

January 30, 2017

Ref: STATE OF THE SCHOOL

Dear Friends of Lumen Christi,

On Monday, January 30, 2017, we hosted our inaugural State of the School address in the school gym. We had nearly 60 people in attendance, including parents, teachers, St. Benedict staff and parishioners, future parents, and alumni. Pre-event music was provided by one of our students, Nathan Marshall, and Father Tom Lilly generously provided light refreshments for the gathered crowd.

At 7:05pm, Father Tom began with opening comments, a gathering prayer, and introductions of the parish staff and school board. Principal Brian Ross continued the formal presentation by reviewing the school's four foundational documents and providing an overview of the school, our great students, and our great teachers. The remainder of the presentation focused on finances, fundraising, and future plans. Mr. Chris Michaelson gave a thorough overview of the school's operating budget, highlighting the generous contribution of St. Benedict's through the parish subsidy. Mrs. Karin O'Connell, Gala auction chairperson, discussed the current status of the Gala auction, the largest fundraiser of the year for the school. Mr. Ross ended the presentation with a list of 10 things that you can do to help light the path to the future for our students and our school. The formal presentation ended at 8:23pm, but many attendees stayed around later to ask questions and mingle with those gathered.

Since each attendee received a ticket when they walked in the door, Mr. Ross drew door prizes throughout the evening. Door prize winners received Lumen spirit wear, Anchorage Aces tickets, and gift cards.

You are encouraged to review the slide show presentation for additional details. Please understand that some of the slides might be difficult to understand without context and explanation from the guest speakers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly and I will be happy to discuss the information contained therein.

I look forward to making this event an annual highlight on our calendar. I hope to continue to grow attendance and outreach in years to come and make the State of the School one of the most anticipated nights of the year.

Thank you for your support to Catholic education. God Bless You!

In Christ,



Brian A Ross

Principal, Lumen Christi High School