

MEET THE LCHS STAFF



Patricia Wagner
Principal

Patricia Wagner sees Lumen Christi as a place where a student's right to succeed and experience a sense of self worth can become a reality. She wants students to reach beyond the familiar, to develop a sense of moral and social justice, while growing academically, emotionally and spiritually.

Wagner holds a BS in Teaching from Plymouth State College in New Hampshire and a Masters degree from Buffalo State College in New York. Pat enjoys reading, walking, bike riding and quiet time alone.



Tamie French

To Tamie French, the ideal education would teach students to develop their critical thinking skills, leadership, and decision making skills, as well as enhance self discipline and self motivation. Hoping to instill a desire to become life-long learners, she also wants to help students build a strong relationship with God.

Tamie's interests, outside of teaching include, softball, mountain biking, piano, flute and attending concerts. Adding to her BS in Health Education and Psychology from Western Kentucky, French is working toward a Masters of Public Health degree.

To teach students responsibility and respect and that it is okay to try and fail - this is the crux of Randy May's educational philosophy. He urges each student to find something they like to do and follow it, while living by the Golden Rule.

May's leisure time activities include travel and studying the stock market and finances. He holds a BA in Education from Seattle University and has completed additional work at UAA and APU.



Randy May



Shelley Dunkle

To Shelly, "attitude is everything," and she hopes that the positive challenges at Lumen Christi will prepare students for life's many challenges. She believes in treating children as individuals, and hope that, as they leave school, these individuals will be ready to spread the Light of Christ.

Time with her family is priority to Shelley, who also enjoys reading, sewing and running. Shelley holds a BS in English from Fayetteville State University, and has completed additional studies at the University of Wisconsin at River Falls.



Debbie Brewer

Lumen Christi's educational programs and Debbie Brewer's educational philosophy are well aligned. She believes that all students can be successful and that they deserve a chance to receive the best quality education available.

Specializing in math and science, Debbie earned a BS in Education from Alaska Pacific University. Her personal time is filled with family, church and her hobbies, biking; tennis and reading science fiction.

LUMEN CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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Excellence in Catholic Education

1996

School Is In Session



Lumen Christi High School's new home is located at 750 E. Fireweed Lane.

After a year and a half of planning, searching and wondering if it was really possible, Lumen Christi High School opened its doors on Sept. 3 to students in grades 7 through 10. Grade 11 will commence in the fall of 1997, followed by grade 12 the next year.

The school was founded by members of the Archdiocese who recognized a growing need for quality education within the context of the Catholic value system.

A steering committee was formed, and working with representatives of the Archdiocese, a series of public

meetings were held. The meetings led to a city-wide parish survey to determine the priorities of the Catholic community. The overwhelming response confirmed the communities support for a Catholic Jr/Sr High School.

After considerable searching, a site was located in late May and work began in earnest. Building renovation, curriculum development, the hiring of staff, all took place in a few short months.

For applications, to arrange a visit, or for more information, please call Lumen Christi High School at:

(907) 272-7692

Academic Excellence

Lumen Christi High School's educational philosophy is to encourage a life-long passion for learning by empowering students to develop their unique talents and leadership potential while promoting self-discipline and self-motivation. The school is dedicated to the individual needs and talents of the students, emphasizing Catholic values and a commitment to academic excellence.



Archbishop Hurley Presides at Dedication & Blessing

Teachers, board members, parents and community members were on hand Oct. 23 to celebrate Archbishop Francis T. Hurley's blessing of Lumen Christi High School.

A reception followed, that provided guests an opportunity to tour the facility and meet the staff.

Lesson #1: HOW TO START A SCHOOL!

Construction Zone – Miracle in progress! Just 7 short months after the board gave its go-ahead, Lumen Christi High School opened its doors to students. Despite the tight schedule and a mountain of insurmountable obstacles, solutions miraculously appeared, and the dream of a new Catholic Jr./Sr. High School in Anchorage became a reality.

A three-month search to find housing for the school ended in May with the discovery of the Anchor Building in mid-town. Located at 750 E. Fireweed Lane, the Anchor Building provided ample space in a convenient location. The owner, a strong supporter of Catholic education offered a generous lease agreement which included snow removal and trash pickup. Since the building was not located in an area zoned for schools, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a change in the zoning ordinances to allow schools and other educational programs and businesses in B-3 zones. This process, which can take up to a year, flew through in just two months!

Next, the Physical Plant Committee went into action. **GDM Architects** and **RSA Engineering** assisted the committee in finalizing an economical design that best utilized the space and met 1996 Municipal Building Code requirements for schools. Major renovation of the inside of the building was required!

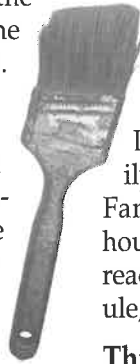
Early August saw an enthusiastic cadre of parents, board members, spouses and other community members joining together as a demolition crew, followed by carpenters, who finished framing in a quick three days. Board members then began installing insulation, taping, mudding and picking up loose ends. Soon after,

the electricians were on site to work on lights, phones and computer lines.

Just as the building was being completed, much needed donations came in: desks, chalkboards, art supplies, and computers were added to the numerous fixtures and supplies garnered throughout the summer.

Finishing touches were still being added as the September 3 opening grew near. Despite the phenomenal effort, it was time for Plan B: With the blessing of Archbishop Hurley, Fr. LaSalle Hallisey, and the support of Holy Family parishioners, the Education Center at Holy Family Cathedral was offered to temporarily house the school until the Anchor Building was ready. By September 16, just nine days off schedule, all major work and inspections were complete.

This spirit-driven project, which could have cost \$150,000, was accomplished for a fraction of the estimate, thanks to the hard work and prayers of so many. More than 3,300 volunteer hours coupled with the enormous generosity of many area businesses, transformed an idea into a positive learning environment for Catholic Education in Anchorage.



LCHS STUDENT HONORED FOR HEROISM

Sam Hoyer Jr. of Eagle River was presented the Alaska State Medal for Heroism by Governor Tony Knowles, in a ceremony at LCHS on Oct. 4, 1996.

Sam saved Joe Sinclair of Anchorage, from drowning this past summer while they were in New Orleans attending a karate competition. Sam rescued the unconscious boy from the pool.



Lumen Christi students and staff look forward to an exciting and productive year.

Dear Parishioner:

As you can well imagine, starting a new school is a difficult and exciting challenge. We hope you will consider lending your support to Lumen Christi High School.

If you believe as we do, that there is a great need in the community for basic secondary Catholic education and its tradition of academic excellence, we ask that you support the school by contributing any amount you can afford. If possible, we ask that you become one of the *one-in-ten* parishioners who will contribute \$100. This level of support will help supply needed educational materials and supplies.

Sincerely,
Lumen Christi Board of Trustees

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to Lumen Christi High School.

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100

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