



KNIGHT NEWS

Kuemper Catholic School

Kuemper High School

April 2022

From the Principal's Desk . . .

What a great, yet busy time of the year! Baseball season is upon us which is one of my first signs of Spring and Summer.

Prom and the Friends of Kuemper Ball are quickly approaching which will surely be fun for both our students and the adults in our Kuemper Family. Tickets for the Ball can still be purchased. Contact Heather Pietig at hcpietig@kuemper.org if you would like to attend!

Holy Week is next week! What a great time to reflect over the blessing that our Lord has given us. I highly recommend that you take time away from your busy lives, slow down, and let God in. Listen to what he is telling you, enjoy quality time with your families, and attend Mass over the Easter Triduum with your loved one. Easter will be here in less than 3 weeks! Let me be the first to wish you and your family a very Happy Easter! Holy Week is the most important week of our liturgical year, please take time to reflect and celebrate with your family about the blessings that our Lord has provided.

Finally, I was blessed to be able to attend the Mission Honduras night recently. Our Kuemper missionaries, including 14 students, spent time helping those in need in Honduras. The impact and memories that they made will last a lifetime. I highly recommend that you visit with any of our missionaries about their time in Honduras. The Lord worked through them and we are proud of the great work they did and how they represented Kuemper Catholic School. I also challenge everyone to prayerfully consider being part of this mission when the Lord calls. You will not regret it!

I wish you and your families a very Happy Easter and thank you for your continued support of your child's education!



Calendar Notes

- ✓ April 1st & 2nd: Kairos Retreat
- ✓ April 7th –9th: Spring Musical “Love”
- ✓ April 15th: Good Friday – No School
- ✓ April 17th: Easter
- ✓ April 18th: No School
- ✓ April 19th: No School – Professional Dev.
- ✓ April 20: Blood Drive
- ✓ April 23rd: Prom
- ✓ April 27th Junior Retreat
- ✓ April 30th: Kuemper Ball



Spring Musical: Love?

Kuemper's fine group of musical cast members wanted to do a musical this year, complete with acting and music - not just a review like last year. So Tim Tracy and Jake Gute wrote them a musical! It's called "Love?" It's a light-hearted look at love with love songs and songs about love. But first, the cast will have to figure out what love is. And figure out who could help them define it. Is it a thing, or a feeling? And what if love goes wrong! Does love conquer all? And why is love so confusing? And why the question mark? Join us at the Rec Center

on April 7, 8, and 9 at 7p.m. as we seek to answer the question, "Love?". Tickets are on sale now at kuemper.primoticketing.com/

Prom Information

- All Prom forms are due April 4th.
- **Pictures:** The juniors and seniors have the opportunity to sign up for a time between 2:30-4:30 pm to have professional photos taken from Niceswanger Photography. Picture order forms are available at the school.
- **Mass 4:30 pm** - There is a 4:30 Mass at Holy Spirit Church. Please be sure to arrive in a timely manner and not as Father is processing in. There will be a reserved section for Prom Goers. It is a good idea to bring a small offering for the collection basket. Remember etiquette rules.
- **Grand march lineup for students 5:30 pm** - Students will use the St. Angela Entrance (1st floor) and come to the cafeteria to line up for the Grand March. The Grand March begins around 6 PM.
- **Doors open for Grand march spectators 5:30 pm** - The main high school doors will be open at 5:30 pm and admission is \$5. Parents will not be able to enter or exit through Bluff Street and St. Angela doors. Seating will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis in the North and South Bleachers and Balcony.
- Those not able to watch the Grand March in person will be able to watch the Grand March and Coronation through our Livestream. Look for the link to Kuemper's YouTube Channel on our website: https://www.kuemper.org/activities/the_knights_live.
- **Dinner and Dance 7:00 - 11** - Promptly after the Grand March and Coronation, the students will depart to the Santa Maria Winery for dinner and the dance. If your child wishes to leave Prom before 10 PM, we will require a call to a parent to receive permission for the student to leave.
- **After Prom** - The After-Prom Party, held in the fieldhouse, is from 11 PM to 3:30 AM. After Prom attendees need to be in the fieldhouse by midnight. If your child wishes to leave After Prom before 3 AM, he/she will be required to call and receive your permission.

Thanks in advance for helping to make Prom night a safe and fun evening. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way with After Prom contact Amy Volquartsen, Kim Overmohle, Julie Pietig, and Robin Harrington.



KHS Blood Drive

The NHS Blood Drive will be held on April 20th from 8:30-2 pm in the Greteman Center.

Sixteen and seventeen year olds may donate with a signed permission slip from a parent. Contact Mrs. Harrington with any questions or to schedule an appointment at rlharrington@kuemper.org or call 792-3596, ext. 103.



2022 KNIGHT OF HOPE- 2022 Friends of Kuemper Ball

This year's Friends of Kuemper Ball will be held on April 30, 2022 at the Kuemper Fieldhouse with the meal served from 5:30-8:30p. Meal tickets are \$45, Vehicle raffle tickets \$100 each, and Ag raffle tickets are \$50 each.

We offer many ways for donors to make their donation/purchases: Online at www.kuemper.org/ball, Venmo (to Kuemper's business account @Kuemper), Cash or Check to the Alumni Office. Please note, if you would like your name to go into the "Ball Booklet" your donation must be in by April 11th.

The Kuemper Ball has been supporting our school for 38 years! Funds raised go toward tuition assistance, teacher salary enhancement & major school needs. All money raised stays right here at Kuemper!

THANK YOU

If you have any questions please call Heather Pietig, Ball Coordinator at 712-792-2212.



Scrip Calendar

SCRIP USERS Plan ahead!

The week of April 11th Scrip orders are due Monday the 11th at 9 am due to NO school on Friday the 15th.

NO Scrip the week of April 18th

Think Scrip when you think Spring!! Order for Easter, Graduation gifts and party needs, Weddings, and Spring Spruce Up projects. Contact Sarah Muhlbauer for questions or to get started... sbmuhlbauer@kuemper.org

Senior Guidance

Seniors, keep filling out and mailing those scholarship applications! All senior students have access to applications on the shared "2022 Scholarships" Google Drive folder. All applications may be turned into the counseling office.

Senior students should watch for a financial aid or award letter from the college/university they will be attending in the Fall of 2022. A reminder that the student needs to accept or decline the offer and return the form by a specific due date.

Parents are reminded that seniors need certain shots prior to admission to their post-secondary school of choice.

Transferring college credits- In order to transfer college credits from dual enrollment courses, students should request transcripts from the college they took their courses through by following the instructions below. *It is recommended that you wait until any current dual courses are completed before requesting a transcript, or you will need to re-request after completing the course(s).

To request DMACC transcripts, log into your "myDMACC" account from DMACC's main page. From there, you should see an option on the left side bar that reads "Web Info System". You will log into your Web Info System and then go to Academic Records. You should then see a place that says Request Transcripts. You can choose your college of choice from a drop down menu of schools and it will automatically fill out the admission address for you. There is no fee to send this. If you have not yet set up security questions and a pin for Web Info System, you will need to contact DMACC Tech Support at 515-965-7300 in order to log in.

For St. Louis University transcripts, you will go to <https://www.slu.edu/registrar/services/transcripts.php> and click on "Order a Transcript". This will open a new window. Please fill out appropriate fields; you can enter either your SLU Banner ID **OR** your Social Security Number. There is a \$5 fee for an electronic copy or \$10 fee for paper copy.

As always, you may contact Ms. Hackathorn with any questions or concerns.

April Guidance Calendar



ACT Test is held on Saturday, April 2 at Carroll High School

Next ACT registration deadline is May 6 for the June 11 test date.

2022-2023 Schedules

We are working on building 2022-2023 student schedules and will keep all posted as to when you may expect them.

Booster Club

We are looking for enthusiastic people to join the Kuemper Booster Club for the 2020-21 school year. The Booster Club is active in supporting various Kuemper activities. Meetings are held monthly during the school year.

Important Reminder



The business office would like to remind families that tuition is due by the end of the school year. Graduating seniors must have their tuition paid in full before taking their finals in May.



Nurse's Notes

Senior immunization cards will be returned with diplomas. It is important to keep them for college admission, the military, and future job applications.

Restock of Uniform Closet

If you are cleaning out closets, please think of us. We are in need of belts in adult sizes. You can drop them off at the High School main office.

Tax Credit



As you meet with your Tax Advisor, be sure to ask if making a gift to the Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation (STO) will benefit you! You will receive a 65% Iowa tax credit!

Kuemper's goal this year is: \$736,166

Graduation Policy



Only students who have met academic, financial, and discipline requirements are allowed to participate in Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies. If you have concerns, call Mr. Garringer at 792-3596.

Baccalaureate Mass will be May 18th @ 8:15 a.m. & Senior Awards will be at 10 am.





Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: *Donating Process*

Who is eligible for the tax credit?

Any individual taxpayer who makes a voluntary contribution to the STO is eligible for the tax credit. C – Corporations, S – Corporations, LLC's and partnerships also can qualify for the tax credit.

How does a tax credit work and how is it different than a tax deduction?

A tax deduction reduces the total amount of income on which a person's tax is computed. With a tax credit, the amount of the tax credit is taken directly off the amount a person pays in state taxes thus providing the donor with a much greater financial return. As an example, a person who originally owed \$2,000 in state income taxes, donating \$1,000 to a School Tuition Organization, would receive 75% of the \$1,000 – or \$750 – taken off of their state income tax bill. The person would only pay \$1,250 in state income taxes as opposed to the original \$2,000.

What about my Federal income tax?

Part of your donation may qualify as a charitable deduction on your Federal income tax return. Consult your tax advisor.

What if I don't itemize my taxes?

Even if you don't itemized your federal taxes you can take advantage of the 75% Iowa Income Tax Credit.

When I donate, may I designate a student to receive the tuition grant?

No, a donor may not specify a student or family for the tuition grant, but may designate a portion of their gift to any diocesan school.

When will I receive my tax credit certificate?

Tax credit certificates will be mailed to all MLTF donors in January 2023.

Does this program conflict with the existing tuition tax credit offered to taxpayers in Iowa?

No. The tuition tax credit program is completely separate from donations to an STO. The tuition tax credit program provides a tax credit to parents/guardians for the first 25% of tuition and textbooks paid by the parents up to maximum credit of \$250 per child in grades K-12.



Can MLTF accept non-cash items?

Yes, non-cash items such as shares of stock or mutual funds are accepted. Grain donations can also be accepted with an approximate \$1,000 minimum value.

May gifts to MLTF be designated to an individual school?

Yes. It is possible for a donor to designate their gift to a school system represented by the STO. If a school has met their designated goal, donations may be redirected to a school that has not met their designated goal. Donations cannot be held to support future needs. Therefore, the STO must raise funds annually and present scholarships annually to meet the ongoing needs of the eligible families.

What documentation is needed with donations?

All donors paying by check, cash, grain or stock must complete a 2022 Donor Gift Form. These forms are available on the diocesan website or by contacting one of the 16 school systems throughout the Diocese of Sioux City. Visit: www.scdiocese.org/monsignor-lafferty-tuition-foundation

Can I make my donation online?

Yes. Donors can make their gifts online by visiting the diocesan website: www.scdiocese.org/monsignor-lafferty-tuition-foundation. Donations can be made using a credit or debit card. The website has security precautions in place to protect our donors. Online donations are accepted until we are within \$100,000 of our assigned tax credit allocation.

Can I make a donation to MLTF from a Donor Advised Fund (DAF)?

MLTF cannot issue a tax credit for contributions from donor advised funds.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: *Application Process*

Who is eligible to apply?

All families are encouraged to apply for diocesan scholarships as all schools use the same application process for MLTF, Together As One, Parent Partner Fund and local awards.

What are the deadlines for the application process?

Applications are due by April 1, 2022.

How can I apply?

Online applications are available at www.mytads.com.

Who determines the level of assistance awarded?

The amount of tuition assistance awarded to individual families is determined by a third-party vendor. The Diocese of Sioux City has contracted with the company TADS for award services. Each year the needs analysis used by TADS is reviewed by our Finance Office. The maximum amount of assistance a family will receive is the lower of 75% of tuition or \$3,750. Families who are income eligible will receive a minimum award of \$750.

What is the income eligibility for MLTF recipients?

Eligibility Level for MLTF recipients

Household size	Household maximum income:
1	\$54,360
2	\$73,240
3	\$92,120
4	\$111,000
5	\$129,880
6	\$148,760
7	\$167,640
8	\$186,520
For each additional person add	\$18,880



Do tuition scholarships received by a family through this program impact local tuition assistance gifts to that same family?

The diocesan scholarship program will issue awards to families based upon that families' identified need. Any additional assistance presented to that family would be a local school decision.

Is there an appeal process if the total level of diocesan tuition scholarships is perceived to be insufficient?

No. Award decisions are finalized in the spring for the diocesan scholarship program. Families are asked to contact their school if further assistance is needed.

Will families need to reapply for a scholarship every year they have children enrolled in a diocesan school?

Yes. In order to receive a scholarship, a family will need to apply each year. It is important to note that scholarships are based upon income eligibility, thus a family is not guaranteed assistance from year to year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: *Background Information*

What is the Educational Opportunities Act?

The Educational Opportunities Act was passed by the Iowa Legislature in 2006. It allows Iowa taxpayers to receive a tax credit equal to 75% of the total amount of voluntary contributions made to a School Tuition Organization.

What is a School Tuition Organization (STO)?

A School Tuition Organization (STO) is a charitable organization that receives voluntary contributions from Iowa taxpayers and allocates those funds in tuition scholarships to Iowa school children, who in turn use those scholarships to attend one of the non-public schools represented by the STO. At least 90% of the money received by an STO must go back out in tuition scholarships.

Who may receive these tuition scholarships?

The Act itself restricts tuition scholarships to students living in households with income that does not exceed an amount equal to 4.0 times the federal income guideline for their family size. Students must be Iowa residents.

How does the STO program benefit Iowa families?

The tuition scholarships created by the STO program will give a choice to those families who would have otherwise been unable to afford a non-public school.

Has this type of program been established anywhere else in the country?

Yes. Programs such as these have been approved in 18 states.



2021 Individual Gift Form

Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation

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Donations via credit/debit card can be made online at www.scdiocese.org until MLTF is within **\$100,000** of the total tax credit allotment.

Grain & stock donation must be made by December 15th (if tax credits are still available) or until MLTF is within **\$250,000** of the total tax credit allotment.

MLTF can not accept contributions from donor advised funds.

Please complete this donor form and submit with your gift to:

Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation

PO Box 3379 – Sioux City, IA 51102-3379

For more information, please call the

Diocese of Sioux City Development Office: (712) 233-7524

Primary Taxpayer Name

Social Security Number – Required to receive state tax credit.

Spouse Name

Social Security Number – Required to receive state tax credit.

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

E-Mail

My check payable to the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Required to receive state tax credit.

OFFICE USE ONLY: DEPOSIT DATE: _____ CHECK #: _____ AMT OF CHECK: _____
CONSTRUCTIVE RECEIPT: DATE RECEIVED: _____ TIME RECEIVED: _____ SIGNATURE: _____



*Please apply my gift to one or more of the following Catholic schools:

- _____ Algona – Bishop Garrigan Schools
- _____ Alton – Spalding Catholic School
- _____ Boone – Sacred Heart School
- _____ Carroll – Kuemper Catholic Schools
- _____ Danbury Catholic School
- _____ Denison – St. Rose of Lima School
- _____ Emmetsburg Catholic School
- _____ Fort Dodge – St. Edmond Schools
- _____ Humboldt – St. Mary School
- _____ Le Mars – Gehlen Catholic School
- _____ Pocahontas Catholic School
- _____ Remsen – St. Mary's
- _____ Sheldon – St. Patrick School
- _____ Sioux City – Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools
- _____ Spencer – Sacred Heart School
- _____ Storm Lake – St. Mary's Schools
- _____ Where Needed Most

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Personal checks not accepted for business donations. Donations accepted from "S", "C", "LLCs" and partnerships.



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Corporation Name

TIN Number – Required to receive state tax credit.

Contact Name

Tax Year End

Entity Type

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

E-Mail

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