



KNIGHT NEWS

Kuemper Catholic School

Kuemper High School

September 2018

From the Principal's Desk . . .

We have started our year off strong, and to see students fill the halls and hear the learning and spiritual development taking place I am reminded of my gratitude to all in our Kuemper family and our supporters for making this possible! Knowing our students are being pushed to develop their potential mind, body, and soul in a Christ centered environment is life giving. Thank you all and let's celebrate this year together!

We know one of the things that allows us to achieve excellence so regularly is by holding our students to high expectations and then helping them achieve it. And your support as we do so is another key ingredient to our historic and continued success! Oftentimes students this time of year feel like there are new rules, or last year they didn't have to do this or that. It seems to be just part of the back to school routine, when in reality all we are doing is trying to start strong so we can maintain those high expectations throughout the year.

I am very excited by one of our more dramatic changes this year. It is a work in progress, but exciting nonetheless! As our mission statement proclaims, we are seeking to prepare students mind, body, and soul to fulfill God's unique call to them. So now we will be taking one homeroom (Knight Time) period a week to focus specifically on developing each student's self awareness of what it means to have a vocation, how God gives us hints in our skills and talents. And also to develop a more authentic Christian community amongst each other with a teacher who will grow into a mentor for a small group of students. This also means that our Knight Times are largely (we have two set up based on certain student group memberships) based on graduation year. They will also remain in the same Knight Time, with the same teacher, for their high school career. This will facilitate the ability to grow in community and for that teacher to develop a true mentorship relationship with the students.

We are very excited about this year and look forward to sharing it with our students and community. God bless, and thank you for sharing your students with us here at Kuemper!

Homecoming

The theme for Homecoming 2018 is "**A Knight on the Road.**" Students will be involved in float building.

Friday's schedule is as follows:

8:15 - 9:50	Special Activities
10:00 - 10:40	Buddy Activity
11:00	Mass
12:00	Lunch for Students
1:00	Coronation
1:45	Pep Rally
2:15	Parade
4:15	Freshman Football game
7:00	Game

The Dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday with the Court introductions at 9 p.m.

While we know that many of you think that TP'ing during homecoming is a "tradition", we ask that you refrain from this, it is not a good representation of our school and I often hear stories of reckless driving during these runs. It is especially important to not TP staff, or students as a means of harassment because you may not like the target. Parents, we greatly appreciate your support in limiting or eliminating this practice.



Calendar Notes

Sept. 12 — 1:50 Early Dismissal

Sept. 17 — Picture Day

Sept. 19 — 1:50 Early Dismissal

Sept. 26 — 1:50 Early Dismissal

Sept. 28 — HOMECOMING

Sept. 29 — Carroll Band Day at 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 30 — Senior Class Breakfast



Welcome to KHS

Kuemper High School welcomes the following new staff:

- Jessica Fuchs, Health Assistant
- Mark Kloser, Industrial Arts
- Kim Miller, High School Secretary
- Grant Monnig, Theology
- Renee Willey-Carter, Food Service



Diocesan Catholic Choral Festival

The Diocesan Catholic Choral Festival will take place at Bishop Heelan High School in Sioux City, Iowa at 7 P.M. The conductor for this event will be Dr. John Flannery, Co-Director of the Choral Activities at Bishop Heelan High School in Sioux City, Iowa. All of the members of the Kuemper Concert Choir will be in attendance for the daylong event. During the day they will rehearse with choirs from Bishop Heelan Catholic High School, Gehlen Catholic High School, St. Edmond Catholic High School and Bishop Garrigan Catholic High School. This large choir will consist of up to 200+ singers. The festival choir will sing a total of five pieces with special performances by each of the choirs interwoven into the concert., The Kuemper Concert Choir will be featured singing The King of Love, by Paul J. Christiansen.

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 21 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.

Theresa Borkowski (sophomore) daughter of Amanda Lanners and Ryan Borkowski, Kyle Danner (junior) son of Joseph and Kelly Danner, Elizabeth Kenkel (senior) daughter of Terry and Kristi Kenkel, Daniel Miller (senior) son of Dave and Kim Miller, Taylor Harrington (junior) son of Patrick and Robin Harrington, Anna Langel (junior) daughter of Glenn and Kay Langel, and Payton Schenkelberg (junior) daughter of Justin and Jean Schnkelberg.

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 2018 LANCES are here and may be picked up in the KHS Main Office. There are a few extra books for sale. Cost is \$50 each. As we begin working on the 2019 yearbook, we invite parents and students to submit pictures as often as possible. Senior headshots and baby pictures are always welcome. Digital pictures may be sent to debute@kuemper.org. Other pictures may be dropped off in the Main Office Get them in so you won't have to rush later.

Kuemper After Prom Can Drive

Save the Date!

Saturday October 6th, 2018

8:30-12:00

Please have your cans ready when we stop or at the curb. You may also drop your cans off at the Can Redemption Center and mark your bags "Kuemper After Prom"

Thank you for your support!!

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.

Please save the dates of Monday, October 1st and Tuesday, October 2nd as our annual flu shot clinic. Grades K -3 and 6-8 will have their clinic on Monday the 1st, while the Preschool, Optional Kindergarten, 4-5 and High School will have their shots on Tuesday the 2nd. 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

Youth Rally to be Hosted at Kuemper

The Diocese of Sioux City Youth Rally for high school students is being held at Kuemper Catholic High School on Sunday Oct. 7th beginning at 10:45 a.m. The rally will include talks from national speakers Sean Forrest and Noelle Garcia, as well as diocesan locals Seminarian Travis Crotty, Fr. Feller, Fr. Deman, Fr. Behm, and Katherine Dea. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nickless, and Adoration and Confession will also be available during this event. There will be service opportunities available throughout the day in support of "Then Feed Just One" program. All middle school and high school students are welcome.

Youth registration is \$35 and includes lunch and dinner at the rally. Registration forms can be found in the high school office and the ministry office, room 207. Registration deadline is September 20. Please contact campus minister Katherine Dea with any additional questions.

Registration is \$30 and includes lunch and dinner at the rally. Registration forms can be found in the ministry office, room 207. Registration deadline is September 15. Please contact campus minister Katherine Dea with any additional questions.

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 and click on the "Infinite Campus" link. For questions, call Jina Brincks at 794-1875 or email jabrincks@kuemper.org.

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, and even PhonATHon and Kuemper Ball donations -- 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. 5 Kick-Off to College Night @ AvailaBank at 7 p.m.
- Sept. 8 ACT Test Date
- Sept. 11 Iowa State University Rep at 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 23 Golden Circle College Fair at Iowa Events Center:
Hy-Vee Hall, Des Moines
- Sept. 28 ACT Registration Deadline for
October 27 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 Miss 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 10 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The cost is \$16.00. 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 22. Students/parents can fill out the registration form in the school counseling office and return the form to Miss Hackathorn along with payment.

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{ACT composite score} \times 3 \\ & + \text{Cumulative GPA} \times 30 \\ & + \underline{\text{Number of years of high school core courses} \times 5} \\ & = \text{RAI score} \end{aligned}$$

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>

This information can always be accessed on the guidance page on the Kuemper website as well. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Hackathorn by phone or email!

