, Providence Hospital, four Knights of Columbus Councils, one additional individual donor, and the Filipino and Samoan communities of Saint Benedict Parish joined the 20 “first responders.” An intentional portion of these funds are designated to assure financial scholarships for families who could not otherwise afford a Catholic education.

Please contact Anne Gore, Advancement Director at (907) 273-1530 if you would like to receive additional information on how you or your business can invest in the life of a young person. We express our sincere gratitude to all who are witnessing and walking with us, “*Lighting The Path*” for our students at Lumen Christi Catholic School!

Thank you!

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John B. Thorsness September 23, 1956 – August 12, 2021

Alaska's loss was heaven's gain as John B. Thorsness, beloved son, husband, father, friend and colleague died unexpectedly this fall. Born and raised in Anchorage, John was well known throughout Alaska both as an attorney and as an accomplished pilot. In his younger years, he was a highly skilled rower, outdoorsman and mountaineer, completing a traverse of Denali in 1990. It was around this time he met his future wife Gerianne skiing through Portage Pass, both on their way to Whittier. Over the next 30 years John & Gerianne created a family that became the true passion of his life: Sophie (Steven), Annie (Dustin and granddaughter Daisy); Kaiya (boyfriend Gaven) and son, Henry. Sophia, Annie and Kaiya are all proud graduates of Lumen Christi, mastering academics as well as leading various soccer,

volleyball and basketball teams to victory. Henry remained his sister's staunchest supporter in the stands at every game! Upon his death, John's family established the John B. Thorsness Memorial Scholarship to ensure other students would have access to the same opportunities as his beloved children.

The Lumen Christi community is honored by the Thorsness's enduring legacy and gratefully acknowledge the following donors, to date: Hilda and James Bunker, Robert Caldaroni, Mac and Patricia Carey, Ronald and Deborah Carlson, Wayne and Joey Eski, Mike and Robin Gonring, Hughes White Colbo Wilcox & Tervooren, LLC, Paul Jendryk, Dale and Walter Kephart, David and Pamela Kyzer, Donald and Rayna Larson, Jim Leik, Donna Madison, Cheri and Erin Marston, Robert and Georgia Miller, John and Patricia Mitchell, Rich Owens, Matthew K. Peterson, Blythe Marston Pospisil, George Rhyneer and Marilyn McKay, Nancy and Joe Schierhorn, Frank Woodruff and Jan Agosti.

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We appreciate your kindness!

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STUDENT and STAFF SPOTLIGHT



The “**And Then Some**” award recognizes a student who makes a significant and positive impact during any given semester. To be considered, the nominee must go above and beyond that which is normally expected of a Lumen Christi student. Student accomplishments should set them apart from their peers and should have a noticeable contribution to the school and community at large. This is not an academic ability award nor is it an athletic prowess award. Rather, this award showcases a student who best exemplifies and lives daily our core values of Faith, Family, and Excellence...and then some! **Lumen’s “And Then Some Award” winner for Spring of 2021 was Jamie Estes!** Described by teachers as someone who “...always volunteers to help others when her work is done.....makes good, and thoughtful suggestions....is friendly and mindful.....goes above and beyond when working in a team setting... exhibits exceptional sportsmanship on and off the court.....” Jamie

clearly exemplifies the ideals of this award. It’s been a joy for her teachers to watch her mature into a young woman who upholds the ideals of a Lumen graduate. Congratulations, Jamie!



Director of Advancement

Thanks to increased student enrollment over the past two years, a new “Director of Advancement” position was created as a full-time member of the school staff. To fill this position, we transitioned **Anne Gore** from our Front Desk Admin Assistant into this critical role. In this position,

Ms. Gore will work full-time to coordinate all our development and advancement needs, including the LUMENary Drive and the Lighting the Path to the Future planned giving program. She will also coordinate our Archangel Attic parent volunteer requirements and serve as the Annual Gala Coordinator. This last function allows us to put a full time staff member into the role that was so ably served by Mrs. Danielle Rybicki for the past two years and many other dedicated parents before her. Further, Anne will coordinate all our marketing and recruitment efforts, including open houses, tours, Parent Ambassador program, and other special events. Since Anne has been instrumental in increasing our student count over the past three years, secured thousands of dollars in federal grants, and worked hard with the Gala while balancing the needs of the front office, putting her skill sets and talents in these areas full-time will only serve to strengthen our development, advancement, and enrollment efforts going forward. She will be missed as the face of Lumen Christi at the Front Desk where she selflessly served for three years, but we are so very fortunate to have her remain in the building and continuing to build our school community!



Administrative Assistant

Born and raised in Los Angeles, **Kimberly Guzman** joined us to fill the Administrative Assistant position vacated by Anne Gore. With a degree in psychology from Concordia University in Irvine, CA, Kimberly has a wealth of school-based administrative experience and has worked as an Infant, Child & Youth Program Assistant, Special Education Aide and Case Manager across the age spectrum, from infants to high schoolers to adults. “As a Catholic I seek God every day and will continue to use my gifts to help others. Thank you, God, for everything you have already given to me! I am beyond happy to be part of the Lumen Christi family!” Thank you Kimberly, we’re beyond happy too!

Last year we hired **Sierra Zorea** to cover the sabbatical of **Megan Spillers**, long time Language Arts/History/Theology teacher. With student enrollment on the rise, we were thrilled to retain Mrs. Zorea even with Mrs. Spillers returning to the classroom! We also welcomed back **Alison Craig** from sabbatical, and as noted on page 3, hired Mrs. **Lea Bouton**. With the addition of Mrs. Zorea and Mrs. Bouton, the school has a full complement of twelve full time teachers and two part-time teachers (Deacon Gustavo Azpilcueta / Spanish 1 & 2 and Mrs. Stacy Robertson / Theology 8) with a grand total of 161 years of teaching between them!

Alumni Snapshot



With a 100% graduation rate, Lumen Christi alumni are represented in every imaginable field, trade and profession: law; finance; social and government service; every branch of the military; aviation; teaching; entertainment; operational logistics, and like our featured alumni, Lily George, medicine. In Lily's own words:

"After graduating from Lumen I set off for a university that was ideal to me. Then I came home two and a half years later and started over. It was hard to let go of the idea and step into what was really driving me. But there's always reward for honoring your authentic self and pursuing what you know will drive you the farthest — because it's meaningful to you. That brought me to where I am today as a new nurse practitioner, with a passion for bringing more access to endocrine care in the primary care setting; and being mentored by a person who embodies what I've been manifesting to find.

Lumen provides more one-on-one attention because of the class sizes, and while life isn't like that forever, it is an opportunity to realize the benefit of that, and the fact that it can plant a seed of individual importance in each person's life — to help us discover what is uniquely ours to contribute. I think the small class sizes allowed more opportunity to seek mentorship — and that helped shape the rest of my journey to this point. I've believed that if I wanted to ask for mentorship, I could, because I was shown it was possible to ask for it."

Lily George, Class of 2008

Calling all Alumni: We'd love to keep up with you and feature you in next year's report. Contact Daniel George, Class of '05 at dgeorgeak@gmail.com and let him know what you're up to. Please stay in touch!

Gentlemen Extraordinaire!



Jim, Paul and Bernie — 3 of our Bus Boys!

Neither rain, nor snow, nor very early morning alarms can keep these amazing gents from their Archangel 1 and Archangel 2 bus driving duties throughout the year!

Whether it's a 6:00 am departure from Lumen to St. Andrew Parish to pick up students in Eagle River and on the east side of town; to a slightly less challenging 6:40 am departure to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for south side students; or even a down right civilized 2:00 pm departure back to those locations (with a potential run to Kincaid Park for soccer practice thrown in for good measure) - these fine gents simply can't be stopped. Without their help, we would have nearly 25 families with transportation

challenges. The "Bus Boys" not only ease that burden for families but do so with a smile, each and every day.

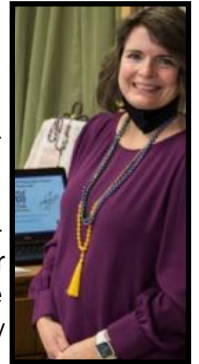
Dave Agosti, Bernie Freeman*, Paul Hafele*, Fr. Tom Lilly*, Mike McLaughlin*, Clint Renfro, Jim Seeberger*, Brian Ross and Anne Gore - our student body is enhanced not just in number but with a richness in character thanks to your support. **We're better together!**

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Lights....Camera.....ACTION !

On February 6th, 2021, our Annual Gala Celebration went live not in person but on the airways—yet another reflection of our COVID year. Thanks to the heroic efforts of our Gala Team led by Danielle Rybicki and the technical wizardry of C+L Creative, our Mardi Gras Gala Celebration was as spectacular as ever.



As in years past, Lumen Christi friends, families and supporters donated hundreds of items for our auction with all bidding on line, both in the week proceeding our “virtual” event and again on the night of. The net proceeds raised—nearly \$115,000— was the largest amount of any previous auction. These earnings offset the cost of tuition by approximately \$1,265 per student and shows just once again that the generous Lumen spirit has no bounds. Thank you to all who donated, contributed and volunteered—we are so grateful for you!

Please *Save the Date* for our February 12, 2022 “...No Place Like Home” Fundraising Gala Celebration. As the theme suggests and with an eye on the health and safety of all, we’ll be hosting our event virtually once again this year. We encourage you to gather with friends as you feel comfortable, and will actually be supporting a bit of competition between house “watch” parties. Intrigued? You should be! Rest assured it will be another night of great fun with a host of amazing items to bid on, with all proceeds going to help keep tuition affordable. Email gala@lumenchristiak.com or call Anne Gore at (907) 273-1530 if you’d like to help, or have items to donate. **Thank you for your wonderful support!**



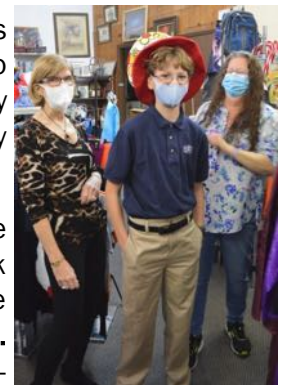
Our Archangel Attic “Angels”



There’s an old adage—“The only thing constant is change.” But there’s also another one—“You can’t keep a good woman—or man—or volunteer down!”

Despite ever changing schedules, having to limit hours and even shutter operations at times in response to COVID in the community, the dedicated and rock-steady Archangel Attic volunteers *still* managed to raise nearly \$70,000 for the school in 2020-21.

We are forever indebted to the gift of time that the Attic’s Angels, under the watchful leadership Colleen Larson and Mary Manes, give week in and week out. For every donation bag sorted, each pair of shoes matched, every article of clothing priced, every book or household item placed on a shelf for sale—we **thank you**. Your efforts reduced tuition for every Lumen family by nearly \$800 last year. We are humbled by your support, our Lumen students are better together, with you!



*School families—Volunteering at the Attic is one of the ways YOU can help keep tuition affordable. Please call Anne at 273-1538 to help and earn Share Hours.

Archangel Athletics

JR. HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER and HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

COVID did a number on most of our sports programs last year for certain. Our fall semester normally kicks off with pre-season soccer tournaments in Healy and the Mat-Su Valley, followed by a robust schedule of games culminating in regional and state championships. Although an outdoor sport, last year there were no tournaments, no other teams to play against and ended with both our Junior High and High School teams self scrimmaging as the season came to a close.

Following soccer we moved into a nearly-as-limited High School Girls Volleyball season. The Girls were able to play but a single match in a spectator-less gym and there were no tournaments or regional/state championships for them to test their mettle.

Despite that, all of athletes across the two sports—soccer and volleyball—stayed motivated and turned up for practice day after day—a testament to their character!



Regional Champions, our Lady Archangels and Boys, too!

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

From volleyball we were onto High School Basketball where both of our Archangel teams actually had the chance to SHINE! After a difficult practice season behind masks and games with limited (or no) spectator presence, both our Lady Archangels (coached by Tom Gregory) and Archangel Boys (coach by Adam Trombley) captured the Regional Championships. The Boys then went on to win the 1A State Championships, the first time since 2004. **WAY TO GO ARCHANGELS!**



RIFLERY

Competing online against teams across the nation, our fledgling Air Rifle Team probably had the 'closest to normal' season of any of our programs. Under the direction of Mr. Ross, 12 Jr. High and High School sharp shooting students honed their skills over a 14 week season, earning Lumen several wins against their online counterparts. A generous, school based grant from the National Rifle Association afforded us the opportunity to purchase all necessary equipment for the team, which we anticipate will grow in both number and skill in the coming years.



Division 1--A State Champs!

JR HIGH BASKETBALL AND FUTSAL; ALL SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

The absence of any opposing teams meant lots of practice, but no true games (save for a few scrimmages) for our Jr. High basketballers, both girls and boys. For the same reason, the Jr. High Futsal season was ultimately cancelled.

Track and field for all students arrived with the spring weather which meant running outdoor laps, sprints, more laps and more sprints. Like Jr. High Basketball and Futsal however, no other 1-A schools could field teams for competition, resulting in yet one final, truncated season for the 2020-21 school year. We're looking forward to solid seasons for ALL sports in 2021-22!

Presenting the Senior Class of 2021

Not even attending school through a year of COVID could diminish the joy of our 2021 Graduates. Congratulations to all—we know you are bound for great things.

Back Row, L to R: Jonah Doniere, Garrett Renfro, Caleb Furneri, Jaydin Dufrane. Front Row, L to R: , Vanessa Goerisch, Mary Helene Baker, Amber Salvador.



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