## SEPTEMBER 2022

# T-BIRD FLYER



#### **Principal Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

How many of you have read the same book more than once? I can only count on one hand the number of books I have read two times. For me, the book has to be not only engaging, but there also has to be a feeling of wanting more. Perhaps there are questions that come to mind upon completion, or maybe I feel as though I misinterpreted a part, so the desire to have a sense of peace or clarity can only be achieved if I read it again. "Nothing in School is Happenstance" is the title of chapter one in a book I am reading about Catholic educational leadership. At first, I questioned why this would be chosen for the title of the opening chapter in a book gifted to me by Father Jim, a former pastor at St. Gerard. Then, I began to think about the day-to-day happenings here at LCC.

Just over a week ago, we celebrated the Feast of our Lady of Sorrows. I will be the first to admit, I could do better about remembering certain feast days in the liturgical calendar. Oftentimes, the end of the day reflections (written by our campus minister) serve as a reminder. That being said, it was moments before Mass began that I was reminded it was in fact September 15, a Feast day, and where it hit me that "nothing in school is happenstance."

You see, I typically speak with the students after Mass in what I have called a homelette (a mini homily) about whatever may be on my mind, happenings of the school, etc. The previous day, I had thought long and hard about some of the issues that had come before my desk since the start of the school year. Some of these concerns have been brought forward by students or parents, while others were voiced by teachers/staff. On any given day, we may have to shift our approach and tone to help students depending on what and who comes before us. A sign was made for each of the seven chosen topics ranging from a Homecoming prank (in terms of a student being asked as a prank) to substance abuse to neglect. We were only 23 days into the school year, and these were some of the heavy "sorrows" burdening their classmates. They were challenged to be kind to all, no matter the day, no matter who it involves.

The planned homelette and Feast day reminder is just one example of how we take the unexpected, unplanned chain of events and don't question the why or the who because we firmly believe that God places people in the right place at the right time. The challenge in life is looking beyond the immediacy of why certain events do or do not happen. If we trust that God has a purpose, even in the midst of pain and anguish, we can begin to write our own chapter of happiness, love and kindness. I don't know about you, but that sounds like a book I would want to read again.

Nothing in school is happenstance.,

# **SAVE THE DATE:**

October 7

Junior Retreat

October 8
Homecoming Dance, 8-11-Old Gym

October 10
NO SCHOOL - Professional
Development

October 12
Financial Aid Night, 7:00 Great Hall

October 17
State of School TPC, 7:00 Great Hall

October 20 8th Grade Visit

October 22 Reverse Raffle, 6:00 - Big Gym

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### **National Honor Society**

LCC's National Honor Society 2022-2023. These students have been chosen for their scholarship, leadership, service and character. Missing from the photo: Bridget Mulcahy and Justin Davisson.



### **LCC Broadcast**

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### Recap of Start with Hello Week











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