



KNIGHT NEWS

Kuemper Catholic School

Kuemper High School

October, 2018

From the Principal's Desk . . .

Fall is now upon us, and a steady cool rain is falling outside as I write this. The leaves will soon change, fall activities are in full force, and thoughts of the holiday season are starting to creep into our minds. The academic year is also well established as our first mid-term period has come and gone.

We are excited to continue our work with the students as we seek to prepare them mind, body, and soul for the future God has in store for them. We continue to adapt our use of the Knight Time (homeroom) period and have made good progress in laying the foundation for future awareness of how each individual has a unique calling, or vocation, in God's plan. We also are seeking to establish community in this setting so students will have a consistent peer group and staff mentor over their high school career to build trust and reflection skills.

We are beginning some long-range strategic conversations as a staff about future academic programming needs, where dual credit options figure into this planning, and ultimately how we continue to provide a rigorous and relevant education for our students before they move to the next step on life.

We are also excited by the many faith development opportunities in our school including great events like hosting ReKindle the Diocesan youth rally, our yearly trip to Washington DC to the March for Life, and other events that our campus minister Katherine Dea coordinates. Her new approach with leadership and faith witness through our LIFE leadership teams is an awesome opportunity for students as well!



Calendar Notes

Oct. 3rd, 10th, 24th, and 31st - 90 min Early Dismissal

Oct. 9th— College Fair Night at Carroll at 6:30-8 p.m.

Oct. 10th— Fall Choral Concert at 7 p.m.

Oct. 15th & 18th— 2hr Early Dismissal/Conferences

Oct. 19th — NO SCHOOL

Oct. 26th — End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 30th — Service Day

Nov. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd — Fall Play

Mr. Pete Haefs, Principal

All State Music Festival Auditions



The Kuemper Choir is being very productive this year! We have 7 students who are in the process of getting ready for the All-State Music Festival Auditions on October 20 at Atlantic High School. The music is even more 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 (sophomore) daughter of Robert Auen and Jennifer Auen, Theresa Borkowski (junior) daughter of Amanda Lanners and Ryan Borkowski, Kyle Danner (senior) son of Joseph and Kelly Danner, Taylor Harrington (junior) and Emma Harrington (freshman) son and daughter of Patrick and Robin Harrington, Maximilian Meyers (sophomore) son of Troy and Carrie Meyers, and Payton Schenkelberg (senior) daughter of Justin and Jean Schenkelberg.

Nurse's Notes

Reminder that the flu clinic will be held October 1st for St Lawrence and Holy Spirit and October 2nd for Kuemper, St Angela's and the preschool. Please have forms returned and signed if you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine at school. Also, with Fall/Winter seasons approaching, a reminder that if your child has vomited or has a temp 100.0 or above, they need to stay home. They should be fever free and without vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school. If you have any questions, contact the school nurse at ejbehrens@kuemper

Credit for Driver's Education

Students may receive one (1) credit for completion of a driver's education course. Grades for this course will be printed on the student's transcript. The final grade is not included in the student's GPA.

Carroll Community School District will automatically send driver's ed grades to Kuemper High School when the course is completed. Students who participate in other driver's ed programs must request that a copy of their grades be sent directly to Kuemper High School. If you have questions, call Ann Schmitz at 792-3596.

MTSS Overview

We continue to develop our system of MTSS from where we were last fall at this time. We have expanded our use of the STAR assessment system to include all students grades 9-11 for both reading and math. These tests are a great partner to our teachers' personal data kept in the gradebook for students. These tests are diagnostic in nature, in other words they don't just let us know if a student is behind or ahead of their peers in reading or math, they give us a better picture of which specific skills are least or most developed.

With this new data we will be better able to design small group instruction during our Knight Time to support each student at their level of need. To start we are focusing on students who need additional support in reading, we will then roll in students who need additional support in Math. Eventually we will want to give growth opportunities to all of our students whether they are on level, below level, or even above. We thank you for your dedication and support of your student(s) and our staff as we work to integrate a complex, but immensely valuable program.

Kairos 17 & 18

Kairos is from the Greek and means "the Lord's time." 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. This retreat significantly impacts each student and strengthens their ideals and values as Christian leaders. The retreat is student led and based on the 4 day retreat developed by St. Ignatius, started several decades ago. This is not a retreat of being "preached to" but rather an opportunity to take the time to explore your faith and your hearts in a guided way. Our busy schedules don't always offer us the time needed to just relax and take a look at ourselves and our faith.



Kuemper offers 2 retreat times each year. Kairos 17 will be held November 15-18 and Kairos 18 will be April 25-28, 2019 at the Creighton Retreat Center near Griswold, Iowa. You can check out the facilities at <http://www.creighton.edu/ministry/retreatcenter/>. The cost of the retreat is \$199. This covers accommodations (a nice bedroom in a quaint cabin) and meals (they will be well fed as the food is excellent). Students will miss the last period of Thursday and all day Friday of school. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend this fun and rewarding retreat. We have had over 350 students attend in the last 8 years and no one has come home disappointed. Space is limited to 35 participants. The fall Kairos is filling fast. It is never too early to register for the spring Kairos! If you have questions, please contact John Kitch at jkkitch@kuemper.org.

Can Drive

The Junior Class at KHS will be sponsoring an After Prom Can Drive on Saturday, October 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. We will need all juniors, all possible parents, and many pickups to help with this project. Juniors will be going around town collecting cans. If you have any questions, please call 830-1860 Sarah Simons or 830-8263 Megan Badding

Service Day

The 15th Annual Service Day will be held on Tuesday, October 30. High school students will volunteer for the afternoon, helping those who need an extra hand. Students will work in small groups with an adult supervisor. Parent volunteers will be needed. Jobs may include: yard work, cleaning, small painting jobs, washing windows, plastic on windows or any other project you would like us to complete. If you or someone you know could benefit from our services or to volunteer, contact Nicole Martin at 792-3596 or email nbmartin@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 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 jabincks@kuemper.org.

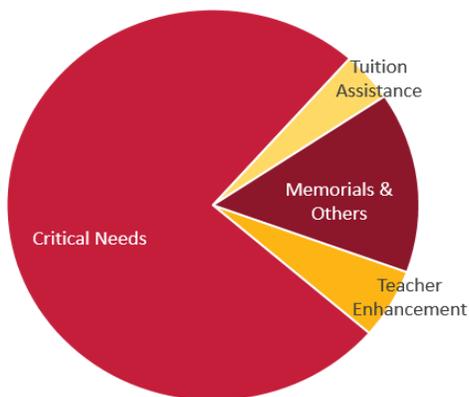
2017 Alumni Phon-A-Thon

The Annual Kuemper Alumni Phon-A-Thon will begin October 9th! Calling will take place October 9th, 10th, 11th, 15th & 16th. There is a need for help with calling, data entry, and mailing prep.

Last year \$195,500 was raised with \$8,000.00 designated for the Father Kuemper Society for tuition assistance, \$11,300.00 for Teacher Enhancement, \$147,000.00 designated for critical needs; and other memorial and miscellaneous designations at \$29,200.00.

Please help us show the alumni that you are grateful for their support by working a shift, or two! Last year many students,

2017 Phon-a-Thon Income



staff, and parents pitched in and the response was fantastic. There will be food, water, and pop available each night for volunteers. Bring your student, spouse, or friend to help make the night more fun!

If you have any questions or would like to help out, please call Alayna at 792-2212 or email alhansen@kuemper.org. Thanks!

“Somewhere Else Dreams” by Jeffery Strausser

The comedy Somewhere Else Dreams is Kuemper Catholic

High School’s 2018 fall play. Production dates are November 1, 2, & 3 at 7:30 P.M. at the Carroll Rec Center.

Ashlee Martin, a young waitress at the All American Diner in the town of Jacksonville, located in the heart of east Texas, dreams of finding a better life somewhere else. Yet, fate holds her at the diner just a little longer so the cast of zany characters that include a nursing home escapee, a used lawnmower peddler, a welder who insists on telling corny jokes and a yokel who might have won the lottery can unwittingly create a hilarious chain of events that show Ashlee her "better life" was always right in Jacksonville.

October Scrip Schedule

The week of October 15, SCRIP will be on a different schedule due to no school Friday! Orders will be due at 9AM on Monday, October 15 with pickup on Thursday, October 18! All school offices are closed on Friday, October 19.

Guidance Calendar

- Oct. 9 College Fair Night at Carroll at 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 10 PSAT/NMSQT Test for sophomores/juniors in the library, following mass
- Oct. 16 DMACC Discovery Day for sophomores
Northwest Missouri State Rep. at 11:00 a.m.
Iowa Lakes Community College Rep. at 12:15 p.m.
- Oct. 17 Buena Vista University Rep. at 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 27 ACT Test Date
- Nov. 1 Upper Iowa University Rep. at 1:00 p.m.
- Nov. 2 ACT Registration Deadline for December Test Date

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. Important college fair & financial aid dates will be emailed as new information becomes available.

Junior & Senior Parents

Carroll High School will be hosting the College Fair Night for Carroll County this year. Roughly 60 colleges/universities/trade schools will be in attendance. A list of those representatives attending has been given to students. The fair will be held at Carroll High on Tuesday, October 9th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please encourage your student to register online so they can provide their information to the representatives easily and more efficiently.