

Lourdes Catholic School...Excellence Rooted in Faith

This is the third in a four-part weekly newsletter to highlight the benefits of K-8 Catholic Education at Lourdes Catholic School.

## SPOTLIGHT: Great Teachers

*"Our teachers are the foundation of all the other great things happening at Lourdes. They work together as a team to support all of our children, whether they're in their classroom or in a classroom down the hall. Our teachers treat all children as if they were their own." - Ms. Jennifer Alongi, Principal*

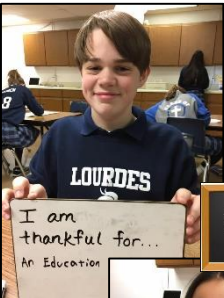
### Our Great Teachers – Making Lourdes Catholic School Unique!

**Reading** – LCS uses the Voweletics® curriculum for reading, and our goal for every student at the end of kindergarten is to be reading at or above the first grade reading level.

**Spanish** – Lourdes Catholic School teaches Spanish to all grades, K-8. Lourdes students typically start in Spanish II when going on to Assumption.

**Cursive** – We believe in the benefits of cursive handwriting. Cursive is taught in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and reinforced in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Parent / Teacher Partnership** – There are countless opportunities to get involved at the school and in classrooms. Teachers encourage volunteering and even welcome younger siblings to join in too!



Cursive

**Student Achievement:**  
FAST – Early & CBM Reading  
% meeting or exceeding benchmark

Kindergarten	89.5%	70%
Grade 1	90.5%	70%
Grade 2	95.2%	65%
Grade 3	91.3%	66%
Grade 4	93.1%	63%
Grade 5	79.2%	66%
Grade 6	79.0%	64%
Building Wide (K-6)	88.6%	66%

### Student Sentiments

*"I like Lourdes because the teachers are nice and give you a lot of chances...The teachers make it fun to learn so we're not bored in the classroom all day."*  
- Dolan, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

*"I like Lourdes because I like Spanish."*  
- Jack, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

*"I love Lourdes because there's no bullies, everyone is nice, there is always something fun to do, and teachers are really, really, really nice."*  
- Cam, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

*"I love Lourdes Catholic School because the teachers, staff and principal are very nice."*  
- Kaylee, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



"Professor Atom" visits 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

### Parent's Perspective

*"At Lourdes, we've found teachers who create individualized learning experience plans for every child, no matter their learning style. The teachers truly care about the kids."*

*"Lourdes Catholic Teachers and staff provide a faith based environment that puts the needs of all students first. They want to see every student succeed and be successful and will do whatever it takes. Being at LCS feels like you're part of one big faith filled family."*

*"I was impressed with how the teachers taught all subject areas and weren't just basing their teaching upon upcoming state tests. All students are given a chance to learn where in public school you are weeded out based upon state test scores."*

## LCS Mission:

Lourdes Catholic School is dedicated to providing an outstanding foundation for the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, technological, and physical needs of all individuals, preparing students for the future, while fostering a challenging environment of educational excellence.

### Key dates for 2018-19 Registration Activities:

- February 6, 2018: Pre-registration for current families begins
- February 8, 2018: Pre-registration for new families begins
- February 28, 2018: Pre-registration due
- March 6, 2018: Online registration begins
- March 30, 2018: Online registration & fee payment due



### Kindergarten Round Up:

**When:** February 8, 2018

Two Sessions: 10:30-11:30am OR 5:30-6:30pm

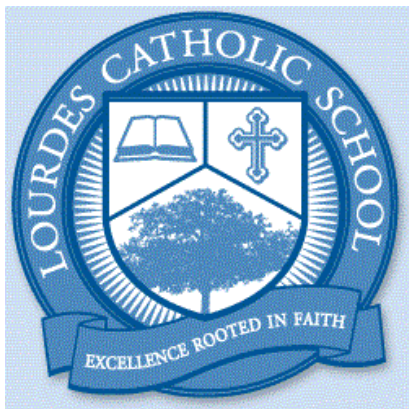
**Where:** LCS Library and Kindergarten Rooms

**What:** A chance to learn about the Lourdes Catholic School kindergarten program. Children will interact with teachers and staff and parents can learn about the curriculum, the school, and meet the principal and staff, too! It's the first opportunity for new families to pre-register for kindergarten.



### Tuition Facts:

- Catholic Education is affordable!
- In Scott County alone, 637 students qualified for assistance through the Mississippi Valley Student Tuition Organization in the 2016-17 school year, and 52 of those students attended Lourdes Catholic School.
- Tuition assistance is available, and your family might be eligible. Inquire with Principal Ms. Alongi; or contact Liz Powers at 563-326-5315 ext. 228 or email her at [liz.powers@assumptionhigh.org](mailto:liz.powers@assumptionhigh.org).



### LCS - Great for Working Parents!

Lourdes Catholic School maintains a **Before and After Care Program** for students in Preschool through 8th grade to assist parents requesting such a service. We are proud to offer extended hours to support our families:

**Before and After School Care: 7AM to 5:30PM**  
**AND a Full Summer Program, too!**