



8th Annual State of the School January 30, 2024

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Agenda

- Prayer
- 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)

Father Bala Yandava (Parochial Vicar)

Katherine Mitchell (Parish Secretary)

Marcy Adkins (Pastoral Assistant/Business Manager)

Bob McMorrow (Director, Catechesis and Evangelization)

Gabe O'Lena (Youth and Young Adult Minister)

Doug Berry (Junior High Minister)

John and Shelby Burger (Super Sunday Coordinators)

Elaine Potter (Church Housekeeper)

Steve Ring (Director of Music)

Not Pictured:
Dr. Kevin Jones
Harriet Furton
Deacon Dave VanTuyl
Dan George

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Mary
Stephens

Aaron
Sperbeck

Bill
Arnold

Shane
Locke

Marcus
Holmquist



Anne
Gore



Father
Tom



Marcy
Adkins



Nancy
Wingate



Brian
Ross



Audrie
Williams



Our School Board

School Board Strategic Planning



- Board has updated the Strategic Direction Statement/Plan through 2027 based on stakeholder survey feedback and committee and full board analysis over the past year
- Aligned along five core areas: Faith, Family, Excellence, Recruitment and Retention, and Development
- Will help guide school decision-making for the next 4-5 years

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School Board Speaker Series



SAVE THE DATE!!:
Spring Speaker Series
Tuesday, April 9, 7pm

Speaker: Dr. David Echelbarger
Assistant Vice President for
Academic Affairs
Associate Professor of Philosophy
University of Mary (Bismarck, ND)

Topic: TBD

School Board Advisory Actions



- **After Board review in late 2022/early 2023, the school published an Interim Policy on the Use of Public Correspondence School Allotment Funds in March 2023**
 - **We will not participate in the use of allotment funds to reimburse tuition costs (neither by class nor full)**
 - **We will not seek to be a vendor for any public correspondence program and we will not provide any curricular materials to these programs directly (parents can submit)**
 - **We will assist parents in seeking reimbursement for certain “clear and distinct non-tuition” costs including:**
 - **UAF and North Dakota Center for Distance Education courses**
 - **Sports and extracurricular fees**

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Monday Celebrate Students	Tuesday Celebrate Our Nation	Wednesday Celebrate Our Community	Thursday Celebrate Our Vocations	Friday Celebrate Faculty & Parents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayers for Students • School Assembly, 1pm • Wear School Uniform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher provide lunch for students • 8th Annual State of the School, 7pm • Wear Red, White, and Blue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Catholic School Mass at 10am at OLG • Wear Mass Uniform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocations Panel, 1pm • Wear House Colors (St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Bosco) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Board Surprises • Blessing of Throats (St. Blaise) • Wear Casual Wear if attended basketball games

“Souper Bowl” and Prayers for Priests all week

Our School Staff



Brian Ross (Principal)
Kimberly Guzman (Front Office)
Anne Gore (Director of Advancement)
Debra Brewer (Dean of Academics/Math/Science)
Michael Morales (LA)
Doug Berry (Campus Minister/Theology/PE)
Carolyn Baldessari (English/LA)
Matt Hemry (Math/Survey of Technology)
Alison Craig (Math/Science)
Megan Spillers (Social Studies/Theology)
John Warren (Athletic Director)
Catherine Haslett (Social Studies/LA)
Lea Bouton (Math/Science/Theology)
Deacon Gus Azpilcueta (Spanish/Theology/Science)
Father Tom (Theology)*
Harriet Furton (Health)*
Drew Loeffler (Band/Choir Director)*

***Part Time**

A Day in the Life of a Lumen Christi Teacher



Time	Activity
5am	Wake up, morning prayer, get self and family ready
6-6:45am	Leave home to head to school (leave earlier for those that drop off children at daycare or preschool)
6:45-7:30am	Arrive school. Getting classroom ready and reviewing days lessons and activities. Students begin arriving at 7am so most of this time is spent greeting and talking with students until the bell rings
7:30-7:34am	Meet with grade level advisory (attendance, Pledge, Prayer and Morning Announcements) (once 7:34am bell rings, only 5 minutes between classes—mainly spent greeting and talking with students and fellow staff)
7:35-8:20am	Period 1 (High school science core course)(16 students)
8:25-9:10am	Period 2 (Planning)(plan lessons, answer parent emails, meet with administration and other teachers, sub for absent teachers)
9:15-10am	Period 3 (Junior high math core course)(14 students)

A Day in the Life of a Lumen Christi Teacher



Time	Activity
10:05-10:50am	Period 4 (High school science core course-different from Period 1)(15 students)
10:51-11:14am	23 minute lunch! (Time actually spent supervising gym activities or lunch detention)
11:15-12:00pm	Period 5 (Junior or High school Theology)(26 students)
12:05-12:50pm	Period 6 (Junior High science core course)(12 students)
12:51-1pm	Grade level advisory (celebrate birthdays, discuss schedule for week, go over study skills/time management)
1:05-2pm	Supervise study hall (set up by House)(answer student questions, administer make up tests for absent students, etc.)
2pm	Dismissal! Students done for the day, but teachers are not.

Day in the Life of a Lumen Christi Teacher



Time	Activity
2-4pm	Parent-teacher conferences, team meetings, mentoring meetings, lesson planning, parent emails and phone calls, grading. Contract says 3pm, but most teachers at school long after contract time.
4-6pm	Arrive home after picking up kids from daycare or school and spend time with family (hopefully).
6-10pm	<p>Back at Lumen to watch basketball/attend event or at home being a parent while also making phone calls, sending emails, lesson planning, posting assignments to Google Classroom, grading and entering grades in PowerSchool.</p> <p>**If Sunday night, review weekly schedule and prepare for the week.</p> <p>***If attending Lumen event, do all of this after getting back home.</p>
10pm-12am	Check in with spouse and family, go to bed, and get ready to do it all over again tomorrow. Mind doesn't stop thinking about what you have to do for our important mission and what is going on in Student X life or Student Y's family, so fall asleep praying for our students and community.

Additional Thoughts About our Awesome Staff



- All serve at least one additional duty as well
 - Ms. Brewer: Dean of Academics, Math/Science Dept Chair, IT Representative, 12th Grade Advisor, and Registrar
 - Others: NHS Advisor, Big A/little a Advisor, Theology Dept Chair, House Advisors, Grade Advisors, Mentor Teachers
- Number of hours per contract (7am-3pm) = 40/week
- Number of hours actually worked = 65-70/week
- Average salary is 75-80% what ASD teachers earn

Staff Professional Development



**NCEA 2024
CONVENTION**

April 2-4 | Pittsburgh, PA

David L. Lawrence Convention Center



NCEA
2024
APRIL 2-4
PITTSBURGH



**Strengthen Student Learning in
BLOCK SCHEDULE Classes**
(Grades 6-12)

Live Online Seminar
or Recorded Version



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar
Presented by

Vince Mancuso

Outstanding Secondary Teacher, Author
and National Presenter

Specifically Designed for Educators Using or Considering
Block Scheduling, Grades 6-12

Discover new, cutting-edge instructional techniques and strategies that
make the most effective use of extended class periods

Proven methods learned from educators who successfully teach in the block
schedule format

Easy-to-implement activities and practical ideas that maximize student
engagement and learning outcomes in the block schedule format

An extensive digital resource handbook packed with dozens of practical,
NEW ideas you can use immediately in your block schedule

LIVE ONLINE SEMINARS

January 23
9 AM Central, 8 AM Mountain,
7 AM Pacific, 10 AM Eastern
January 24
9 AM Eastern, 8 AM Central,
7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific
February 1
9 AM Pacific, 12 PM Eastern,
11 AM Central, 10 AM Mountain

CEUs and Graduate Credit Available
See page 6 for details

CAN'T ATTEND?

Order the recorded version
and take the seminar online at
your convenience (see page 6)

*"Vince is phenomenal.
Very interactive."*

- PAUL SCHEET, VICE PRINCIPAL

- Two staff members to NCEA 2024
- Five staff members participating in nationally recognized, online professional development on strengthening student learning in block scheduling

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Final Thoughts About Our Staff

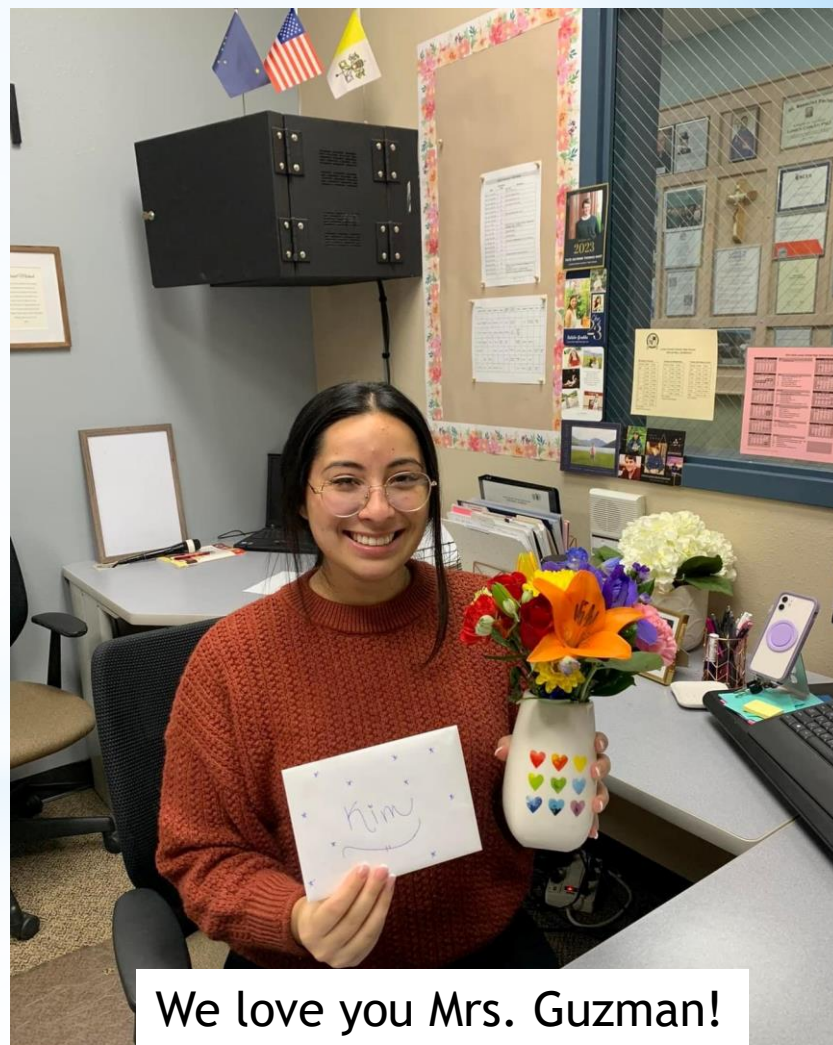


- Take time to read course syllabus and/or teacher email updates (a lot of the answers to your questions are there)
- Expect at least one grade a week per class
- Reach out with questions, but don't expect an immediate response (w/i 24 hours, unless emergency)
- Parent teacher conferences should last 8-9 minutes; anything longer should be scheduled after school on Tues or Wed
- “Too much homework!” = child most likely not using in-class provided work time and/or study hall (4x/week)
- Meetings and correspondence should be “Christ-like” (cordial and professional)

How does she do it all?



Kim Guzman
Masters Degree in Mental Health
Minor in Campus Ministry
Grand Canyon University



We love you Mrs. Guzman!

Day in the Life of the Lumen Christi Principal



He says the
announcements.
Then he eats a donut





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 Christi 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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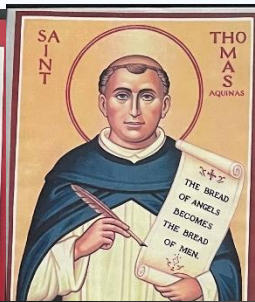


Each tied to two virtues, one school Core Value, and one Attribute of a Graduate



Saint Catherine of Siena

- ❖ We share the Lumen Christi Core Value of **FAITH**;
- ❖ We celebrate the virtues of **LOVE** and **HUMILITY**;
- ❖ We respect the value and dignity of others as made in God's image. (Attribute of a Lumen Christi graduate #6)



Saint Thomas Aquinas

- ❖ We share the Lumen Christi Core Value of **EXCELLENCE**;
- ❖ We celebrate the virtues of **WISDOM** and **TEMPERANCE**;
- ❖ We **COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY, THINK CRITICALLY** and **SOLVE PROBLEMS**. (Attribute of a Lumen Graduate #5)



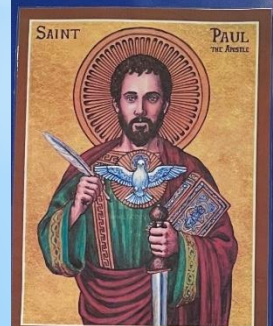
Saint Joan of Arc

- ❖ We share the Lumen Christi Core Value of **FAMILY**;
- ❖ We celebrate the virtues of **COMPASSION** and **PERSEVERANCE**;
- ❖ We are confident and prepared for life's challenges. (Attribute of a Lumen Christi Graduate #4)



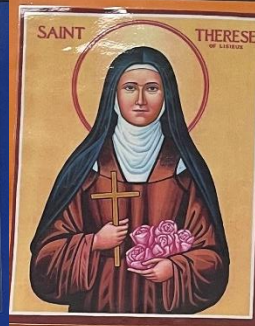
Saint John Bosco

- ❖ We share the Lumen Christi Core Value of **EXCELLENCE**;
- ❖ We celebrate the virtues of **HONOR** and **GENEROSITY**;
- ❖ We are **SERVANT LEADERS IN THE CHURCH, COMMUNITY** and **SOCIETY**. (Attribute of a Lumen Christi Graduate #2)



Saint Paul the Apostle

- ❖ We share the Lumen Christi Core Value of **FAITH**;
- ❖ We celebrate the additional values of **RESPECT** and **GRATITUDE**;
- ❖ We have a worldview centered in the teachings of Christ. (Attribute of a Lumen Graduate #1)



Saint Therese of Lisieux

- ❖ We share the Lumen Christi Core Value of **FAMILY**;
- ❖ We celebrate the virtues of **COURAGE** and **RESILIENCE**;
- ❖ We **STRIVE TO LIVE JUSTLY AND VALUE SERVICE TO OTHERS BEFORE SELF**. (Attribute of a Lumen Christi Graduate #3)

Theology of the Body



8th Grade Theology of the Body

Date:

09/12/2023

Time:

5:30 p.m.

GROWING IN LOVE

An 8th Grade Supplement to Theology of the Body Curriculum

We are very excited to have two local physicians speak with our eighth grade students! Both will have a slideshow presentation tailored to eighth grade, which will cover basic anatomy, puberty, development, the sexual act, and dangers of pornography. All material will be abstinence focused. Parents are encouraged to attend and slideshows will be made available in advance.

LCHS PRESENTS...

"WONDERFULLY MADE"

TUESDAY
30
JANUARY

5-7 P.M.

A 10TH AND 11TH GRADE SUPPLEMENT TO THE
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CURRICULUM

SCHEDULE

5 p.m. - Welcome & Pizza Dinner (Provided by Lumen)
5:30-6:30 p.m. - Gender-Separated Sessions

GIRLS

Judy McCarthy, RN &
Rachael Fogel, RN

BOYS

Doug Berry, Campus Minister

Please join us after these presentation for
our 8th Annual "State of the School"
hosted by Principal Brian Ross

2023 Co-Ed Soccer State Championship



Academic Honesty Expectations



- Policy located in our Parent/Student Handbook
 - Cheating/plagiarism prevent honest assessment of student progress, conceals academic weaknesses, and unfair to others
- “3 Strikes” policy; remediation program after “Strike 2”
- Common mistakes include:
 - Not reading assignment thoroughly or not using rubric
 - Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to “enhance” and “improve” writing a.k.a. “making me sound smarter”
 - Procrastinating and not asking a teacher
- Reviewed policy with all students first week in January 2024 (along with common scenarios)

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Academic Honesty Scenario



Billy's Dad looks over Billy's US History essay to help him proofread it. Dad asks to sit behind the computer and begins correcting and editing Billy's work and even rewrites portions to make it sound better so Billy can get an A. Is this academic dishonesty?

Appropriate Response: This is academic dishonesty. There is a difference between proofreading and rewriting. Proofreading and offering suggestions is OK. Writing or rewriting for another person is not. Having a parent/peer/sibling/friend or AI complete work on your behalf or enhance/improve/enrich your writing is a violation of Lumen Christi's policy.

Academic Honesty Scenario



Josie has to write a three-page paper for her US Literature class on the book *1984*. She reads the book entirely, taking notes in a separate journal as she reads. She writes the paper in her own words using these notes. In a couple of places in the paper, she provides direct quotes from an online source and paraphrases from another online source. For the direct quote, she uses quotation marks and provides an in-text citation. For the paraphrase, she provides an in-text citation at the end of the sentence. She also adds a reference page in APA format to the end to show all the resources she accessed. She did use spell check in Google Docs to correct spelling errors. Is this academic dishonesty?

Appropriate Response: No. Josie's paper is in her own words. To add credibility and additional evidence to her paper, she added quotes and ideas from other sources, but used APA formatting (quotation marks, in text citations, etc.) to give proper credit and attribution to the sources used. She also included a reference page in APA format. It is ok to use spell/grammar check within Google for Education programs (Docs, Slides, Sheets, etc.) since the school provides this resource.

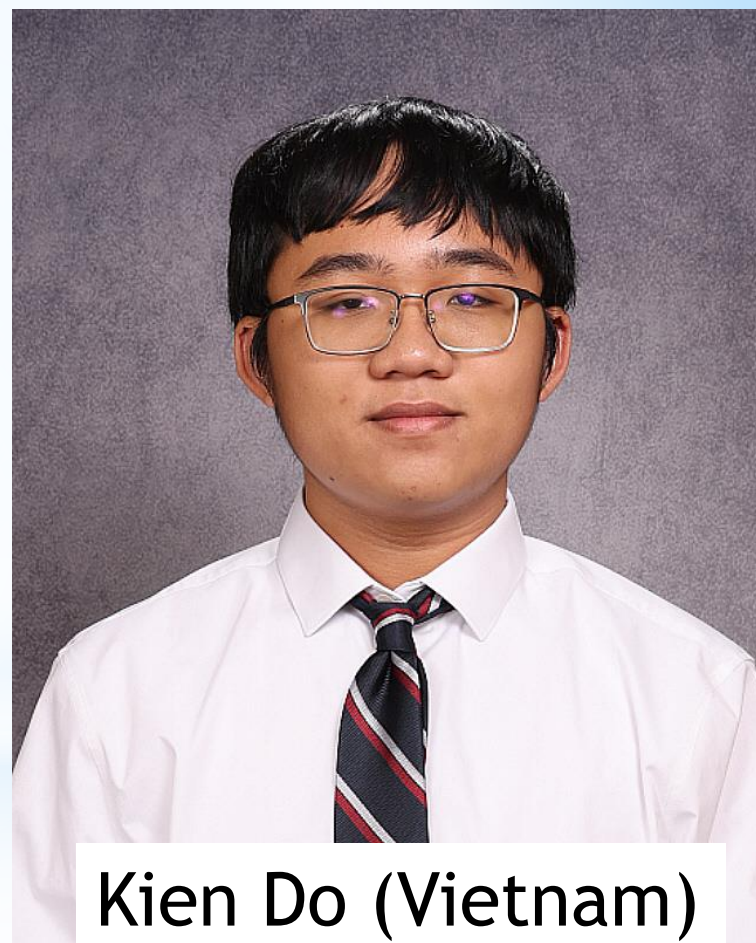
International Student Program



SEVP

STUDENT AND EXCHANGE
VISITOR PROGRAM

- Suspended during COVID, but reinstated!
- Recertified through 2026
- Welcome Kien, brother of Mai Lumen Class of 2020!



Kien Do (Vietnam)

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We are proud of the 11 members of our Class of 2024!
\$2.6 million in scholarship awards!

Attribute of Lumen Graduates #6:
Are Confident and Prepared for Life's Challenges

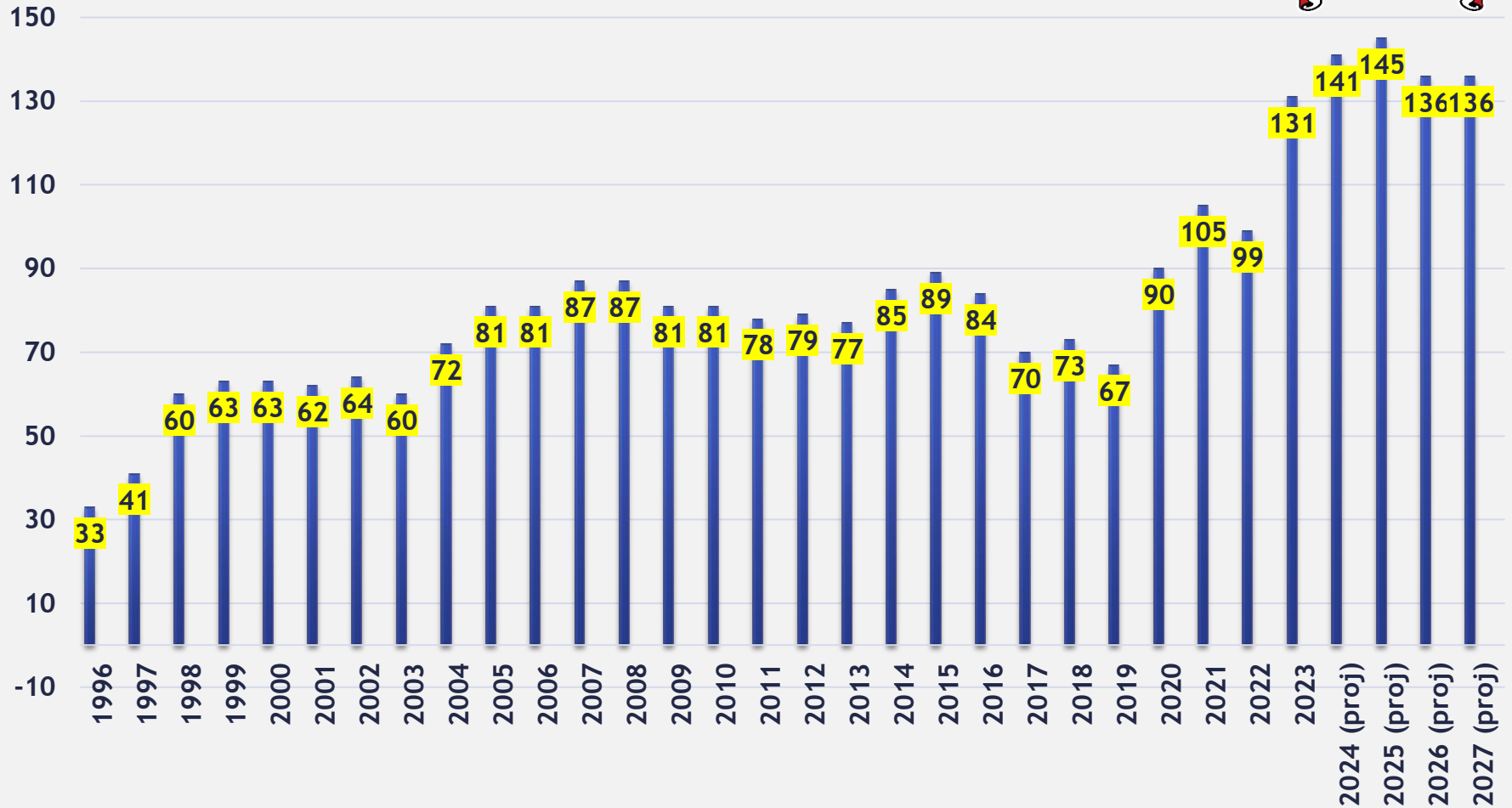




Where We Are Going

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Enrollment Update



Increased enrollment has helped reduce financial “burden” on St. Benedict’s from high of \$199k/yr in 2017 to \$0 in 2023!

Annual Gala



It's a **MARDI
GRAS** *Gala!*



Saturday, February 10th
LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
8110 Jewel Lake Road



St. Scholastica

“Snack Shack” Renovations

- Originally scheduled for fall 2023, now projected for late Mar/April 2024
- Two windows allowing viewing of the court
- New cabinets, sinks, countertops, electric, and center island

Movement to Region 2A HS Basketball Fall 2024



- Currently 1A. Previously discussed move to 3A was supported by stakeholders, but plan delayed
- Move would allow for more access to “local” road teams, statewide exposure, and tournament competition.
- Move supported by players and coaches.
- School enrollment growth would most likely result in move to 2A anyway in 2025
- New 2A “Southern Conference” approved by ASAA in Dec. Consists of Su-Valley, Seward, Ninilchik, Unalaska, and Lumen Christi.
- Application submitted to ASAA in January 2024. AD has already attended scheduling meetings
- Start 2A season Dec 2024

2023 1A Girls State Championship

(the gift that keeps on giving)



MARCH MADNESS Alaska

ASAA MARCH MADNESS Alaska

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2024 BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
1A/2A 3A/4A
MARCH 13-16 Alaska Airlines Center MARCH 20-23
Brackets & Tickets on ASAA365.COM

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Now...what you all have been waiting for...

- No intention of shifting our current bell schedule like ASD in 2024-2025
- No intention of taking on a 6th grade next year like ASD in 2024-2025
 - But we do expect further discussions with St. Elizabeth's to determine feasibility/supportability in the future



HOME	PERIOD	GUEST
188	8	188
FOULS	PLAYER	FOUL
18	888	18
SCORE	MATCH	SCORE

WISDOM

"FAITH AND REASON ARE LIKE TWO WINGS ON WHICH THE HUMAN SPIRIT RISES TO THE CONTEMPLATION OF TRUTH."
- SAINT JOHN PAUL II

FAITH

"FOR I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME."
- PHILIPPIANS 4:13

HOPE

"PRAY, HOPE, AND DON'T WORRY. WORRY IS USELESS. GOD IS MERCIFUL AND WILL HEAR YOUR PRAYER."
- SAINT PADRE PIO

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.
SPORTSLEADER

Questions?

2023 ACSAA Junior High Boys Basketball Champions!

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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.**

**LUMEN
CHRISTI**
HIGH **+** SCHOOL

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

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