From the Principal’s Desk . . .

I’m not sure if this qualifies as a “you know you are from Iowa when…” but I still feel compelled to start each note with a comment on the weather. The last week or so has been interesting. Last week was nearly perfect fall weather and then this week we warmed up a bit and got some storms. Definitely keeps you on your toes but I am certainly looking forward to that consistent, crisp fall weather!

We will be finishing our first quarter soon and I can’t say enough how pleased I am with how the year is going (I hope I don’t ruin it by saying something!) The faculty and staff are working hard and pushing our students to grow their skills. And the students are responding positively to that challenge and rising to it. The entire tone of the year is overall positive (of course we still have ups and downs) and there is a warmth and positivity that is noticeable in the building.

We have been enjoying some great fall activities and our student athletes have had some great successes, even with a few heartbreaks. Our fine arts students and marching band have been ramping up as well as prepping for a really fun fall play.

Conferences are up this month and we are offering in person “round robin” traditional conferences on Monday or scheduled virtual conferences on Thursday. We look forward to speaking with you and please don’t wait for conferences to reach out if you ever have a question or concern.

Homecoming was a fantastic success, it was wonderful to return to the traditional energy and environment we are so blessed to have as members of the Kuemper family.

We continue to work to improve student access to the Liturgy and sacraments, as well as building more authentic Christian service. Our Virtues in Practice program is getting off the ground with the freshman class and we cannot wait to infuse it into all grades and content areas, as well as activities. We will be far more effective at building disciples once that happens.

I hope God has blessed you and yours so far this school year!

All State Music Festival Auditions

The Kuemper Choir is being very productive this year! We have students who are in the process of getting ready for the All-State Music Festival Auditions on October 23rd. The musicas always, is challenging this year, yet our students are undaunted about it, they continue to work hard and are very positive about this experience. Please continue to encourage these students as they work toward their audition next month.

Sarah Batz (sophomore) daughter of Randy and Christine Batz, Morgan Bauer (sophomore) daughter of Jeff and Alison Bauer, Katrina Carpenter (senior) daughter of Amanda Wheeler, Ella Duncan (sophomore) daughter of Derek Duncan and Marci Duncan, Rheanne Feilmeier (sophomore) daughter of Jeff and Micki Feilmeier, Emma Harrington (senior) daughter of Patrick and Robin Harrington, Kayla Riesenberg (Junior) daughter of Robert Riesenberg and Becky Riesenberg, Kyla Schwanz (sophomore) daughter of, Casey and Jaime Schwanz, Laura Steinkamp (freshman) daughter of Doug and Julie Steinkamp.
**Nurse's Note**

Monday, October 4th and Tuesday, October 5th is our annual flu shot clinic. Grades K–3 and 4–6 will have their clinic on Monday the 4th, while the Preschool, Optional Kindergarten, 7-8 and High School will have their shots on Tuesday the 5th. This is an OPTIONAL flu clinic provided by the Carroll County Public Health for a small fee. Only flu shots will be given this year; no flu mist will be available at these clinics. If you have any questions, contact the school nurse at 712-830-8222 or by email ejbehrens@kuemper.org.

**Kairos**

Kuemper's Kairos Retreat is still on! Kairos is from the Greek and means "appointed time" or "the time of the Lord". This four day, off-campus retreat is offered by Kuemper to juniors and seniors. Kairos not only gives students an opportunity to explore their own hearts but also draws them closer to God and each other in a powerful way.

Kuemper Kairos is currently scheduled for November 18-22, 2021 (K 22), and April 1-3, 2022 (K 22). The cost of the retreat is $199. This covers accommodation, meals and retreat supplies. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend this fun and rewarding retreat. Space is limited to 30 participants. The fall Kairos is filling fast. It is never too early to register for the spring Kairos!

If you have questions about these safety measures, or other questions about the retreat, please contact Julie Masching jkmasching@kuemper.org

**Yearbooks**

20-21 Yearbooks will be arriving on or before October 22nd. We will keep you posted when they arrive. Thanks to all the students and families that help to support "The Lance."

**Family Lunch Account Online Info**

To obtain the balance of your family account, see a detailed report showing what items have been purchased, or to pay for lunch online, go to www.kuemper.org and click on the “Infinite Campus” link. Once logged in, click on “Food Service.” If you have questions, call Jina Brincks at 794-1875 or email jabrincks@kuemper.org.

FREE MEALS! The USDA has approved FREE breakfast and lunch for all students through COVID-19 response funding. Kuemper Catholic School System will be offering free meals through the end of the 2021-22 school year! You don’t have to do anything, this is for ALL Kuemper students eating breakfast & lunch at Kuemper!

**2021 Alumni Phon-A-Thon**

Each fall, alumni and volunteers gather to make phone calls and text messages to Kuemper's alumni. This annual appeal is not only important to the support of Kuemper school, but it is also a special time for the school and alumni to reconnect with classmates. This year's event will take place in the Kuemper Library on October 12th, 14th, 19th, & 21st from 5p-9p. We are always in need of volunteers, please e-mail hcprietig@kuemper.org if interested in helping!

**Kuemper After Prom Can Drive**

We are still taking cans!! Please continue dropping your cans off in the trailer behind Lincoln Highway Pharmacy (901 E. Hwy 30) Thank you for your support!!

**Kuemper’s Fall Play**

"Stealing Home" by Pat Cook is a comedy. Cecil and his partner, Pug, were caught in a funeral home in the middle of the night to heist a few trinkets. What nobody figured on was Beulah Meadows, the owner of the place, showing up and recognizing Cecil as her long-lost son, Jimmy Meadows, who vanished from an amusement park some 25 years earlier. This, of course, comes as a tragic shock to Beulah's three daughters, who were just about to sell the funeral home for quite a bundle. Before you know it, the place is overrun with other-worldly sisters, whining lawyers, policemen, psychiatrists and nuns! Is Cecil really there to help out his would-be mother? Or is he sticking around because he has a crush on Joan, the mortician? And is Cecil really Beulah's long-lost son? Find
out in this frantic farce when two con men set out to lift a few pieces of silverware and end up Stealing Home.

Auditions will be held Tuesday, September 7, 5:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, September 8, 3:30-5 p.m., and Thursday, September 9, 5:30-7 p.m.

PRODUCTION DATES: NOVEMBER 4, 5, 6 @ 7:00 on the Rec Center Stage.

October Scrip Schedule

Conference week 10/11-10-15 Scrip will be on a different schedule because of no school Friday. Orders will be due at 9 am Monday October 11th with orders ready on Thursday to be picked up or sent home. All school offices are closed on Friday, October 15th.

Guidance Calendar

Oct. 7 College & Career Fair @ CHS 6:30-8:00 PM
Oct. 13 PSAT
Oct. 23 ACT Test Date
Nov. 5 ACT Registration Deadline for December Test

Senior Parents

Your student(s) are beginning the college application process. They are reminded to request a high school transcript to go with each application, along with their ACT score (if applicable). Requests can be made through Ms. Hackathorn.

Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation

Have you heard the BIG News? The tax credit for donations has increased from 65% to 75%. There is no other charitable gift you can make that ensures a State Tax Credit of 75% like this.

Did you know that 63% of Kuemper students receive tuition assistance? Your gift directly impacts our Kuemper students! Ask your accountant if you would benefit!

Contact Sharon Olerich at (712) 794-1877 for more information.

As of Sept. 19 we have collected $278,765 (43%) towards Kuemper’s 2021 goal of $638,298.