



# KNIGHT NEWS

Kuemper Catholic School

Kuemper High School

February 2022

## From the Principal's Desk . . .

I want to start by thanking you for your support of Catholic education and for sharing your child(ren) with us here at Kuemper! It has been a fantastic Catholic Schools Week thus far and we are excited about the rest of the week. So many people have asked me how I am feeling or how things are going since I have moved up to the high school and, while my head is still spinning, it has been a great transition thus far. I have loved talking with the kids and seeing how they have changed over the years. Most importantly it is awesome to see how our kids have grown into amazing young men and women. It just strengthens my opinion that we have great kids and great parents that make Kuemper special so thank you for all you do!

This is such an important time of the year for Kuemper. Soon, Ms. Hackathorn will be meeting with classes to begin the scheduling process for the 2022-2023 school year. Please take some time to visit with your son or daughter on their future plans and what classes they are interested in taking next year. We are excited to be adding more electives next year so check out the course description book on our website to help your child plan for next year!

Also, we have some great events coming up very soon. First, we have our Winter Wonderland dance coming up on Saturday, Feb 19. Due to the Chamber of Commerce's Court Classic, we will be hosting our dance in the Holy Spirit gym this year. We also have our Annual Town Hall Meeting on Feb 24th. We are changing the format this year and will be featuring more of our students throughout the system so please try to attend either in person or virtually. Finally, most of our winter activities are wrapping up so best of luck to our speech kids, wrestlers, Kix dancers, cheerleaders, swimmers, and basketball players as we wrap another successful winter activity season here at Kuemper High School!

Again, thank you for your support of Kuemper and for sharing your child(ren) with us!



## Calendar Notes

**Feb. 2nd: Discovery Day at DMACC for Sophomores**

**Feb. 5th: State Large Group Contest**

**Feb. 12th: ACT test**

**Feb. 14th: Happy Valentines Day**

**Feb. 14th : No School - Professional Development**

**Feb. 19th : Winter Wonderland Dance**

**Feb. 19th–26th: National FFA Week**



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

## Retreats

Junior  
Seniors

Wednesday, April 13  
Wednesday, May 4

Retreats are **required** days of attendance for students.

## Confirmation



Feb. 27

Holy Spirit Church

1 p.m.



## Tuition Assistance

We invite you to take advantage of our tuition assistance program. By completing ONE family

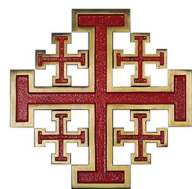
confidential financial aid application, you may qualify for a tuition grant.

If you have not applied for a tuition grant in the past, please consider doing so. If you have applied in the past, you will be able to log into TADS using the same account you used to complete your 2021-2022 application.

The deadline to apply for a tuition grant for the 2022-2023 school year is April 1. Please go to [www.kuemper.org](http://www.kuemper.org) and click on the Tuition Assistance Options link under Discover Kuemper to apply online or to print an application worksheet. Our Business Office managers are willing to assist you with the forms. Contact Kris or Christie at 792-3313.

## Spring Musical

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, 2022 as we seek to answer the question, "Love?"



## Kairos 23

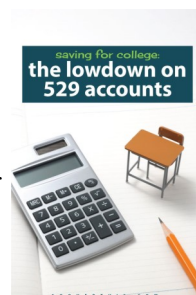
Kairos 23 is March 31- April 3, 2022. It will be held at Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, Iowa.

All juniors and seniors are welcome, limited space available. The cost of the retreat is \$250 which will cover retreat supplies, accommodations and

meals. Students will miss the last period on Thursday and all day Friday of school. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend this fun and rewarding retreat. More information to follow. If you have questions, please contact Julie Masching at [jkmasching@kuemper.org](mailto:jkmasching@kuemper.org).

## Did you Know?

Taxpayers may donate to a 529 plan for tax year 2021 all the way up until May 2, 2022, the state tax deadline. So right now, donors have the option of donating for last year, as well as this year.



Feel free to contact your tax advisor with any questions you may have.

- For 2022, Iowa taxpayers can deduct the first \$3,522 they contribute to each of their beneficiary accounts from their state taxable income.
- Iowa taxpayers still have until May 2, 2022, to contribute for the 2021 tax year and deduct up to \$3,474 per beneficiary account from their state taxable income.



## 2022 Friends of Kuemper Ball

A 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. Our generous volunteers have begun making calls to past supporters, alumni, parents & friends for donations; meal tickets are \$45, vehicle raffle tickets \$100 each, and Ag raffle tickets are \$50 each.

The prizes for the Ag & Vehicle raffle tickets have increased this year to \$25,000 for the vehicle and \$12,000 for the ag (before taxes).

We offer many ways for donors to make their donation/purchases:  
Online at [www.kuemper.org/ball](http://www.kuemper.org/ball) (or scan the QR code), Venmo (to Kuemper's business account @Kuemper), Cash or Check.

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!

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

## Prom Information

- When shopping for Prom dresses, please consider the appropriateness of the dress.
- Freshmen and sophomores are not allowed to attend Prom, whether or not they attend Kuemper.
- A note to parents—if your child wishes to leave Prom early (time TBD), he/she will be required to call and receive your permission.
- Prom is April 23rd. We are still in the planning process for grand march, dinner, dance and after prom to meet current COVID guidelines. Letters and/or emails will be sent to inform students and parents as decisions are made.



## KHS Blood Drive

The NHS Blood Drive will be held on April 20th from 8:30-2 pm. 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](mailto:rlharrington@kuemper.org) or call 792-3596, ext. 103.

## February Guidance Calendar

Feb 2 Sophomore Career Discovery Day  
Feb 8 Registration for Juniors  
Feb 9 Registration for Sophomores  
Feb 10 Registration for Freshmen

Feb 11 Registration for 8th Graders  
Feb 12 ACT Test Date  
Feb 25 ACT Registration Deadline for April Test



## Local Scholarships

Again this year, numerous local scholarships are being distributed to Kuemper's senior class. All scholarship application forms are available on students' "2022 Scholarships" Google Drive folder. Application deadlines and qualifications vary. To see full listing of available scholarships, please go to [www.kuemper.org](http://www.kuemper.org), go to the School Information drop down menu, go over to High School, and click on Senior Scholarships. Scholarship opportunities are continuously being added, so please check frequently for new ones! Any questions can be directed to Ms. Hackathorn.

## College Planning/Financial Aid Night for Juniors

On Wednesday, March 2, Iowa College Access Network will be presenting a college planning/financial aid night virtually. This is to begin at 6 p.m. ICAN will discuss items such as how to fill out the FAFSA for financial aid, scholarships, and much more. There will be a lot of helpful information here as you prepare your student for their senior year, and college! Junior parents and students are encouraged to attend. A link to pre-register for the event will be emailed out to junior students and parents in February.

## Registration 9-12

High School Course Registration will begin with the junior class on February 8. It would be an excellent idea to become familiar with the course description book (found in the high school tab on the website.) There you will find the required courses, listing of courses offered at Kuemper as well as the graduation requirements.

Students will receive registration materials in school with Ms. Hackathorn. Parents, you are asked to please review and sign off on your son/ daughter's course requests. These will be mailed out mid-late February. It is important to review the course requests, and make any necessary changes prior to building the schedule. Making final course selections beforehand will ensure students are scheduled into appropriate & desired courses in the 2022-23 school year.



## Would you like to have a State tax credit?

By donating to the Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation, Iowa residents receive a 75% State tax credit, in addition to

knowing that your gift directly impacts our Kuemper students! **Ask your accountant how much you would have saved in taxes by giving in 2022!** Contact Sharon Olerich at (712) 794-1877 for more information.

