



# **6th Annual State of the School February 1, 2022**

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# What is a “State of the School?”



Catholic Schools  
Week 2022

January 30–February 5

[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw)

#CSW22

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## Agenda

- Prayer and Introductions
- Catholic Schools Week!
- Foundational Documents Review
- What We've Done
- Where We Are Going
- Questions and Closing Prayer

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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 (Youth and Young Adult Minister)**

**Elise Martinez (Junior High Minister)**

**Ken Miller (Music Director)**

**Elaine Potter (Church Housekeeper)**

# Our School Board

Not Pictured:  
Danna Hoellering  
Kara Moriarty

Kevin  
Jones

Shane  
Locke

Father  
Tom

Rys  
Miranda

Brian  
Ross

Michelle  
Hadjukovich

Anne  
Gore

Aaron  
Sperbeck

Bill  
Arnold

Jim  
Seeburger

Dan  
George


# Lumen School Board Speaker Series




**Navigating Your Calling**

Join a panel discussion with members of our community as they reflect on the choices made during their professional, vocational and spiritual journeys. Speakers include representatives from: FBI, medical, engineering, religious life, non-profit, entrepreneurs.


Oct. 7 at 7pm/ Lumen Christi H.S.




Derek Espeland




Deacon Kurt Alder




Dr. Katie Magnuson



Brigit Reynolds



Father Leo Walsh



Melissa Branch

**SAVE THE DATE!!!:**  
Spring Speaker Series  
Saturday, April 23,  
2022 (with Alaska  
Pacific University)

These events are a direct result of parent surveys seeking:

- More social occasions in a faith-filled environment
- More opportunities for Lumen parents to engage with one another
- Lumen Christi Strategic Direction Statements 2019-2023 can be found here: [www.lumenchristiak.com/about/faithbased-education/](http://www.lumenchristiak.com/about/faithbased-education/)



# Our School Staff

**Brian Ross (Principal)**

**Kimberly Guzman (Front Office)**

**Anne Gore (Director of Advancement)**

**Debra Brewer (Dean of Academics/Math/Science)**

**Michael Bauzon (Dean of Students/Math/Science)**

**Elizabeth Loeffler (Campus Minister/Theology)**

**Antje Carlson (Humanities Chair/English/LA)**

**Alison Craig (Math/Science)**

**Megan Spillers (Social Studies/Theology)**

**John Warren (Athletic Director)**

**Sierra Zorea (Social Studies/LA)**

**Lea Bouton (Math/Science/Theology)**

**Deacon Gus Azpilcueta (Spanish)\***

**Father Tom (Theology)\***

**Stacy Robertson (Theology)\***

**\*Part Time**



# Catholic Schools Week 2022

## January 30–February 5

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<b>Monday</b> <b>Celebrate</b> <b>Our</b> <b>Students</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Celebrate</b> <b>Our</b> <b>Community</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Celebrate</b> <b>Our Nation</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>Celebrate</b> <b>Our</b> <b>Vocations</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>Celebrate</b> <b>Faculty &amp;</b> <b>Parents</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal letters to each student plus tasty treat</li> <li>• SEAS 6<sup>th</sup> Grader "Jump Up" Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personalized note cards sent to members of our Lumen community</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS BB Team Mass at 7am</li> <li>• Blessing of Throats (St. Blaise)</li> <li>• Student faith in action opportunity at JBER USO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MS VB and Riflery Team Mass at 7am</li> <li>• Prayers for parish priests</li> <li>• Lumen 12<sup>th</sup> graders bring gifts to SEAS 6<sup>th</sup> graders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass Day Attire</li> <li>• School Mass at 7:45am</li> <li>• Secret Gifts</li> </ul>





# 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:**

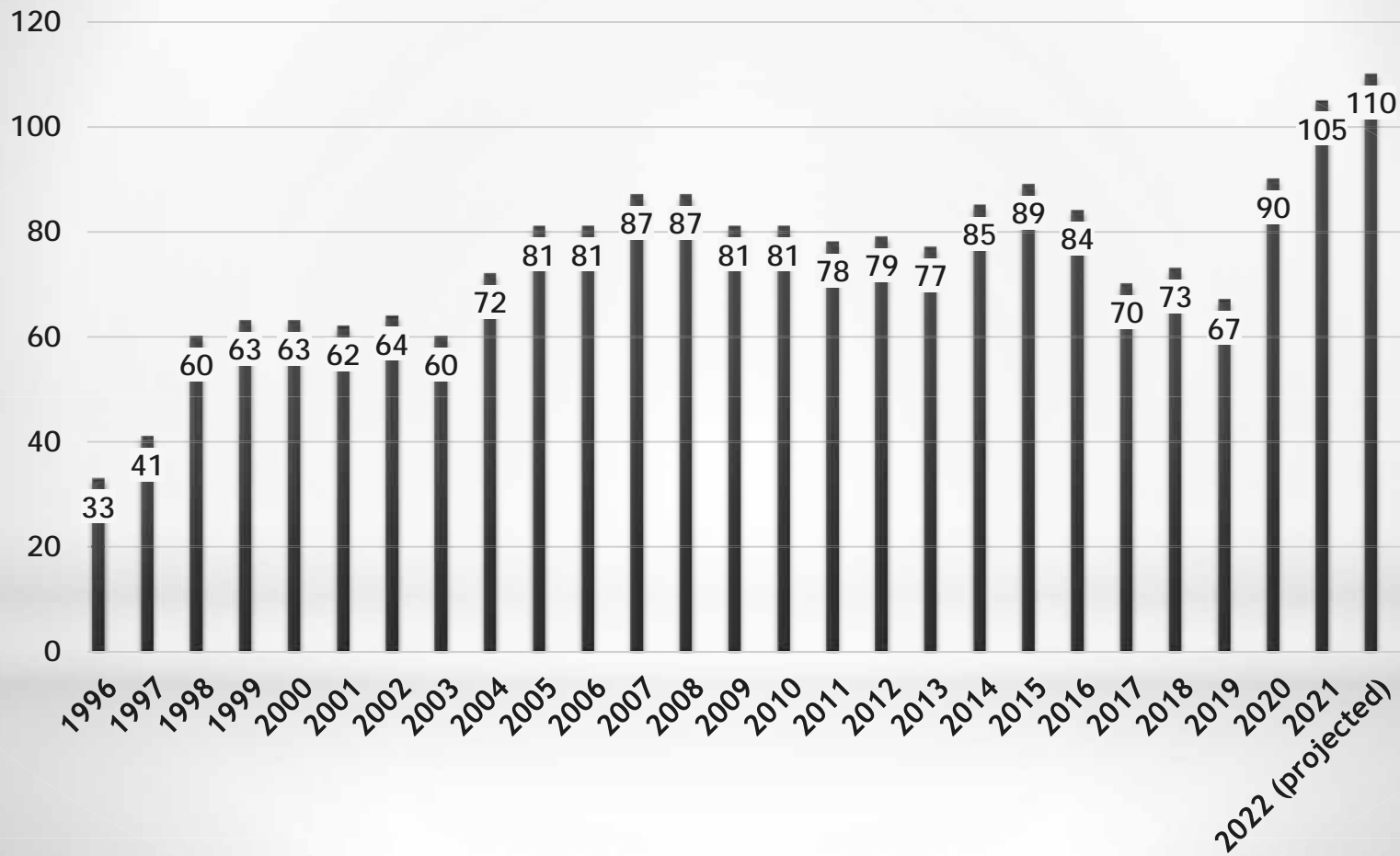
- **Have a worldview centered in the teachings of Jesus Christ**
- **Respect the value and dignity of others as made in God's image**
- **Are servant leaders in the Church, community, and society**
- **Strive to live justly and value service to others before self**
- **Communicate effectively, think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



# What We've Done

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# Enrollment Update



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# Catholic School Enrollment and the Pandemic



## As Omicron Surges, Catholic Schools Meet the Challenge

Across the nation, they are continuing to implement the successful policies that have earned them praise throughout the pandemic.



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### United States

Nov 20th 2021 edition >

Answered prayers

## America's Catholic schools are seeing a surprising rise in enrolment

Despite empty pews and sexual-abuse scandals, Catholic education is increasing in popularity

## Catholic News Herald

Serving Christ and Connecting Catholics in Western North Carolina

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Confidence in Catholic schools boosts enrollment this fall

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## How Covid-19 Boosted Private School Enrollment Forever

TIME

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## Public Schools Will Struggle Even More as Parents Move Kids to Private Ones During the Pandemic

# Student Learning and the Pandemic



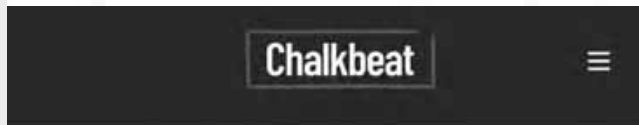
## Teacher survey: Learning loss is global—and significant

March 1, 2021 | Article



## Research Shows Students Falling Months Behind During Virus Disruptions

The abrupt switch to remote learning wiped out academic gains for many students in America, and widened racial and economic gaps. Catching up in the fall won't be easy.



## The pandemic's toll: National test scores show progress slowed, gaps widened

By Matt Barnum on July 28, 2021 12:01 am



PERSONAL FINANCE

## Virtual school resulted in 'significant' academic learning loss, study finds

PUBLISHED TUE, MAR 30 2021 9:00 AM EDT  
UPDATED TUE, OCT 12 2021 2:10 AM EDT

Jessica Dickler



## The Lumen Class of 2022 and the Pandemic



### Paired-Test Growth

Test	Test Takers	Students Who Took Both Tests	Mean Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score		Projected Mean Score *	Benchmark
PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2019 (10th grade)	15	13	520		N/A	430
PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2020 (11th grade)	16	13	550		540-570	460
PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2020 (11th grade)	16	10	590		N/A	460
SAT Spring 2021 (11th grade)	10	10	590		590-630	480

Meets or Exceeds Benchmark

Approaching Benchmark

Needs to Strengthen Skills

● Mean Score

◀ Projected Mean for Past Test

◀ Projected Mean for Future

## The Lumen Class of 2022 and the Pandemic



### Paired-Test Growth

Test	Test Takers	Students Who Took Both Tests	Mean Math Score		Projected Mean Score*	Benchmark
PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2019 (10th grade)	15	13	470		N/A	480
PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2020 (11th grade)	16	13	510		480-520	510
PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2020 (11th grade)	16	10	550		N/A	510
SAT Spring 2021 (11th grade)	10	10	580		560-600	530

Meets or Exceeds Benchmark

Approaching Benchmark

Needs to Strengthen Skills

● Mean Score

◁ Projected Mean for Past Test

◁ Projected Mean for Future

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# Joshua VanTuyl

## Lumen Class of 2022



UAF eCAMPUS  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
*Advantage*



9<sup>th</sup> Grader Joshua



Ready to Graduate  
Take on the World Joshua

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# Francesca Locke

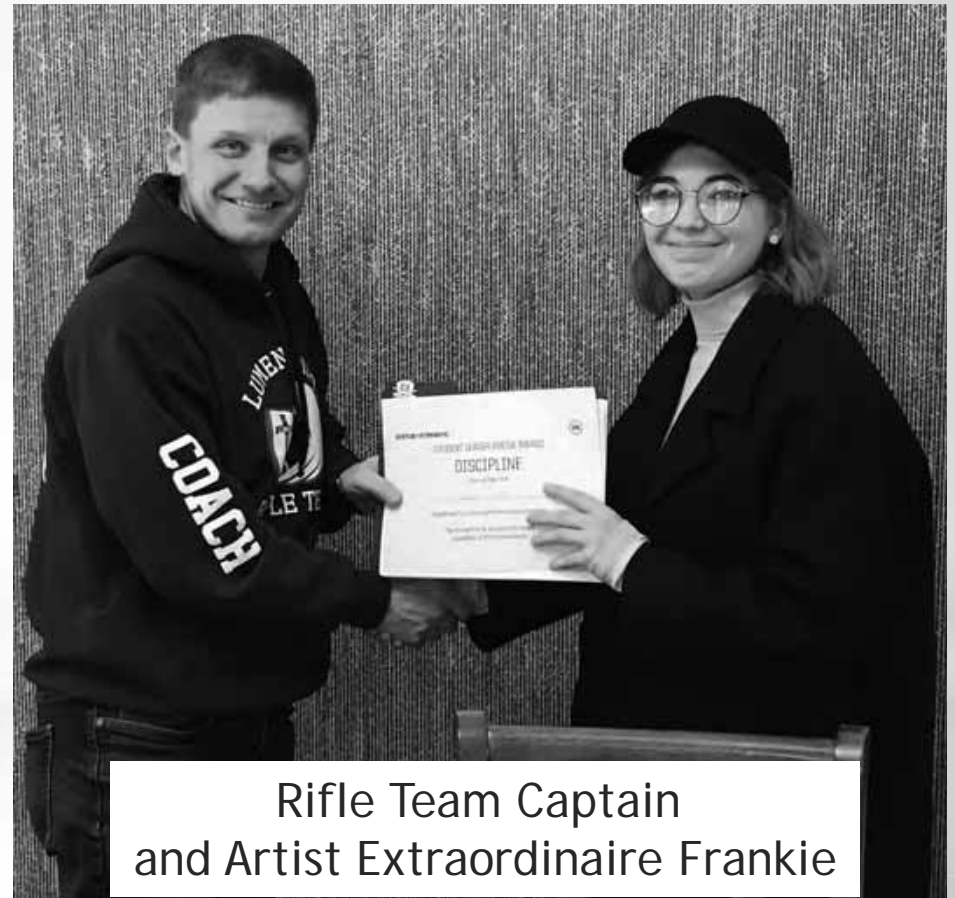
## Lumen Class of 2022



- Student Leadership Board (SLB) Service Chair
- Rifle Team



7<sup>th</sup> Grader Frankie



Rifle Team Captain  
and Artist Extraordinaire Frankie

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# Brenden Gregory Lumen Class of 2022



7<sup>th</sup> Grader Brenden



- 2021 1A Boys Basketball State Championship (and soon 2022!)
- Cooperative Sports Agreement with ASD



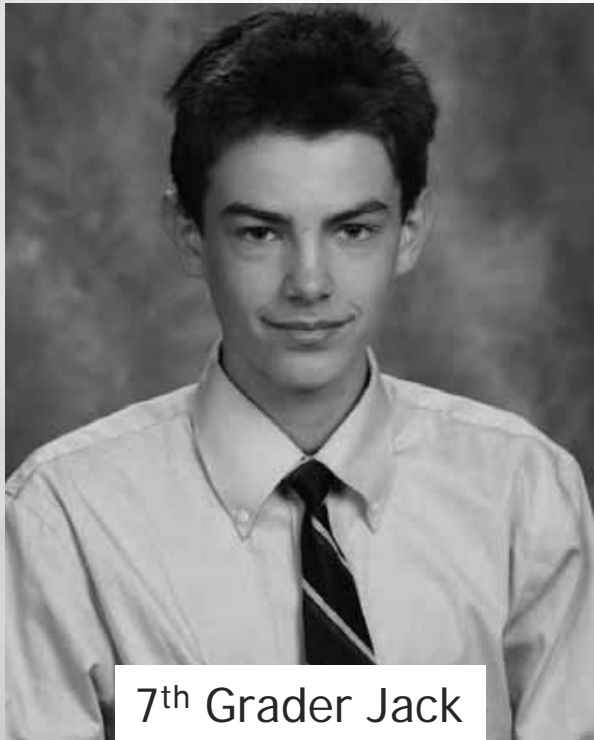
Varsity QB and  
BB State Champ Brenden

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# Jack Murkowski Lumen Class of 2022



- Bioethics Senior Seminar
- Debate



7<sup>th</sup> Grader Jack

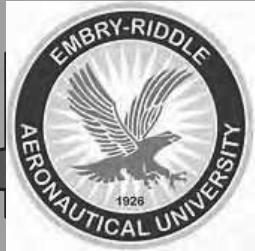
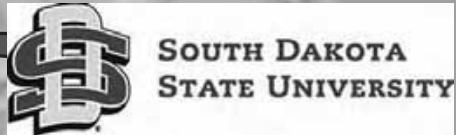


Socratic Seminar  
and Debate Champ Jack

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We are proud of our Seniors!  
Over \$331,000 in scholarship  
awards to date!

**CLASS OF  
2022**



# “...And Then Some” Award



**Kennedy Thimsen**  
**Class of 2024**

This award showcases a student that best exemplifies and lives daily our core values of Faith, Family, and Excellence and our Attributes of a Lumen Graduate ...and then some!

*“He who confers benefits will be amply enriched, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”*

*Proverbs 11:25*

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# National Honor Society



- Chapter Advisor: Mrs. Craig
- Seven members (three new)
  - Natalie Grubba (2023)
  - Kateri Everard (2024)
  - Mia Sperbeck (2024)
- After school tutoring on Tuesdays
- Anti-plagiarism campaign
- Birthday bags for Clare House
- “Beanie box” Drive for Bean’s Cafe



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# Campus Ministry



- Campus Minister: Mrs. Loeffler
- Legion of Mary meetings Monday at lunch
- Sandwich Making on Friday afternoons (700 sandwiches over the past two Fridays!)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat with St. Ben's Youth Group →
- Family participation during grade level retreats
- Monthly fellowship and prayer evenings with parents and families starting Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Upper Room

**WINTER**  
*Retreat*


**FEBRUARY 18-19**

RUN BY THE SISTERS OF LIFE. WE WILL BE STARTING AT ST. BENEDICT ON FRIDAY NIGHT, THEN RETURN HOME. WE WILL THEN HEAD OUT TO ST. THERESE'S CAMP ON SATURDAY FOR THE DAY. IT WILL BE A WEEKEND FILLED WITH FUN AND COMMUNITY.

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# Other Cool Things We've Done



- Girls BB Camp (July 2021)
  - 16 athletes attended
- Weekly Hot Lunch on Wednesdays!
  - Thanks Michelle Hohmann, Bob Gunderson, Sherry Strizak, and John Mitchell!
- Virtue of the Week Parent Materials in Lumen News 
- New computers and printers (including 3D) for staff thanks to CARES Act money!



This week's virtue is UNDERSTANDING. Below are some helpful resources for parents looking to discuss the strength of **Understanding** at home:

<https://www.sportsleader.org/sites/default/files/newsletter-assets/Understanding%20Parent%20PDF.pdf>

# Director of Advancement



- Responsible for enrollment management as well as school advancement activities
  - LUMENary Drive
  - Gala Chair
  - Archangel Attic
  - Planned Giving
  - Annual Report
- AND COVID HEALTH NURSE IN HER "SPARE TIME" !!!!!



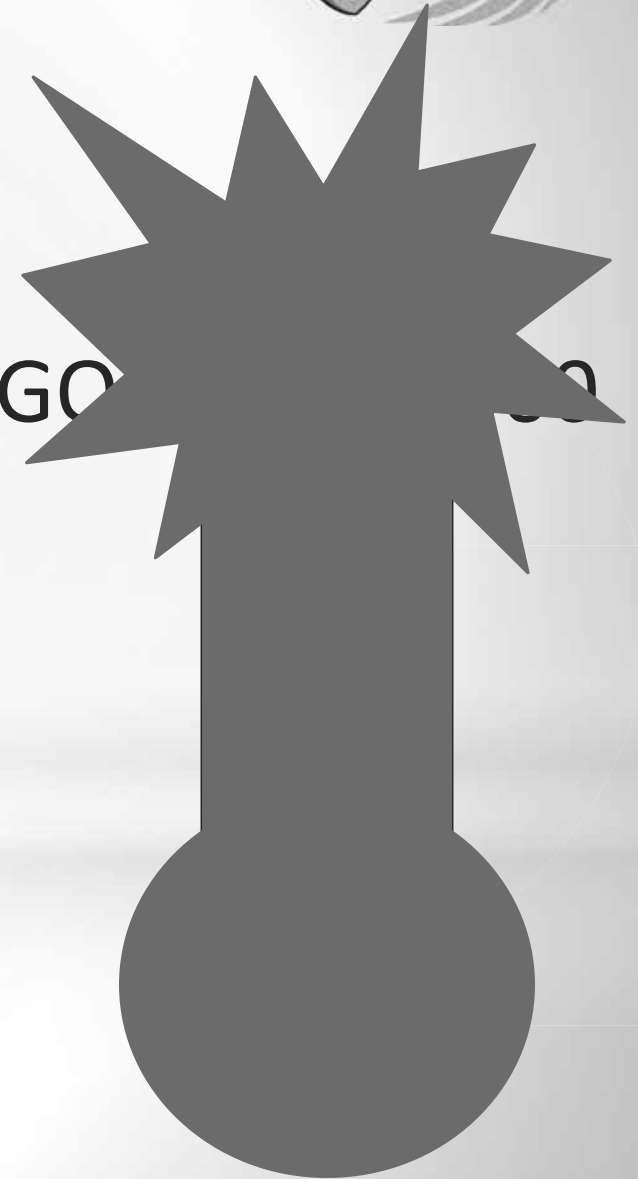
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# LUMENARY Drive



- \$81,035 collected!!! 108% of goal!!!
- 100% School Board and Staff participation
- 88% Parent participation (our highest number ever!)
- Student fundraisers:
  - \$256 from Class of 2022 root beer float sales
  - \$700 from Mia Sperbeck's "Parents Night Out" babysitting event in Dec 2021

GO





2022 Lumen Christi Fundraising *Gala!*

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- Monday 2/7:** Preview of Silent Auction Items
- Wednesday 2/9:** Silent Item Bidding Starts @ 9 am
- Thursday 2/10:** Archangel Select & Dessert Auction  
Bidding Starts at @ 9 am
- Friday 2/11:** Live Item Pre-Bidding Begins
- Saturday 2/12:** Meal Pick-up 3-5 pm LCHS  
"Live" Virtual Event @ 7 pm on  
Lumen Christi Facebook Page  
(Facebook account NOT needed)

- ★ All bidding happens on our bidding website
- ★ Next Saturday you'll watch on Facebook
- ★ Our success depends on getting guests to join us!
- ★ Continuing to post updates on Facebook, Lumen News and Remind



Bidding Website.... <https://lchsak2022.ggo.bid>



## Saturdays at the Archangel Attic



- We need parent volunteers!!!
- Anne often takes unfilled shifts on Saturdays
- Average Sat revenue = \$500-700 directly to our school!!!

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# Where We Are Going

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# Major Upcoming Events



- Feb 12: There's No Place Like Home Gala
- Feb 16-17: Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb 18: NO SCHOOL (Teacher Inservice)
- Feb 21: NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
- Feb 26: "Parents Night Out" (Mass @5pm with babysitting after in Lumen Gym)
- Mar 2: Ash Wednesday (School Mass 7:45am)
- Mar 3: Staff-Parent Synod Session, 6:30pm
- Mar 3-5: Regions BB @ Lumen
- Mar 4: NO SCHOOL (Start of Spring Break)
- Mar 5-13: Spring Break
- Mar 16-19: State BB



# Cognia Reaccreditation



- Engagement Review team virtual visit Mar 30-Apr 1, 2022
- Review of School Process and Procedures in Leadership, Learning, and Resources
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Where is Lumen Christi on its Continuous Improvement Journey?

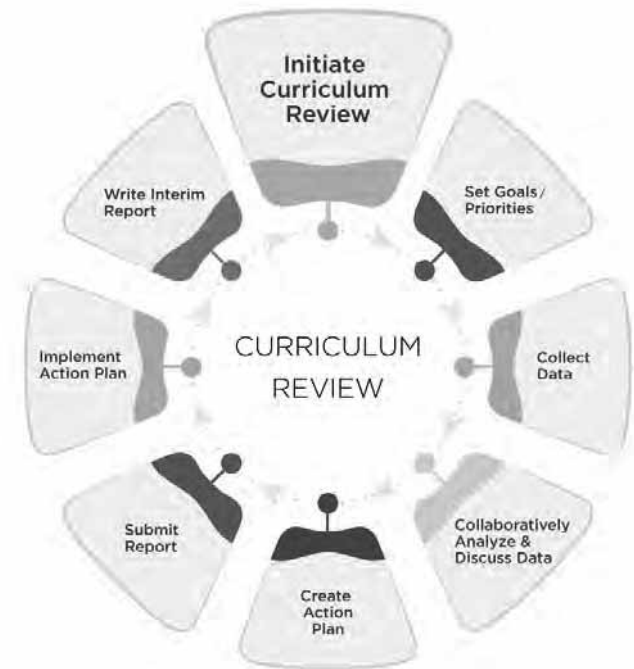


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# Math Curriculum Review



- Chaired by Ms. Brewer
- Review philosophy, content, scope and sequence, textbooks, staff training and development, and learning outcomes
- Apr: Parent/student/teacher input
- May: Review board meets, analyze data, discusses, and develops action plan for improvement



**\$20,000**

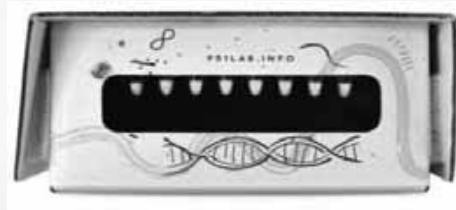
**Biotechnology Grant  
(anonymous donor)**



PCR and Gel  
Electrophoresis  
Equipment

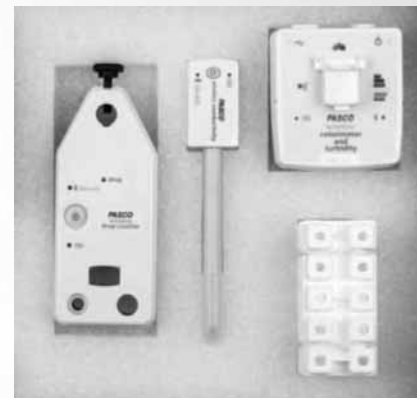


Fluorescent Viewers



Adjustable  
Pipettes

Probeware



Supplies:  
Reagents  
DNA Samples  
and other  
Consumables

Centrifuges



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# Student Designed School Crest Contest (2019 Objective)



- Interrupted by COVID previously
- Incorporates our:
  - Core Values and Attributes
  - School colors/mascot
  - Unique Alaska location
  - Catholic/faith identity
  - Mind, body, and spirit development
- Chosen by parents, students, staff and alumni
- \$100 gift card to winner



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## Major Upcoming Events



- **Apr 15: NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)**
- **Apr 18 NO SCHOOL (Easter Monday)**
- **Apr 23: Spring Speaker Series**
- **Apr 29: Last School Mass with Seniors**
- **Apr 30: High School Prom**
- **May 4: Class of 2022 Baccalaureate Mass**
- **May 5: Class of 2022 Graduation**
- **May 17-19: Finals**
- **May 19: Last Day of School**

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