



# Lourdes Home & School Newsletter

## October 2018

### *A Message from Lourdes Catholic School Principal, Jennifer Alongi*

Greetings, Families!

Our school year is off to a **GREAT** start! If you follow us on Facebook, please “like” our posts and “share” them with your friends! We want to get the word out that we LOVE our school and all of the unique things we do. I believe I speak for the entire staff when I say that we feel blessed and honored that you are entrusting your precious children to us.

Are you ever curious about what our K-8 teachers do on early-release Wednesdays, or what our Preschool & PreK teachers do on Fridays? Each K-8 teacher is a member of a Professional Learning Community (PLC), and this PLC meets from 2:45 until 3:15. Our Preschool and PreK teachers and aides have their PLC meetings on Friday afternoons. During PLC time, teachers are feeding their soul by studying Pope Francis’ *The Joy of the Gospel*, as well as *Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is*, a book by Chittister and Williams. From 3:15 until 3:45, K-8 teachers meet in committees. We have 18 committees at Lourdes, and all teachers belong to at least three of them. Our Preschool & PreK teachers join in on committees after dismissal, or meet with their committees at other times.

The Board of Education (“BOE”) is the entity at LCS that functions like a public school “school board.” The meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Generally, the BOE meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the LCS Library. Feel free to contact Tyler Edwards, President, or go to this [link](#) for more information about meetings.

Ms. Willits and Mr. Barnett are meeting with middle school students who are on the mock trial team during lunch several times over the next couple of months. To learn more about Middle School Mock Trial, please visit this [link](#).

K-8 NUT (“No Uniform Today”) is the first Friday of each month. Guidelines for appropriate attire on NUT days can be found in the [handbook](#) on pages 19 and 20. October 5<sup>th</sup> will be the next NUT Day.

You might be wondering, “Why do we have NUT days anyway?” We have a monthly NUT day in honor of our Home & School Association who works tirelessly to raise money for Lourdes. Therefore, to remind parents of the importance of purchasing SCRIP (Home and School’s largest fundraiser), we award all students a NUT day once each month. We encourage parents to purchase \$100 or more of SCRIP every month. With vendors like HyVee, Fareway, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS in stock, it is easy to use SCRIP for purchases that you will be making anyway. [SCRIP](#) also makes a great gift – portable, convenient, and useful to the receiver! **Supporting SCRIP is supporting Lourdes!**

May God Bless You,  
Ms. Jennifer Alongi, Principal

#### *Blessing of the Animals*

Thursday, October 4th at the Giving Tree from 3-3:20 PM  
All families and pets are welcome!

#### *Prayer with the Principal*

Friday, October 5th from 8:00-8:20 AM at OLOL.  
Ms. Alongi will lead the rosary prior to school.

#### *K-8th Grade - Parent/Teacher Conferences*

Tuesday, October 23rd 4:00-7:00 PM  
Wednesday, October 24th 2:45-4:00 PM  
Thursday, October 25th 4:00-7:00 PM

A sign-up genius with teacher availability will be emailed to parents to secure a time slot for each student.  
Preschool/PreK conferences will take place in November.

#### *LCS Picture Days*

Monday, October 15th & Tuesday, October 16th

Students will be assigned a picture day by grade and can be out of uniform on that day. More details coming soon!



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### *A Message from Home & School President, Angie Kaney*

The 100th school year at Lourdes is off to a GREAT start, and there is a lot of activity within the Home & School Association. Thank you to all 47 families who have signed up to volunteer online, and to the many more who have been helping behind the scenes too. Our school community is thriving because of your involvement!

The Fall Festival was a huge success, bringing together our church and school community - nearly 400 people in attendance - on September 22nd. We want to thank all the families who donated items for raffle baskets or desserts for the Dessert Dash. With over 40 volunteers involved in the planning, set-up, event activities, and clean-up, and nearly \$4,000 raised for our Outreach program, it was a BEAUTIFUL day in so many ways!

We've launched our new SCRIP program ONLINE. Orders are filled on Tuesdays and Fridays, and it's even easier to purchase now that SCRIP is online. Get started by signing up [here](#). This is an easy low or no-cost way for YOU to give back to our school.

Lastly, I'd like to invite you to attend our upcoming October Home & School meeting on Tuesday, October 9th, 6pm in the school library. Not only will you get a chance to hear about upcoming activities planned for Lourdes, but you'll have a chance to mingle with the committee with a Wine & Cheese social hour at the end. Please join us! Thank you for all you do, and have a wonderful October!

Sincerely,  
Angie Kaney, 2018-19 Home & School President

#### **LCS Night at TUGGERS Restaurant:**

Wednesday, October 3rd - 4:00-10:00 PM  
201 N. Main St. Port Byron, IL  
LCS will receive 20% of all sales! We hope you can join us!

#### **Upcoming Home & School Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 9th - LCS Library - 6 PM  
All parents are welcome to attend meetings!  
*Wine & Cheese social to follow!*



More information will be sent home soon on how LCS will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 23rd-October 25th!

#### **Lourdes Starry Night Fundraiser** *Save the Date!*



Lourdes Catholic School's annual fundraiser will take place  
**Saturday, March 23, 2019!**

This event requires MANY volunteers for the following committees:  
Student Art Projects, Raffle Tickets, Student Raffle Basket, Live Auctions, Silent Auctions, Social Media, Food & Beverage, Wine Pull, Decorations, Marketing  
**Please consider volunteering for this event!**  
**Contact Chrissy Hayes, Fundraiser Chair:**  
[cjhayes4@me.com](mailto:cjhayes4@me.com)

#### **October Calendar**

A list of upcoming events/activities in October is available on the last three pages of this newsletter. This includes important dates not only for Home & School events, but also important LCS, OLOL church, athletics and LLL House dates/events. We hope you find this useful!

### *Welcome Letter from Board of Education President, Tyler Edwards*

Fall is here and brings lot of changes to our wonderful school. Soon the leaves will be changing, the children will start settling into their new routines, and our Board of Education is making a few changes. Our President, Maren Stoflet, has accepted a new job in Texas and will be moving down there in the coming months. As Vice President, I'm now stepping in to fill the role and we have elected Donica Mocosak as the new Vice President of the School Board to fill my previous role.

My wife, Amber, and I are advocates for Catholic education. We are blessed to have found such a strong community in Lourdes Catholic School and Church. Our three daughters attend Lourdes in 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Pre-K. My wife and I both graduated from St. Ambrose University. I have served on the Board of Education for 3 years now and I'm also currently the Marketing Chairperson. During the day, I work as the Operations Manager and a Financial Advisor at Quad City Bank and Trust.

I'm looking forward to our 100<sup>th</sup> year of Lourdes Catholic School! Let's continue to build upon our tradition of having a strong faith-filled community. I encourage our families to attend the many events that the church and school have throughout the school year - I look forward to seeing you there!

Our next Board of Education meeting will be held in our school library on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about the Board of Education.

Tyler Edwards

2018-2019 Board of Education President  
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### ***2018/2019 Board of Education Members:***

Tyler Edwards, President  
Donica Mocosak, Vice President  
Steve McIntosh, Secretary  
Father Jason Crossen  
Nicki Johnson  
John Leinart  
Tony Lemek  
Karen Moldt  
Brian Nikulski  
Dave Reilly  
Kurt Tressel  
Mark Martinez

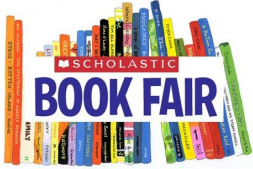
### ***Non-Voting Members:***

Jennifer Alongi, Principal  
Father Chris Weber - Parochial Vicar  
Sheryl Lackey, Business Manager  
Angie Kaney, Home and School President  
John Leinart, Assumption High School Representative  
Sarah Snyder & Cayleah Willits, Teacher Representative



Alec Clark, Athletic Director  
Emily Andes, Director of Faith Formation  
Kelly Bush, Parish Council Representative  
Brian Nikulski, St. John Vianney Representative

### October Home & School Events



#### **Book Fair: Monday, October 1st - Thursday, October 4th**

The "Enchanted Forest" Book Fair runs from October 1st through Thursday, October 4th in the LCS Library. [Sign-up](#) to help at the Book Fair! Younger siblings are always welcome to help parents volunteer at the Book Fair. Open Monday, 10/1 through Thursday, 10/4, 8:30-4 PM.



#### **Box Tops Collection Competition: Ongoing through October 16th**

Please have students submit Box Top labels in a ziplock bag to the collection boxes in each classroom. The class that collects the most (average per # of students) will win a themed NUT day!

#### **Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Thursday, October 18th**

PAINT—CARVE—DECORATE! It's time for our annual pumpkin decorating contest! Please choose from one of the following categories to enter your pumpkin: sports/team pride, TV or movie character, animal or bug, scary or gross, prettiest, creative use of materials, carved, LCS or Assumption spirit, incognito (looks like an object) or USA/military.

Pumpkin drop off is Thursday morning, Oct. 18th ONLY. Pumpkin pick up is at the end of the day Thurs. Oct. 18th or at Trunk or Treat. Please bring your pumpkin without a name, but with a label as to which category you wish to enter. Ms. Alongi and the LCS student council will be judging the creations. Scholastic prizes will be awarded. A detailed flyer will be sent home Oct. 9th!



#### **Trunk or Treat: Friday, October 19th - 5:30-8 PM**

Lourdes will be holding our 6th Annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Friday, October 19th from 5:30pm-8:00pm. As always, we encourage families to get creative, decorate their trunks, fill them with candy, and pass candy out to our Lourdes' Trunk-or-Treaters. The parking lot will open at 5:30pm (please use the Brown Street entrance). In the gym, there will be other fun activities for younger children, as well as a Haunted House (for the older children put on by the 8th grade students). A flyer will be coming home soon so families can purchase a Trunk or Treat Pass, game wristbands, etc. ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE 7TH & 8TH GRADE 2019 WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP – THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

#### **Ladies Bingo Night: Sunday, October 21st - 6-7:30 PM**

The Lourdes Anniversary Committee would like to invite all of the ladies of LCS and OLOL to celebrate the 100th and 115th anniversaries of the school and church! Bring a \$5 gift to share at the prize table and bring your own food and drink.



#### **Food Donations for Parent/Teacher Conferences: Tuesday, October 23rd & Thursday, October 25th**

The Home & School Hospitality Committee will be providing dinner for LCS faculty on Tuesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 25th during parent/teacher conferences. Look for a sign-up genius to be emailed in early October.



#### **Halloween Parties/Parade:**

K-8th, 3-Day Preschool and PreK parties will take place on Wednesday, October 31st. The 2-Day Preschool party will take place on Tues. October, 30th. More information will be provided by classroom room parents and/or teachers.



### ***BIG NEWS! SCRIP is available for purchase ONLINE!***

As you have heard, you will now be able to order your scrip cards online! This will be a great way to grow our scrip program in order to continue to fund some important needs of our school! [Click here](#) to set up your family account.

During this process, you will be able to enter your checking account information on their secure site using PrestoPay. (Please follow the steps to verify your account.) This way, orders will come directly from your account. No need for check writing! (Note: You will not be able to use credit cards as the fees would take too much away from our rebates).

There are numerous ways to get your cards! Some examples are:

- 1) Order the actual cards, including local retailers, which will be filled by scrip coordinators once a week.
- 2) ScripNow - eGift card
- 3) Reload - reload your previous physical cards
- 4) Reload Now - reload in minutes when using your presto pay!

Plus, families can access both ScripNow and reloads on ShopWithScrip's mobile website, [MyScripWallet.com](http://MyScripWallet.com). With MyScripWallet, families can order ScripNow or reload a card, use PrestoPay when they checkout, and access their scrip right then and there on their smartphone. This means that families can shop for scrip whenever and wherever they need to, no planning ahead necessary! MyScripWallet is supported on Apple and Android mobile devices. Just access [MyScripWallet.com](http://MyScripWallet.com), login (via shop with scrip login) and you'll be ready to shop!

Don't worry, all of this information is on the website. It is very simple to navigate and discover the opportunities! This is also a great opportunity to get our friends and family ordering cards from us! Just share the link and have them set up their own account!

Thank you for all of your continued support with Scrip!

LCS Scrip Committee

### ***SCRIP forms available below!***

If you would prefer filling out a form and sending it in to school vs. purchasing online, you are able to do that also!  
Please access the links below:

[\*\*Print Scrip Order Form \(in stock\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*Print Scrip Order Form \(need to order\)\*\*](#)



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Mon, Oct 1, 2018	LCS Fall Book Fair	LCS Library	8:30-4 PM
Mon, Oct 1, 2018	Girls Basketball Pictures	LCS Gym	3:20 PM
Mon, Oct 1, 2018	Robotics - Team Johnson/Geurnick	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Mon, Oct 1, 2018	6th & 7th Girls Basketball Games	Lourdes	6th @ 5:30 PM / 7th @ 6:30 PM
Tue, Oct 2, 2018	Remember to Purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Tue, Oct 2, 2018	LCS Fall Book Fair	LCS Library	8:30-4 PM
Tue, Oct 2, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass - 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Oct 2, 2018	Robotics - Team Broggini	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Tue, Oct 2, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-10 PM
Wed, Oct 3, 2018	LCS Fall Book Fair	LCS Library	8:30-4 PM
Wed, Oct 3, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Wed, Oct 3, 2018	LCS Fundraiser at Tuggers Restaurant (LCS will receive 20% of sales)	Tuggers Restaurant 201 N. Main St. Port Byron, IL	4-10 PM
Thu, Oct 4, 2018	LCS Fall Book Fair	LCS Library	8:30-4 PM
Thu, Oct 4, 2018	Middle School Field Trip	Camp Wyoming	8:30-3 PM
Thu, Oct 4, 2018	Blessing of the Animals	Giving Tree	3:00-3:20 PM
Thu, Oct 4, 2018	6th, 7th & 8th Girls Basketball Games	St. Joe's - DeWitt	6th @ 5 PM / 7th @ 6 PM / 8th @ 7 PM
Thu, Oct 4, 2018	Alpha at OLOL (childcare available)	LCS Gym	6-8 PM
Fri, Oct 5, 2018	Prayer with the Principal	OLOL	8:00-8:20 AM
Fri, Oct 5, 2018	Remember to Purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Fri, Oct 5, 2018	NUT Day	LCS	8:30-3:20 PM
Fri, Oct 5, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-1 PM; 15 Decade Rosary 1 PM
Sat, Oct 6, 2018	Scripture Study	PAC/Lunchroom	9-10 AM
Sun, Oct 7, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Mon, Oct 8, 2018	Robotics - Team Johnson/Geurnick	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Mon, Oct 8, 2018	LCS Play Sign-Up - 4th-8th Grades	LCS Gym	3:20-3:40 PM
Tue, Oct 9, 2018	Remember to Purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Tue, Oct 9, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Oct 9, 2018	Robotics - Team Broggini	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Tue, Oct 9, 2018	6th, 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Games	LCS	6th @ 5:30 PM / 7th @ 6:30 PM / 8th @ 7:30 PM
Tue, Oct 9, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-10 PM
Wed, Oct 10, 2018	KidSight Vision Screening at LCS (Preschool & AM PreK)	LCS	Varied



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Wed, Oct 10, 2018	LCS Rosary	OLOL	2:00 PM
Wed, Oct 10, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Thu, Oct 11, 2018	KidSight Vision Screening at LCS (Preschool, PM PreK & K)	LCS	Varied
Thu, Oct 11, 2018	Alpha at OLOL (childcare available)	LCS Gym	6-8 PM
Thu, Oct 11, 2018	7th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament	All Saints	TBA
Fri, Oct 12, 2018	Remember to Purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Fri, Oct 12, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-1 PM; 15 Decade Rosary 1 PM
Sat, Oct 13, 2018	Scripture Study	PAC/Lunchroom	9-10 AM
Sun, Oct 14, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Mon, Oct 15, 2018	LCS Picture Day (more details to come on which grades will be on 10/15 vs. 10/16)	LCS	Varied
Mon, Oct 15, 2018	Robotics - Team Johnson/Geurnick	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Mon, Oct 15, 2018	Student Council Meeting	LCS Library	3:20-4:15 PM
Mon, Oct 15, 2018	6th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament	St. Paul's	TBA
Mon, Oct 15, 2018	8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament	LCS	TBA
Tue, Oct 16, 2018	LCS Picture Day (more details to come on which grades will be on 10/15 vs. 10/16)	LCS	Varied
Tue, Oct 16, 2018	Remember to Purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Tue, Oct 16, 2018	Box Tops Collection Competition Ends - Box Tops Due Today!	LCS	8:30 AM
Tue, Oct 16, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Oct 16, 2018	Robotics - Team Broggini	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Tue, Oct 16, 2018	6th, 7th & 8th Grades Girls Basketball Tournament	St. Joe's - DeWitt	TBA
Tue, Oct 16, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-10 PM
Tue, Oct 16, 2018	Board of Education (BOE) Meeting	LCS Library	6:00 PM
Wed, Oct 17, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Thu, Oct 18, 2018	LCS Pumpkin Decorating Contest - Drop-Off Pumpkins by 8:30 AM	LCS	8:00-8:30 AM
Thu, Oct 18, 2018	Alpha at OLOL (childcare available)	LCS Gym	6-8 PM
Fri, Oct 19, 2018	Remember to Purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Fri, Oct 19, 2018	7th Grade Technology Day at AHS	AHS	9:30-11:30 AM
Fri, Oct 19, 2018	LCS "Trunk or Treat"	LCS Parking Lot/Gym	5:30-8 PM
Fri, Oct 19, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-1 PM; 15 Decade Rosary 1 PM
Sat, Oct 20, 2018	Scripture Study	PAC/Lunchroom	9-10 AM
Sun, Oct 21, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Sun, Oct 21, 2018	LCS 100th/OLOL 115th Anniversary Ladies Bingo Night	LCS Gym	6-7:30 PM
Mon, Oct 22, 2018	Robotics - Team Johnson/Geurnick	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM



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Mon, Oct 22, 2018	Evergreen - Middle School Service/Volunteer Hours Opportunity	LCS	5:30 PM
Tue, Oct 23, 2018	Remember to Purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Tue, Oct 23, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Oct 23, 2018	Robotics - Team Broggini	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Tue, Oct 23, 2018	Parent/Teacher Conferences - K-8th Grades	LCS	4-7 PM
Tue, Oct 23, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-10 PM
Wed, Oct 24, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Wed, Oct 24, 2018	Parent/Teacher Conferences - K-8th Grades	LCS	2:45-4 PM
Thu, Oct 25, 2018	Genesis Free Flu Clinic - K-8th Grades	LCS	9-11 AM
Thu, Oct 25, 2018	Parent/Teacher Conferences - K-8th Grades	LCS	4-7 PM
Thu, Oct 25, 2018	Alpha at OLOL (childcare available)	LCS Gym	6-8 PM
Fri, Oct 26, 2018	<b>NO SCHOOL/LLL Closed</b>	LCS/LLL	8:30-3:20 PM
Fri, Oct 26, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-1 PM; 15 Decade Rosary 1 PM
Sat, Oct 27, 2018	Scripture Study	PAC/Lunchroom	9-10 AM
Sun, Oct 28, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Mon, Oct 29, 2018	Robotics - Team Johnson/Geurnick	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Tue, Oct 30, 2018	Remember to Purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Tue, Oct 30, 2018	Halloween Party - 2-Day Preschool only (more details to come from Mrs. Robinson)	LCS	TBA
Tue, Oct 30, 2018	Robotics - Team Broggini	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Tue, Oct 30, 2018	6th Grade Band Concert at Assumption	AHS	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 30, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-10 PM
Wed, Oct 31, 2018	Halloween Parade/Parties - 3-Day Preschool, PreK, K-8th Grades (more details to come from Room Parents/teachers)	LCS	TBA
Wed, Oct 31, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Thu, Nov 1, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
LCS Event/Activity			
OLOL Event/Activity			

### *Looking Ahead to November...*

Donuts with Dad, Fall Pictures Retake, Trivia Night, Preschool/PreK Conferences and Thanksgiving break! More details to come in the next newsletter! FUN FACT! Did you know the LCS calendar of events/activities can be printed directly online?

Access the [LCS Main calendar](#) and [LCS Athletic calendar](#) in printable view!