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Lourdes Catholic School

H & S Newsletter



A Message from our Principal—Ms. Alongi

Greetings, Families!

Advent season is upon us! Consider checking out <https://formed.org>, which is basically “Catholic faith on demand” and is full of Advent programs, movies, and audio. Rather than clicking the blue “LOGIN”, go down to “Register: Sign up free using your parish code” where you can enter OLOL’s code of 2FKHK2. A movie recently added includes Kristof and the First Christmas Tree. It includes a Discussion Guide and Activity Guide.

We are always looking for parents who are willing to volunteer, especially for recess supervision. You can sign up online for this and other opportunities by clicking [this link](#). **Thank you** in advance!

K-8 students at Lourdes Catholic School must follow the approved [dress code](#). Often at Mass on Wednesdays, when students remove their sweatshirts as a sign of respect, we will notice students who forgot to wear a belt – which is a requirement of students in grades 3 through 8. Similarly, when the weather gets nice and students are again able to wear shorts, we will notice that socks are not the approved colors of red, white, navy blue, or black. We count on parents to be our partner in ensuring their children adhere to our handbook’s [dress code](#). Your assistance and support is much appreciated.

December 7th is a 1:10 pm early-release day for K-8 students. The day before Christmas break, December 21, K-8 and afternoon PreK students will be dismissed at 2:20 PM. Click [here](#) for more important dates in December.

Musical performances are scheduled for December 13th (Band/Choir Concert) and December 15th (Christmas Programs). Please contact your child’s homeroom teacher or our Band/Choir Director, [Mrs. Lowe](#), for more information.

Iowa Assessments will be mailed in for scoring during the first week of December. We should have the results no later than January. The state of Iowa will be requiring **new** tests of all accredited schools in Iowa for the 2017-18 school year for grades 3-8 in the areas of literacy and mathematics. The new tests are web-based and must be administered during the last 12 weeks that school is in session. For us, this means that in April or May of 2018, our 3rd – 8th grade students will take a completely new test, called **Smarter Balanced**. To learn more, visit [this link](#).

In December, the Faith Formation Board will meet on December 6th at 6:30 PM in the LCS library. Contact Mike Puthoff, President, or click [here](#) for more information about meetings.

May God Bless You,

Ms. Jennifer Alongi, Principal

A message from our Faith Formation Board President—Mike Puthoff

Most of us remember the Schoolhouse Rock video, *How a Bill Becomes a Law* from our grade school education (if you never saw it or don't remember, visit You Tube to watch it!). The video provides an entertaining and educational overview of the steps it takes for a law to be put in place. Right now the Faith Formation Board, the budget heads (people who manage aspects of the budget), and the Business Manager are in the process of writing the budget for the 2017-2018 academic year. While this month's update will not be nearly as exciting as a Schoolhouse Rock video, we wanted to provide you with a brief overview of how and when a school budget is created each year, queue the music...

- The Faith Formation Board forms a Finance Committee assigned to work on the budget. This Committee works with the Parish Business Manager and budget heads on creating the budget – September
- Budget heads start to reflect on budget needs for next year - November
- Enrollment projections for next year are discussed and refined – November and December
- Tuition rates for next year are discussed and set. Our K-8 tuition rate is set in conjunction with other the Scott County Catholic schools to keep consistency across schools. Lourdes develops its own rates for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten. – December
- Finance Committee and Business Manager start to develop a preliminary budget. This is shared with budget heads and Faith Formation Board. Revisions are made a needed. – January
- Faith Formation Board reviews and approves the final budget – February
- Faith Formation Board take the budget to the Parish Finance Council for review and approval – March/ April
- Budget is sent to the Diocese of Davenport – June



We are expecting an uneventful budgeting process this year. Our enrollment projections are to maintain our class sizes in most grades and bring in a 40 student or more kindergarten class. The Faith Formation Board feels the best way to grow our school is to keep the students we have and build ourselves back up to a two section per grade school through larger kindergarten classes. By achieving these reasonable goals, we can continue to meet our mission of Excellence Rooted in Faith.

If you have any questions about how our budget is created, let us know. We can't promise you a catchy song and dance to explain the process, but we are happy to talk.

Mike Puthoff
 2016-2017 Faith Formation Board President
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Home & School President's Corner —Nicki Johnson

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a chance to relax, enjoy the company of family and friends and reflect on all of the blessings in our lives. This fall has flown by and it is hard to believe Christmas is right around the corner.

Thank you to the middle schoolers for running another successful Trunk or Treat event in October. This is a great event seeing all the cars decorated and parents dressed up along with watching all the kids get to trick or treat with their friends. Great job 8th graders on the Haunted House and 7th graders on their games and activities! Congratulations also to the winners of the pumpkin decorating contest. There is an amazing amount of creativity in our school.

As Christmas preparation begins, please continue to buy SCRIP to support our school activities and resources. We exceeded our SCRIP goal in October - with a total of \$77,273 in sales. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to buy and use SCRIP. We're definitely on the right track to support our school for the year!

Upcoming H&S events include St. Nick's shop in December (Nov 28-Dec 2) and Bingo night (Jan 27). Mark those on your calendars.

A special thanks to our Home & School board and Home & School committee chairs along with all of our other volunteers for the time and talent you contribute to our school. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Warm regards,

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\$131,717 in SCRIP sold!

What does SCRIP pay for?

- Classroom parties
- Classroom supplies
- Fieldtrip Fund
- Lego robotics
- Bingo Night
- Drama Club
- Mock Trial
- Battle Books
- Field Day
- Fine Arts Club
- Chess Club
- Brag Tags
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Reading Counts
- Prayer Buddies
- Red Ribbon Week
- Safety Patrol
- Student Council
- Unpack the Backpack
- Variety Show
- Visiting Authors
- Yearbook Club
- Career Fair
- Popsicles in the Park
- Spelling Bee
- Catholic Schools Week
- Middle School Events
- Playground equipment
- 8th grade graduation
- Parish Contribution

[SCRIP order form \(in stock\)](#)

[SCRIP order form \(need to order\)](#)

Remembering his Childhood Christmas - Father Jason







There is so much to be thankful for as we move into the Holidays. As a child I remember the anticipation of decorating the house for Christmas, listening to Christmas music, putting up the nativity scene, and watching all the beautiful lights bringing the tree and the house alive in a wonderful way. It's a great time to teach our children the value of celebrating the good things we cherish in life. What wonderful conversations we can have with our loved ones as we decorate and explain the nativity scene. As Christians we have much to be thankful for as we await with anticipation all of the Christmas festivities. If Jesus is at the center of our experience our joy is multiplied many times over than those who simply celebrate another party or holiday. I can remember my parents reminding me why Christmas was so important. Its more than just a time to have fun and give gifts. Its a time where we are called to remember the most important things in life, being thankful for them and sharing with those who are not as fortunate.

May you and your family experience the wonder of anticipation this Advent and the the rich blessings of Christmas as we celebrate God's love for us in his son, Jesus!

- Fr. Jason

O.L.O.L. Family Advent Activities 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 27 Make & bless an Advent wreath. Light the 1st purple candle!	28 Read the story of Elizabeth & Zechariah in Luke 1:5-25	29 Set up your Nativity scene, but leave out the Holy Family... for now!	30 St. Andrew Jesus said, "Follow me, I will make you fishers of men!" (Matt. 4:19) 	Dec. 1 Make plans to go to Confession as a family in December. Afterwards, celebrate forgiveness with a special dinner!	2 Bake cookies and deliver them to a nursing home or homeless shelter.	3 St. Francis Xavier "Go into all the world & preach the good news." (Mark 16:15)
4 Light two purple candles on your Advent wreath!	5 Pray the Rosary as a family 	6 St. Nicolas Show someone your love with a little gift or act of kindness!	7 St. Ambrose Google this saint and talk about what you learned!	8 Attend Mass in honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception.	9 Pop some popcorn and watch your family's favorite Christmas movie!	10 Clean out your closet and donate what you don't need anymore!
11 Light two purple candles and the pink one too! This one represents JOY!	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Say a Hail Mary for all those in need.	13 St. Lucy Light a candle and ask this patron protector of sight to pray for you! 	14 St. John of the Cross "On the evening of life we'll be judged on our love."	15 Set the Mary and Joseph figures across the room from the rest of you Nativity set. Remember their long journey to Bethlehem!	16 Pick a Christmas card you've received & pray for the person who sent it.	17 The Christmas story is Good News for all of us! Read it in Luke 1-2:20!
18 Light all 4 candles on your Advent wreath! 	19 Mary said "Yes!" to God to share His light with the world. How can you say "Yes!" to God too?	20 Invite a friend or neighbor to attend Mass with your family this Christmas!	21 Sing "Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel!" When you sing you pray twice!	22 Go outside and look at the stars...remember how the shepherds and magi followed them to find their way to Jesus!	23 "Be glad and exult with all your heart!" (Zephaniah 3:14) Share your Christmas gladness by singing	24 Add baby Jesus to the Nativity scene & thank God for this BEST gift! 
25 Bake a cake and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus! 	"Joseph went up from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the city of David, to be registered with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. Mary was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for the baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Nearby there were shepherds spending the night in the fields, caring for their flocks and an angel appeared to them, saying, 'Don't be afraid! I am here with good news of great joy for all people! For today in the city of David your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! And this will be a sign for you, you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly an army of angels appeared singing, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to his people!' Then the shepherd hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, just as the angels had told them All who heard their story were amazed and they sang praises to God for all they had heard and seen. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (Luke 2:4-20)					

Hope

Love

Joy

Peace

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 12/6 5:20pm Student Council & LCS Volleyball Toys for Tots Pack the Gym Night

Tuesday 12/13 1:30pm Band/Choir Concert for school

Tuesday 12/13 6:30pm Band/Choir Concert for families

[See Full School Calendar](#)

Thursday 12/15 9am Presch/Prek Christmas Program Church

Thursday 12/15 6:30pm 1st-4th Christmas Program Church

Monday 12/19 5pm Middle School Girl's Basketball and Volleyball Athletics Banquet

Wednesday 12/21 2:20 Early Out

12/22 - 1/2 Christmas Break

Tuesday 1/3 Welcome Back!



We have great things planned for CSW 2017!

Lourdes Catholic School All-School Mass Schedule

11/30 - 6th Grade
 12/8 (Thurs.) Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 5th Grade
 12/14 - 4th Grade A
 12/21 - 4th Grade B
 12/28 - No Mass Christmas Break
 1/4 - 3rd Grade
 1/11 - 2nd Grade
 1/18 - 1st Grade
 1/25 - 8th Grade
 2/1 - No Mass Catholic Schools Week
 2/2 (Thurs.) 9:30am Catholic Schools Week Mass @ Assumption
 2/8 - 7th Grade A
 2/15 - 7th Grade B
 2/22 - 6th Grade

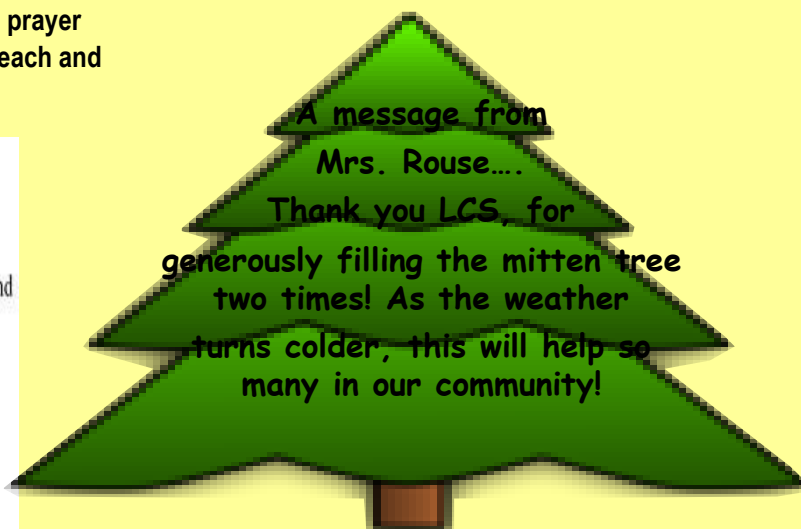


3/1 - 5th Grade
 3/8 - 4th Grade A
 3/15 - No Mass Spring Break
 3/22 - 4th Grade B
 3/29 - 3rd Grade
 4/5 - 2nd Grade
 4/12 - 1st Grade
 4/19 - 8th Grade
 4/26 - 7th Grade A
 5/3 - 7th Grade B
 5/10 - 2nd Grade First Communion
 5/17 - 6th Grade
 5/24 - 5th Grade
 5/31 - 4th Grade A

Please pause each morning at 8:37 and say this prayer along with everyone at LCS - this is how we start each and every school day!



God my father I give you today,
 All that I think and do and say,
 I'll try my best in all that I do,
 I give you my love and will be kind
 and love everyone too.
 Amen.



Lourdes Drama Club Spring 2017 Play

The Princess and the Pea

Auditions are open to 4th-8th Grade Students

Stage Crew is also open to 4th-8th Grade Students

Most practices will be 3:20-5:00pm 2 to 3 times a week

There will be a few Saturday practices from 9:00-11:00am.

Stage Crew will meet on 2 or 3 Saturdays to work on backdrops (TBD)

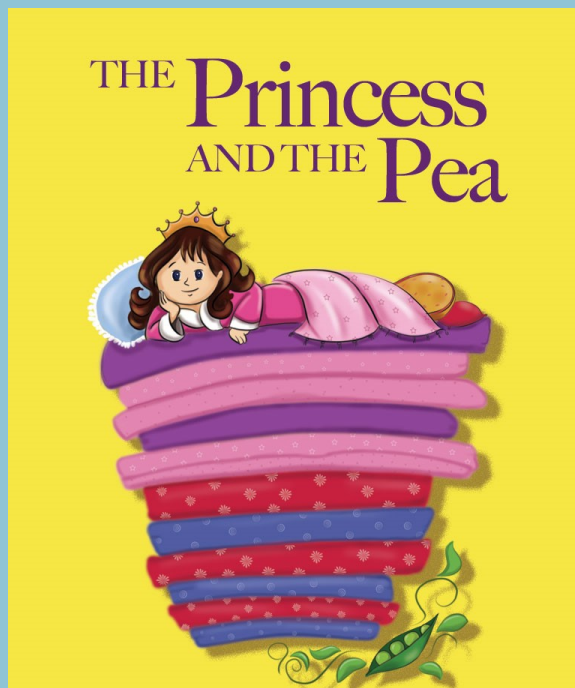
We are looking for parents to help out with costumes and costume ideas, props, and backdrops.

Anyone who is willing to help out, please contact

Mrs. Lowe: jessica.lowe@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us

We will have two performances of the play on

Monday, February 27th at 1:30pm and 6:30pm



Alumni Updates



On November 14th Assumption High School hosted a signing day for 9 of their athletes!

Three of the signees are Lourdes alumni. Julia Huiskamp will be playing volleyball at Drake, Olivia Masterson will join the Drake rowing team, and Sophie VanSeveren will be playing volleyball at College of the Holy Cross. Congratulations to all!

Keep in Touch!

If you have a LCS alumni in the news, we want to know! Please send us any updates about former students, to kriseanderson@hotmail.com

Kid's Corner





Students from each class and Father Jason, were nominated for showing Peace, throughout the month of November.



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.
Colossians 3:15



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Scouts

LCS Cub Scouts had an incredibly successful popcorn season - they more than doubled their sales from last year! A huge thank you to all of the families who purchased popcorn in door-to-door sales, online and after Masses. Look for Cub Scouts this weekend, as they serve donuts for OLOL Donut Sunday!



A message from the church - Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal

Does my Catholic school benefit from the annual appeal? How?

Most certainly! The Office of Catholic Schools takes great measures to make sure we do so by assisting the pastors, principals and teachers of our diocese in meeting the challenges of education and faith development. Maintaining an environment and curriculum that prepares our children to be leaders in our faith and communities is vital to keeping our Catholic identity strong. The Office of Catholic Schools, along with school principals advocate for students in the areas of special needs, transportation concerns, funding assistance, curriculum development and support of the professional growth and development of teachers committed to Catholic education. We are accepting pledges and/or payments now for the 2016-2017 campaign. Please make your payment payable to Annual Diocesan Appeal; envelopes are available in the school or parish office. Remember to include Lourdes Parish on your memo line. Thank you!

2016 Mock Trial Davenport Regional Competition

On Saturday, October 29th, the following LCS students competed in the 2016 Middle School Mock Trial Competition at the Scott County Courthouse. These eleven students represented Lourdes Catholic School proudly.

Maddie– 6th Grade
 Allison– 6th Grade
 Lily– 6th Grade
 Brianna– 7th Grade
 Rachael– 7th Grade
 Skylar– 7th Grade
 Bailey– 7th Grade
 Aubrie– 7th Grade
 Jenna– 7th Grade
 Katie– 7th Grade
 Addie– 7th Grade

Under the guidance of their attorney-coach, Mr. Bribriesco, and teacher-coach, Miss Willits, our students competed against other regional schools at the Scott County Courthouse. Since the beginning of the school year, students met three times a week during their lunch period to prepare for the competition. In addition to these lunch meetings, team members made the commitment to stay after school for dress rehearsals and work sessions. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they skillfully presented the case.

The following students will receive awards for Outstanding Attorney:

Allison– for her Defense Attorney Role
 Skylar– for both her Plaintiff and Defense Attorney Roles

After a long morning at the Scott County Courthouse, students gathered at Village Inn to relax and reflect on their experience. Thank you, Mock Trial Parents for organizing this celebration!



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



December: Patience- the ability to endure delay or hardship without complaint.” Hebrews 10:36

PreK Faith Fridays Volunteering

The Faith Fridays program has been a huge success, this Fall, and it HAS been renewed for the Spring Semester.

If you have a PreK student who would like to come to school on Fridays and learn all about the love of God, with their school friends, email Teri, in the school office, for a registration form. There are plenty of tuition opportunities, if you're interested in helping

Would you like to learn more about all the different clubs, committees and organizations that keep Lourdes running like a well-oiled machine? Everyone has time, talent and treasure to share with LCS - what's yours?

Check out our new Sign-Up Genius page, with a description off ALL the different programs happening at LCS!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aaaab2ba6f49-20162017>

Third grade led Mass on All Saint's Day and presented their Living Wax Museum back in the school library, afterwards.



It's a LCS tradition that the students look forward to taking part in, when they reach 3rd grade - good job to all of our Saints!

