



# KNIGHT NEWS

Kuemper Catholic School

Kuemper High School

September 2020

## From the Principal's Desk . . .

It has been a very unique start to the school year to be sure! I don't think any of us anticipated this would be a reality we would be facing. It is challenging and confusing, an opportunity to fall into despair with all that we face. However, we as a school family, we as followers of Christ have hope. Hope in a life after this, hope in a God who loves us, hope in a God who walks through the fear with us. It is a challenging time, but also an opportunity for us as a school family to weather the storm and allow ourselves to be drawn closer to a Father who waits to embrace us.

We appreciate your support and prayers during these unprecedented time. Our united efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID are crucial to protecting the most vulnerable in our community. These efforts also help us to be in person as much as possible for the best educational experiences for our students. The work and sacrifice we all make also helps ensure our students continue to have access to high quality activities. Students continuing to social distance on weekends and wear masks in public also continues to be important in keeping our numbers manageable for the reasons already mentioned. Thank you!

Even though COVID has certainly stolen the spotlight it isn't all we are about. After all we are a strong and vibrant Catholic School. We continue to focus on high quality, rigorous education. We continue to facilitate our students' abilities to develop a deeper and more personal relationship with Christ. We appreciate your support!

We are excited to welcome Mr. Rusty Wintermote to our business department, Mrs. Marie Walsh Becker as our band director, and Mrs. Stephanie Letsch to our English department. We are so blessed to have them as part of our school family!

We are excited to begin launching the first in the nation high school version of Virtues in Practice this year as well. We are doing a small scale pilot with the Dominican Sisters who created our K-8 program as well. We are very excited to be providentially focused on Hope this year. We are also excited to be finalizing the process to offer a Theology course for college credit in the spring.

While we face many challenges this year we are still excited to continue to develop the young hearts, minds, bodies, and souls of our students. We are excited to Speak Life, to Speak Hope, to Speak Love this year!



## Calendar Notes

Sept. 7 : No School

Sept. 14: Picture Day

Sept. 21 : No School — Professional Development

Sept. 30: Blood Drive

Oct. 2 : HOMECOMING

Oct. 3 : Carroll Band Day at 10:30 a.m.



## Homecoming

The theme for Homecoming 2020 is "Welcome to the Jungle." Stay tuned for more information as we finalize our "wild" plans for the week.

Theme days are ....

9/28 Monday: Tribal Twin Day

9/29 Tuesday: Safari Day

9/30 Wednesday: Color Day

10/01 Thursday : Animal Day

10/02 Friday: Red and Gold Spirit Day

## Welcome to KHS

Kuemper High School welcomes the following new staff:

- Marie Becker—5-12 Band
- Jesse Diehl—Tech Support Specialist
- Veronica Franco —Custodian
- Stephanie Letsch—Language Arts
- Ann Pottebaum —Biology
- Mike Power —Activities Director
- Lindsey Riesberg —Food Service Cook
- Paul Wagner —Custodian
- Rusty Wintermote—Business



## Kuemper's Fall Play

“Done to Death” is a comedy/mystery. A group of students read plays this summer and they chose this one. The script is a parody of every mystery plot, hero, and villain created in the past 70 years, especially the 1930s and 1940s. The story alternates between reality and imagination as the mystery writers wrestle with the problem of writing a television mystery series. All around them murders occur and each writer takes a turn at solving them in his own style. Auditions will be held Tuesday, September 8, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, 3:30-6, and Thursday, September 10, 6-8.

PRODUCTION DATES: NOVEMBER 12, 13, 14 @ 7:00 on the Rec Center Stage. Social distancing will be observed.

## Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive on Wednesday, September 30th. You must be 16 years old to donate. Appointments **are** required. Students will sign up during lunch or Knight Time prior to the drive. All 16 and 17 year olds are required to have a Life Serve parent permission form signed before donated. Please see Mrs. Harrington for these forms. Any questions please feel free to email Mrs. Harrington at [rlharrington@kuemper.org](mailto:rlharrington@kuemper.org).



## Diocesan Catholic Choral Festival

The Catholic Choral Festival has been cancelled this year because of Covid 19. It will take place next year on October 6th at Bishop Garrigan High School in Algona, Iowa.

## 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 21st. The music is very 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.

Kysa Auen (senior) daughter of Robert and Jennifer Auen, Dayna Toft (senior) daughter of Christian and Ann Toft, Hannah Duncan (senior) daughter of Derek Duncan and Marci Duncan, Emma Harrington (junior) daughter of Patrick and Robin Harrington, Katrina Carpenter (junior) daughter of Amanda Wheeler, Sarah Batz (freshman) daughter of Randy and Christine Batz, Kyla Schwanz (freshman) daughter of Casey and Jaime Schwanz.

## Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus will provide instant access to grades as they are entered as well as checking lunch information, and paying lunch fees online for students in grades 6-12. Please contact Ann Schmitz with any questions at 792-3596.

## Yearbook News

The 2020 Lance Yearbooks will be arriving soon and distributed to all who have purchased one. Graduates' books can be picked up in the main office by a friend or relative. There will be a few extra copies for sale for \$50 in the high school main office. Orders are beginning for the 2020-21 Lance this month. Orders may be submitted on the Kuemper website or hand in the printed order sheet with payment to the high school office. As the school year progresses, please submit any school snapshots for possible inclusion in the Lance to [rdwintermote@kuemper.org](mailto:rdwintermote@kuemper.org). Current senior portrait and baby (toddler) photo for each senior for the Baccalaureate Slideshow can be mailed to KHS or emailed to [rdwintermote@kuemper.org](mailto:rdwintermote@kuemper.org)



## Kuemper After Prom Can Drive

We are still taking cans!! Please continue dropping your cans off in the big box east of Casey's. Thank you for your support!!

Also a special thank you to all those who volunteered their time to come and help with the can drive.

## Nurse's Notes

Reminder to freshman parents: A dental screening is required by the State for all freshman students. This form was distributed at Freshman Orientation last spring. If you need another certificate, forms are available on our website. The state will audit these records, so please return them to the main office before Oct 1.



Also, we are currently working with Public Health on how to provide the flu clinic in the safest way possible this year. I will provide more information on the flu clinic when plans are finalized. If you have any questions, contact the school nurse at 712-830-8222 or by email [ejbehrens@kuemper.org](mailto:ejbehrens@kuemper.org)

## Family Lunch Account Online Info

To obtain the balance of your family account, see a detailed report showing what items have been purchased or pay online, go to [www.kuemper.org](http://www.kuemper.org) and click on the "Infinite Campus" link. For questions, call Jina Brincks at 794-1875 or email [jabrincks@kuemper.org](mailto:jabrincks@kuemper.org).

Students in grades 7-12 will receive a lunch/activity card the first day of school. This card will be required for lunch each day as well as taken home for entrance into extracurricular activities. These cards have a scannable barcode & will be required for free entrance into home events. If a student forgets their card during lunch service, the student will be served lunch, however no ala carte will be allowed without their card. One replacement card will be kept in the school office. After 3 consecutive days of not having a lunch card, a \$5.00 replacement fee will be assessed.

## Smart Tuition

When making an online purchase with your debit or credit card through Smart Tuition for items such as activity fees, t-shirts, yearbooks, tuition, -- your bank or credit card statement will show "Smart LLC ". If you question a charge, please call the Kuemper Business Office at [712-792-3313](tel:712-792-3313). Thank you!

## Guidance Calendar



Sept 12, 13, & 19	ACT Test Dates
Sept. 17	Registration Deadline for October test dates
Sept. 20	Virtual Golden Circle College Fair

## 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). Requests can be made through Ms. Hackathorn. Parents can find school counseling notes through the monthly newsletter, along with scholarship materials in the winter/spring. The newsletter will be updated as soon as new information is available.

## Junior Parents

If your son or daughter is a current junior, they should consider signing up to take the PSAT/NMSQT test on October 14, or on October 29 (there will now be 2 testing dates—students will be assigned dates & times to ensure proper social distancing). The cost is \$17.00. This test measures critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills. This test is a good practice tool for the SAT And ACT tests. Also, by taking the PSAT/NMSQT test, a student is entered into the National Merit Scholarship Program. Deadline for registering is September 12. Students/parents can fill out the registration form in the school counseling office and return the form to Ms. Hackathorn along with payment, or register by emailing Miss Hackathorn at [bjhackathorn@kuemper.org](mailto:bjhackathorn@kuemper.org). Payment must be submitted by the September 12 registration deadline.

## Regent Schools Admission Policy

Incoming college freshmen must meet the RAI requirement to enter the regent universities (University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa). The RAI score is based upon three factors: ACT composite score, cumulative high school grade point average, and the number of high school courses completed in the core subject area of English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language.

### RAI Calculation

ACT composite score x 3  
+ Cumulative GPA x 30  
+ Number of years of high school core courses x 5  
=RAI score

Students who earn an RAI Score of at least 245 and meet minimum high school course requirements will be considered for admission. Parents and students may go to the following website to calculate your RAI score: <http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/freshmen/requirements.php>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Hackathorn by phone or email!

