



KNIGHT NEWS

Kuemper Catholic School

Kuemper High School

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From the Principal's Desk . . .

The first quarter is finishing as I write this. The sky is gray and heavy, but the temperature is typically fall. It has been a fantastic year so far. The students have completed an academic quarter, they have had wonderful spiritual experiences, including our intensifying work on vocational discernment, we have had a couple of retreats, Fall Play performs next week and our sports have had a great season. Football faces the playoffs tonight, Volleyball is one win from the tournament, and Tyler Putney qualified for state in Cross Country.



Our Professional Learning Community work with teachers during our weekly sessions has really allowed us as a school has a better sense of what we are teaching students, where we need to focus, and how we are working to get those standards met as well as helping students become 21st-century learners. Soon we will be building common knowledge checks throughout the grades and up the progression so that teachers can have shared conversations about student growth even if they don't have the same grade or students. It's an exciting time!

This is such an exciting time in our Church to be a Catholic School. By the time this newsletter goes out the Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational discernment will have closed. There are some very interesting discussions coming out of this and I am excited to see the official statement from the Vatican. We are truly blessed with a strong Catholic school here and times like this truly help us see how we can help fulfill the Church's mission through our work with our students.

Also in relation to the conversations at the Vatican, especially around new media and young people, we also step back and talk about not only educating the whole person, but also bringing that person into communion not only with God, but also his creation. How do we help students maintain an Incarnational worldview, a view that sees God in all things and all people. Technology does many wonderful things, and can be a great tool for growth and discernment. It can however also act as a barrier, or corroding agent to an Incarnational worldview. Please take some time to peruse this article from the National Catholic Education Association that discusses ways parents can help students navigate a balanced approach to technology. An approach that allows for connection and wonder that technology can bring, but also ensures interactions with the world and people physically present to them.

[NCEA technology article](#)

May God Bless you and your family this month, especially as we draw nearer to the beautiful season of Advent!

Volleyball Schedule for State:

Tuesday, November 6:	Send off and pep rally at 12:30p.m.
Wednesday, November 7:	No School / No Kuemper Cares
Thursday, November 8:	With a win on Wednesday we will have school but it is an excused absence for students.
Friday, November 9:	With a win on Thursday there will be no school and no Kuemper Cares

Calendar Notes

- ✓ Nov. 1,2 &3, Fall Play at at Rec Center at 7 p.m.
- ✓ Nov. 13, NHS Induction Ceremony at 7 p.m. in KHS Library
- ✓ Nov. 15, NHS Blood Drive
- ✓ Nov. 21-22-23 No School



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 7:00 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.

Christian Service Hours

There is a **new** requirement this year to help students experience more depth and diversity in Christian Service and the power and wisdom available in working with others in service organizations. Starting this year they are required to do at least half their hours with service organizations. The number one go to is your home parish, next is school and there are many more that help others, including other faiths and secular ones.

Seniors

As you make your senior yearbook photo selection, keep in mind that this picture is one that will remain with you forever. Select something that others will remember you by and your family and friends are proud of. Fiscus and Niceswanger Photography will supply a photo to the yearbook. Any other photographers will need to submit pictures by email to debgute@kuemper.org.

The slide show for Baccalaureate requires a baby or toddler picture. Please write your name on back of photo so it can be returned or send photo digitally to debgute@kuemper.org anytime before April 1.

Kuemper Concession Stand

The Kuemper Catholic High School Parent's Club would like to invite you to help out with the Kuemper Concession Stand. We receive a percentage of the sales at the end of each sports season which we use to help support the various needs of the teachers and school. Please don't wait for one of the Parents Club Representatives to call or email you to help. Sign up with the Concessions link on the Kuemper High School, Parent Club 9-12 webpage.

Parents, if you click on the Student Bulletin/Information tab, you can see the concession stand sign up to check your child's schedule also. Thanks in advance.

Be a Voice—For School Choice

Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) are being proposed in Iowa. Under this proposal:

- EVERY Iowa student would be eligible to receive a grant equal to a portion of the state per-pupil funding.
- Students would use that grant for educational expenses such as private school tuition, textbooks, tutoring, and online learning.
- ALL students would be eligible regardless of their income level.
- This program would allow true, universal school choice and inject the positive force of market competition into the Iowa educational arena.

Get Informed - Get Involved. Help promote school choice in Iowa. Visit the Iowa ACE website - the Alliance for Choice in Education at www.iowaace.org.

Holiday SCRIP Schedule



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.



529 K-12 TUITION PAYMENT DETAILS

The Iowa State Treasurer's Office has released details on making K-12 tuition payments from a 529 plan. Please read up on this important opportunity for all parents at: <http://www.iowaace.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/529-Plan-Information-Updated-8.14.18.pdf>

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is offering a program called "Pathways to Hope and Healing" to Kuemper Students grades 1-12. The Pathways program offers a free mental health assessment (at their office) gathering information from the student and the student's family member(s), learning "What brought you in?" At the end of the session, recommendations and options are provided. If the student/family decides to continue with services, they can be seen by a licensed mental health professional at Catholic Charities or at Kuemper High School. Junior high and elementary students would be seen at the Catholic Charities office. We accept most private insurances, Medicaid, and Employee Assistance Programs (EAP), or students/families can utilize our sliding fee scale. Call 792-9597 with any questions or to set up an appointment.

Immunizations



Did you know that as your children get older they are at increased risk for some infections? Also, the protection provided by some childhood vaccines begins to wear off. There are four vaccines recommended for preteens and teens. All kids should get a flu vaccine every year, and the three other vaccines should be given starting when kids are 11 to 12 years old. If you have an older teen, it's not too late to get shots they've missed. Your teen may also need a booster of a vaccine that needs more than one dose. You can contact your physician about the shots your child may need, including:

- 1) **Tdap vaccine**, which is a booster against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis. Pertussis, or whooping cough, can keep kids out of school and activities for weeks. It can also be spread to babies, which can be very dangerous.
- 2) **Meningococcal vaccine**, which protects against meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria and is a leading cause of bacterial meningitis (a serious infection around the brain and spinal cord) and its complications.
- 3) **HPV vaccine**, which protects against the types of HPV that most commonly cause cervical cancer. HPV vaccine can also help protect against other types of cancer and infections.
- 4) **Influenza (flu) vaccine**, because even healthy kids can get the flu, and it can be serious. All kids, including your preteens and teens, should get the flu vaccine *every* year.

Guidance Calendar

- Nov. 1 Upper Iowa University Rep. at 1:00 p.m.
- Nov. 2 ACT Registration Deadline for December Test Date
- Nov. 6 Hawkeye Community College Rep. at 10:00 a.m.
- Nov. 19 ASVAB Test for Juniors

Junior Parents

The juniors will be taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB) on Thursday, November 19. This test provides an Occu Finder tool that juniors will complete to match interests to career choices. Interpretation of results from this test will be discussed with them at a later date.



CHARITABLE IRA TAX BREAK

The IRA Charitable provision is extremely popular in 2018 as a result of new tax laws. Individuals 70 ½ years old are allowed to make up to \$100,000 in qualified charitable distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) without including the distribution in their federal income each year.

The Kuemper Catholic School Foundation is a qualified charity that is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service. Transfers to the Kuemper Foundation will continue to be deemed as part of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) calculation that is required for taxpayers when they attain the age 70 ½ and own IRAs.

Contact your tax advisor and/or financial planner to determine how this law could affect your current individual income tax and/or your long-term estate planning situation.



GIFT ANNUITY RATES INCREASE

Extend your support for Kuemper students beyond your lifetime!

Effective July 1, 2018 the Charitable Gift Annuity rates have increased! Charitable Gift Annuities are gifts that produce income for you at attractive rates. Fixed payments with tax advantages can be the rewarding outcome for you during your lifetime. After that time, the remaining assets support Kuemper students.

YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM POPULAR GIFT ANNUITIES

Receive steady income payments for life; fixed rates as high as **9.5%** (depending on age). Enjoy the smart gift that gives back with great tax benefits.

AGE RATE

65 5.1%
70 5.6%
75 6.2%
80 7.3%
85 8.3%
90+ 9.5%

"I avoided a significant tax on my appreciated stock through this gift annuity, while benefiting my parish. I also received a very favorable earnings rate."

~ Joe White, Westside, IA

Contact the Kuemper Foundation for a free and simple personal illustration.