



KNIGHT NEWS

Kuemper Catholic School

Kuemper High School

September 2021

From the Principal's Desk . . .

It is a dreary, rainy day as I write this. It seems Murphy's Law is in effect and the rain is coming when it is all but too late for the crops, hopefully it doesn't wait till harvest and really rain! It has been a muggy and warm start to the school year for the most part and with the previous two schools I worked at not having air conditioning I certainly appreciate it here!

We are off to a great start to our year! After 18 months of extreme challenges for our school, community, and nation we are feeling a bit more normal. We hope that everyone remains cautious to protect this new normal. As cases rise around the nation and our state we are grateful to be in person and relatively normal and trust our Kuemper family and community to keep doing what is necessary to keep us that way.

Classes are just now finding a rhythm and many of the cobwebs are shaken off. Fall activities are really starting to kick in, keeping our students and their families busy in the evenings. Our teachers are working diligently to ensure we start the year off with high expectations both in the classroom and with behavior and we appreciate your support of our school policies and expectations. We know our students can meet these expectations if we work together as they are some amazing young people!

We have celebrated our first Reconciliation service together as a school and will soon have our first Mass. Next week will be our first All School Mass. It is a wonderful time to celebrate our faith together, and we are excited to see the Virtues in Practice program really begin to flourish at the high school. This will be a four year development and roll out as we work with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia to craft and strengthen this brand new program.

We hope that your school years have started off as well as ours and prayers for all of the Kuemper family as we embark on this great journey!



Calendar Notes

Sept. 6 : No School

Sept. 13: Picture Day

Sept. 20 : No School —
Professional Development

Sept. 24: HOMECOMING

Sept. 29: Blood Drive

Oct. 2: Carroll Band Day

Homecoming



The theme for Homecoming 2021 is "A Knight Out of this World" Keep "space" in your calendar for more plans and details to follow.

Theme days are

9/21 Tuesday: Star Day (Dress like a celebrity)

9/22 Wednesday: Neon Color Day

9/23 Thursday : Space Jammies (Pajama Day)

9/24 Friday: Red and Gold Spirit Day

The Dance will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday 9/25 with the Court introductions at 7:30 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.

Welcome to KHS



Kuemper High School
welcomes the following new
staff:

- Dr. Angela Fay—Language Arts
- William Theobald —Math
- John Osler—Language Arts
- Julie Masching—Campus Minister
- Erin Sundrup—Marketing Assistant.

Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive on
Wednesday, September 29th. You
must be 16 years old to donate.

Appointments **are** required.

Students will sign up during lunch or Knight Time prior to
the drive. All 16 and 17 year olds are required to have a Life
Serve parent permission form signed before donated. Please
see Mrs. Harrington for these forms. Any questions please feel
free to email Mrs. Harrington at [rlharrington @kuemper.org](mailto:rlharrington@kuemper.org).



Diocesan Catholic Choral Festival

The 41st Diocesan Catholic
choral Festival will be held at

Bishop Garrigan High School in Algona, Iowa this year on
October 2, 2021 7. p.m. Tickets are \$3 for children and
seniors \$6 for adults. The mass choir will have members from
Bishop Heelan Catholic High School Sioux City, Gehlen
Catholic High School from LeMars, Bishop Garrigan High
School from Algona, St. Edmond's Catholic High School
from Ft. Dodge and Kuemper Catholic High School from
Carroll, Iowa. The membership of the choir will be close to
300 students!

This year's festival will be hosted by Bishop Garrigan High
School in Algona, Iowa. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in
Garrigan's gymnasium. The guest director for the mass choir
comes from Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa. Dr. Jeremiah
Cawley D.M.A. will be working with our students as they
prepare for the concert that evening.

The Kuemper students have been working very hard on their
music and are looking forward to performing with the
students from all of the participating diocesan schools. Please
come to the concert in support of our students and of the
music they bring to the world.

The mass choir will be performing an old favorite, Amazing
Grace, arranged by Keith McCutchen, the exciting Hark, I
Hear the Harp's Eternal, arranged by Alice Parker, an oldie
but goodie, If You Love for Beauty, by Clara Schumann and
another fan favorite America the Beautiful, arranged by Alice
Jordan. Each participating high school will also perform a

piece apart from the mass choir. Kuemper Catholic will
perform, Hush thee, My Babe, by native Iowa composer
Adam Orban.

It is going to be a terrific day. Please come to the concert and
celebrate with us!



All State Music Festival Auditions

The Kuemper Choir is being very productive this year! We
have students who are in the process of getting ready for the
All-State Music Festival Auditions on October 23rd. The
music is always, is 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.

Sarah Batz (sophomore) daughter of Randy and Christine
Batz, Morgan Bauer (sophomore) daughter of Jeff and Alison
Bauer, Katrina Carpenter (senior) daughter of Amanda
Wheeler, Ella Duncan (sophomore) daughter of Derek
Duncan and Marci Duncan, Rheanne Feilmeier (sophomore)
daughter of Jeff and Micki Feilmeier, Emma Harrington
(senior) daughter of Patrick and Robin Harrington, Kayla
Riesenberg (Junior) daughter of Robert Riesenberg and
Becky Riesenberg, Kyla Schwanz (sophomore) daughter of,
Casey and Jaime Schwanz, Laura Steinkamp (freshman)
daughter of Doug and Julie Steinkamp.

Kuemper's Fall Play

"Stealing Home" by Pat Cook is a
comedy. Cecil and his partner, Pug,
were caught in a funeral home in the
middle of the night to heist a few
trinkets. What nobody figured on was
Beulah Meadows, the owner of the
place, showing up and recognizing
Cecil as her long-lost son, Jimmy
Meadows, who vanished from an

amusement park some 25 years earlier. This, of course, comes
as a tragic shock to Beulah's three daughters, who were just
about to sell the funeral home for quite a bundle. Before you
know it, the place is overrun with other-worldly sisters,
whining lawyers, policemen, psychiatrists and nuns! Is Cecil
really there to help out his would-be mother? Or is he sticking
around because he has a crush on Joan, the mortician? And is
Cecil really Beulah's long-lost son? Find out in this frantic
farce when two con men set out to lift a few pieces of
silverware and end up *Stealing Home*.

Auditions will be held Tuesday, September 7, 5:30-7 p.m.,
Wednesday, September 8, 3:30-5 p.m., and Thursday,
September 9, 5:30-7 p.m.

PRODUCTION DATES: NOVEMBER 4, 5, 6 @ 7:00 on
the Rec Center Stage.



Home Game Tickets

This should be another very exciting season, we are anxiously looking forward to watching our Kuemper Knights compete this fall. There are a few changes with attendance and ticketing this fall, ALL (Varsity, JV, and 9th Grade) home games will be online ticketing ONLY. This means that if you are not a Century Club member you will have to purchase your tickets through our website: <https://kuemper.primoticketing.com/>



We will not have cash at the gates, so please make sure grandparents, family and friends are aware of the online ticket system beforehand and help them with online ticket purchasing if necessary.

Century Club Card members will have a QR-Code on their cards that gives admittance for one person per card to that event. If the card is rescanned at that event, it will be denied. Century Club members will receive a card for each season pass they have purchased with their membership level.

If you are not a Century Club member it is never too late to join. Here is a link to become a Century Club member: <http://www.kuemper.org/centuryclub> or contact Heather Pietig at (712)-792-3596 for further information.

Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus will provide instant access to grades, student information, lunch account information, you can pay your lunch fees, and access notifications sent by the school. If you need assistance, logging into your Parent Portal account, contact Ann Schmitz at (712)792-3596 or email amschmitz@kuemper.org

Yearbook News

The 2020-21 Lance Yearbooks will be arriving soon and distributed to all who have purchased one. Graduates' books can be picked up in the main office by a friend or relative. There will be a few extra copies for sale for \$50 in the high school main office. Orders are beginning for the 2021-22 Lance this month. Orders may be submitted on the Kuemper website or hand in the printed order sheet with payment to the high school office. As the school year progresses, please submit any school snapshots for possible inclusion in the Lance to rdwintermote@kuemper.org. Current senior portrait and baby (toddler) photo for each senior for the Baccalaureate Slideshow can be mailed to KHS or emailed to rdwintermote@kuemper.org

Kuemper After Prom Can Drive



We are still taking cans!! Please continue dropping your cans off in the trailer behind Lincoln Highway Pharmacy (901 E. Hwy 30) 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. Also, we are currently working with Public Health on how to provide the flu clinic in the safest way possible this year. I will provide more information on the flu clinic when plans are finalized. If you have any questions, contact the school nurse at 712-830-8222 or by email ejbehrens@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 pay online, go to www.kuemper.org and click on the "Infinite Campus" link. For questions, call Jina Brincks at 794-1875 or email jabincks@kuemper.org.



Students in grades 7-12 will receive a lunch/activity card the first day of school. This card will be required for lunch each day as well as taken home for entrance into extracurricular activities. These cards have a scannable barcode & will be required for free entrance into home events. If a student forgets their card during lunch service, the student will be served lunch, however no ala carte will be allowed without their card. One replacement card will be kept in the school office. After 3 consecutive days of not having a lunch card, a \$5.00 replacement fee will be assessed.

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, -- 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 11
Date
Sept. 17

Sept. 26

ACT Test

Registration Deadline for October test date
Golden Circle College Fair @
Prairie Meadows in Altoona



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.

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 14, or on October 29 (there will now be 2 testing dates—students will be assigned dates & times to

ensure proper social distancing). The cost is \$17.00. 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 12. Students/parents can fill out the registration form in the school counseling office and return the form to Ms. Hackathorn along with payment, or register by emailing Miss Hackathorn at bjhackathorn@kuemper.org. Payment must be submitted by the September 12 registration deadline.

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

ACT composite score x 3
+ Cumulative GPA x 30
+ Number of years of high school core courses x 5
=RAI score

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>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Hackathorn by phone or email!

What is the Century Club?

The Century Club supports all of Kuemper's extracurricular activities, from band and chorus to the junior high track team. Century Club helps pay for things such as referee fees, new sports equipment, band equipment, and theater props.

When you become a Century Club member you will receive a pass (or passes) allowing entrance into all Kuemper Catholic Jr. High and High School home, non-tournament events & theatrical performances through the end of the 2022 summer sports season! Learn more at www.kuemper.org/centuryclub or scan this QR Code.



Alumni Phon-a-thon

Each fall, alumni and volunteers gather to make phone calls and text messages to Kuemper's alumni. This annual appeal is not only important to the support of Kuemper school, but it is also a special time for the school and alumni to reconnect with classmates.

This year's event will take place in the Kuemper Library on **October 12th, 14th, 19th, & 21st from 5p-9p**. We are always in need of volunteers, please e-mail hcpietig@kuemper.org if interested in helping!



Rekindle

It's not too soon to put Rekindle "I Fly Unto Thee" on your calendars for Oct. 17 at Carroll Kuemper for students in grades 7-12. Be sure to register with your parish before October 1st.

You can register at <https://scdiocese.org/rekindle>



REKINDLE

I FLY UNTO THEE



Keynote:
Chris Padgett



Host:
Fr. Travis Crotty

Sunday, October 17, 2021
Carroll Kuemper High School - Carroll, IA
Students in 7th-12th Grade
Register before October 1st with your parish
More Information: <https://scdiocese.org/rekindle>

Additional Questions?
Contact karak@scdiocese.org
or (712) 233-7516

