



# KNIGHT NEWS

Kuemper Catholic School

Kuemper High School

December 2018

## From the Principal's Desk . . .

I'm a little later writing this than normal, and as I type the seasons of Advent and winter are both upon us! These two seasons tie so nicely together in my mind. Advent is a season of anticipation and hope. A joyful looking forward to what is to come with Christmas. And for students, snow is a joyful looking forward to seeing how the school day is impacted!

This is a great moment to pause between Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as between fall activities and the beginning of winter activities. We had an amazing fall with students qualifying for all state music, state cross country, football made the tournament and of course, our volleyball girls were state champions! We had girls perform at cheer exhibitions, as well as a great showing at State Dance with two first-place trophies! The Fall play was truly enjoyable!

There has also been a great activity in the classrooms as we are just passing midterm of second quarter meaning we are  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through our first semester. We had a wonderful Kairos experience with 35 pilgrims and are enjoying many faith-building opportunities in our building.

Friday, December 21st will be our Christmas spirit day, we invite students and staff to wear Christmas themed clothing, red and green, ugly Christmas sweaters and the like. Please remember leggings and jeans with holes in them are never appropriate.

We are also doing great work partnering with local agencies to improve our post-secondary planning process for our students, as well as building partnerships with Catholic Universities to help develop our next generation of well-formed teachers to join us at Kuemper when we have openings. We also continue to explore opportunities to encourage our staff to attain a master's degree in their discipline to bring that level of knowledge to impact our students.

I hope you are all having, and continue to have a wonderful holiday season. May we all look with joy, hope, and anticipation for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas.

God bless!



## Calendar Notes

- ✓ Dec. 5th, 12th, & 19th—  
90 min . Early Dismissal
- ✓ Dec. 12th KHS  
Christmas Concert in  
KHS Gym at 7 p.m.
- ✓ Dec. 24th , Christmas  
Vacation begins
- ✓ Jan. 3, Classes  
Resume



## Large Group Speech

KHS students have started rehearsal for the District Large Group Speech Contest which will be held on January 19 in Denison. Over 50 students have been divided into groups to compete in the areas of One-Act Play, Group Mime, Musical Theatre, Ensemble Acting, Improvisational Acting, Radio News, Short Film, and Reader's Theater. These students need your encouragement during their aggressive rehearsal schedule. Parents will be invited to a dress rehearsal held at the Recreation Center in January. Coaches for this year are Mrs. Susan Glass, Mrs. Deb Gute, and Mr. Shawn Vaske.

## Northwest Iowa Honor Band

On November 3rd, high school band students auditioned for Northwest Iowa Honor Band. Auditions took place in Storm Lake. Selected for this band was senior, KateLynn Irlbeck, on bass clarinet. This is the fourth year that KateLynn has been selected for this group. The NWIBA honor band will perform a concert for the public on Saturday, January 5th, at Eppley Auditorium on the Morningside College campus in Sioux City. The concert will start at 7 P.M. Tickets are available at the door. Adults are \$5 and students are \$3. Congratulation to KateLynn on her selection.

## Service Day Update

The 15th Annual Service Day was held Tuesday, Oct. 30th. We had 317 students, and 51 faculty, staff, and parent volunteers. We completed 125 jobs with in the community. Thank you to all that took their day to help finish all the jobs within the community. It could not have gone on without a hitch without your help. A special thank you to Mary Lawler. Great job!

## Holiday Scrip Calendar

Use scrip for all your holiday shopping!  
\*Beginning the week after Thanksgiving, SCRIP orders will be placed twice per week until Christmas!

Weeks of November 26, December 3, 10, & 17 - Orders placed by **9:00 AM Monday** will be available for pickup on **Thursday** or sent home with a student on Friday.

Orders placed by **9:00 AM Tuesday** will be available for pickup on **Friday** or sent home with a student on Friday.

Weeks of December 24 & December 31 - Christmas break! No SCRIP orders will be processed.

Week of January 7 - Normal SCRIP schedule will resume.

Orders placed by **9:00 AM Tuesday** will be available for pickup **Friday** or sent home with a student on Friday.

## Senior News

- Turn in senior pictures for the 2019 Lance yearbook before **March**. Fiscus and Niceswanger will supply us with the picture you selected, any other photographs should be sent to [debgute@kuemper.org](mailto:debgute@kuemper.org).

- The slide show for Baccalaureate requires a baby or toddler picture of every senior. Please write the senior's name on the back of the photo and send to Deb Gute with your senior. They will be scanned and returned right away. If there is a digital copy, send it to [debgute@kuemper.org](mailto:debgute@kuemper.org).

## Did You Know?



Free and reduced price meals are available to qualifying families. The application process is simple. Go to [www.kuemper.org](http://www.kuemper.org), under "Admissions", click on "Registration forms". Print the "Free & reduced price meal application" & return the completed form to Jina Brincks, 116 S. East Street, Carroll, IA 51401 or email to [jabrincks@kuemper.org](mailto:jabrincks@kuemper.org). You will begin receiving free or reduced price meals as soon as your application is processed. Please contact Jina Brincks at 712-794-1875 or [jabrincks@kuemper.org](mailto:jabrincks@kuemper.org) for more information.

## Adopt-a-Family Project

In early December, KHS students and faculty will purchase gifts for families in need. The HOPES Program has supplied us with gift wishes for anonymous families. Knight Time groups have been paired together to collect items for the families. Students are asked to donate a minimum of \$5 or make a gift purchase of their choice. All packages will be wrapped and labeled for the families to pick up in mid-December. Kuemper students will certainly brighten the holidays for many Carroll families.

## December & January Guidance Calendar

December 8- ACT Test Date

January 11- ACT Registration Deadline for February Test Date

## Senior Guidance

All seniors should have college applications completed by now. Local scholarships will be arriving soon!! Please have your student check their school emails, Scholarship Google Drive folder, and scholarship board in the hall outside of Ms. Hackathorn's office for scholarship opportunities as they become available. Scholarships will also be posted on the Kuemper website.

Also a friendly reminder to fill out the FAFSA if you have not done so already. Please be aware of priority deadlines to have this filed for specific colleges/universities. Financial aid packages will be sent out to students in the winter/spring months.

## Course Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

Course registration for the 2019-20 school year will begin in January/February. Students will receive registration materials in school. Parents, you are encouraged to review these schedules with your son/daughter. These will be able to view through Infinite Campus once course requests have been entered.

# Kuemper Ball Vehicle Raffle '19

**The perfect stocking stuffer!**

**“Picture yourself in a shiny new 2019 vehicle!.”**



Ag & Vehicle

the 2019 Kuemper Ball are on sale now! Raffle tickets make a great Christmas gift!

Raffle tickets for

Buy a chance for a voucher valued at \$20,000 towards the vehicle of your choice. Vehicles provided by: Champion Ford, Macke Motors, Motor Inn, New Way Ford, Team Auto Group, and Wittrock Motors.

Buy a chance for a voucher valued at \$10,000 towards the item of your choice. Sponsored by: Haley Equipment, JET's Outdoor Power, Olsen's Outdoor Power, and Van Wall Equipment.

Get your name in the drawing TODAY by purchasing your tickets on the Kuemper website ([www.kuemper.org](http://www.kuemper.org)), click on "Kuemper Ball 2019" on the left hand column.





### **Sponsor-A-Student at Kuemper**

**In this special time of gift-giving, would you consider giving an exceptional gift to a Kuemper student?** You can make a donation to the *Fr. Kuemper Society*. By making a gift to this fund, you will be helping a deserving student attend our Kuemper Catholic Schools. You will be helping a student whose parents have gone through all the proper applications for a **tuition grant**. Last year, nearly 643 children at Kuemper received a tuition grant - 60% of all Kuemper students. *Without tuition grants, these families probably would not be able to have their children in a Catholic school.*

*Here are a few testimonials and thank-you notes from actual Kuemper parents:*

“We would like to express our sincere thank-you for granting the tuition scholarships to our daughters. This was indeed a blessing and we so very much appreciate it. God bless all who make the scholarships a reality. Our hope is to contribute in future years in order to say thanks for those times our burden was lessened.”

“Thank you for the assistance that we will receive to send our daughter to Kuemper High School this next coming school year. Since being laid off from my job a few months ago, this assistance is greatly appreciated.”

“It was a pleasant surprise to receive our financial aid for our three children attending Kuemper. It really helps make Kuemper’s quality education affordable for us.”

Feel free to drop your gift off at any school center – mark **“Sponsor-A-Student”** or mail to: **Sponsor-A-Student, Kuemper Foundation, 116 S. East St., Carroll, IA 51401** By supporting our Kuemper Catholic Schools, and by helping more students attend Kuemper through the *Fr. Kuemper Society*, you are participating in the educational mission of our parish. Please consider making a gift to this year’s *Sponsor-A-Student*. It is important! **Your gift could make all the difference in the life of a young Christian!**