



# Lourdes Home & School Newsletter

## August/September 2018

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

Greetings, Families!

**WELCOME** to another fantastic year at Lourdes Catholic School! 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. In case you missed it, Lourdes Catholic School is entering into its 100th year of existence! Since 1919, Lourdes has been "winning souls for Christ" (Sister Mary Gertrude) and we are still going strong!

Please plan to join us for **Unpack the Backpack** night from **4-6 PM on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. You can purchase used uniforms, check out volunteer opportunities, deposit money into your lunch account, visit your child's classroom, and much more.

Home and School is our "Catholic school" version of PTA. The single main fundraiser sponsored by Home and School is **SCRIP**. What is SCRIP? Our Home and School volunteers sell gift cards called "SCRIP" every week. Vendors sell those gift cards to Home and School at a discount, so they are essentially giving back to the school a certain percentage of whatever we sell. Watch for more information about how to make online SCRIP purchases!

School starts at 8:30 AM for K-8 students on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. However, students may be dropped off as early as 8:00 AM. Dismissal is at 3:20 PM, except Wednesdays when dismissal is at 2:30 PM. AM preschool and prekindergarten is from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM, and PM prekindergarten is from 12:20-3:20 PM.

**Drop off and pick up** of students can sometimes be confusing, especially if you are new to Lourdes. Here is my attempt to summarize it for all of you, based on our [handbook](#):

#### **K-8 Drop off:**

- **K-8 students** should be dropped off between 8:00 and 8:20 AM.
- Enter the church/school parking lot via Brown Street and stay in the car line along the curb.
- When it is your turn, a greeter will assist in getting your child out of the car and off to their designated area of the courtyard.
- Staff supervisors are on duty from 8:00 until 8:20 for each designated area.

#### **PS/PreK Drop off:**

- **Morning preschool and prekindergarten** students should arrive between 8:30 and 8:40 AM. **Afternoon prekindergarten** students should arrive between 12:20 and 12:30 PM.
- Parents pull vehicles up on Mississippi Blvd.
- Greeters will assist in getting your child out of the car and up the steps into the school.

#### **K-8 Pick up:**

- K-8 students and afternoon prekindergarten students are dismissed at 3:20.
- Students exit into the courtyard and are instructed to wait for their parents.
- Parents are to enter the parking lot via Mississippi Blvd. between 3:00 and 3:20 PM.
- Park your vehicle in a space, pulling all the way through.
- Parents walk up to the coned-off area and escort students by the hand to their vehicle.
- When leaving, do not reverse; pull straight ahead and exit the parking lot into Brown Street.

#### **PS/PreK Pick up:**

- AM students are dismissed at the giving tree/parking lot area at 11:30 AM.
- PM students are dismissed at the giving tree/parking lot area at 3:20 PM.
- AM parents, enter from Brown Street and park your car in the south half of the lot. Walk up to your child's teacher and escort your child by the hand to your parked vehicle.
- PM parents, enter the parking lot via Mississippi Blvd. and park your vehicle in a space, pulling all the way through. Walk up to the coned-off area and escort your child by the hand to your parked vehicle. When leaving, do not reverse; pull straight ahead and exit the parking lot into Brown Street.

There is a **dress code** that is enforced for students in grades K-8. Follow this [link](#) to view the dress code. Preschool and prekindergarten students do not have a dress code.

Please feel free to stop by my office or call me anytime with questions. Again, thank you for choosing Lourdes! We look forward to an excellent school year together!

May God Bless You,  
Ms. Jennifer Alongi, Principal



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### *Welcome Letter from New Home & School President, Angie Kaney*

Welcome to the 100<sup>th</sup> school year at Lourdes Catholic School! One hundred years ago, Sister Mary Gertrude was making plans to start a new school in Bettendorf dedicated to winning souls for Christ. From her first class of 67 students back in 1919 to today, our community has been blessed by the work of countless school staff, volunteers, and parents.

I am excited this school year to serve as the President of the Home & School Association. The Home & School Association is our version of the PTA. We work with the LCS Board of Education to help maintain and improve the engagement and experience of our families.

My name is Angie Kaney. My husband Dave and I have been members of Our Lady of Lourdes parish since 2007. Abbie, our oldest, was born in 2010 and started at Lourdes 3-day preschool in 2013. We had so many questions that first year, and the community of staff and fellow parents was there to help us through. Then 2 years later, when Abbie transitioned to kindergarten, we had a whole new set of questions. Abbie is now entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and we also have Emelia entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade, David starting pre-school, and Evelyn will start preschool in 2 years. Since every grade, child, teacher, and classroom is different, I'm sure we will have many more questions in the years to come.

The Home & School Association seeks to ensure that you feel prepared & confident at each step in your child's development. We want every Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade family to feel welcomed into this AMAZING community, and we will provide opportunities for parents and families to build relationships throughout this school year too.

This year Home & School will be working to improve and strengthen communication between parents, school, and church. We will strive to maintain good visibility of upcoming events and activities.

In my experience, one of the best ways to stay informed is by getting involved as a volunteer and attending Home & School meetings too! Volunteer sign-ups will take place at **Unpack the Backpack** on **August 22, 4-6pm**. Our next Home & School meeting is **Monday, September 10 at 6pm**, in the school library. All are welcome!

I'm so excited about this coming school year. We have been blessed by so many wonderful experiences with our teachers, staff, principal and other families in our five years at LCS. Please keep all of our children, staff, volunteers, and parents in your prayers as we work to continue the work started by Sister Mary Gertrude and carried on by so many families over the past 100 years.

Praying for many blessings throughout the 2018-19 school year.

Angie Kaney  
(563) 343-2744  
[angiekaney@gmail.com](mailto:angiekaney@gmail.com)

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

September 10th - LCS Library - 6 PM  
All parents are welcome to attend meetings!

#### *Lourdes Starry Night Fundraiser*

Save the Date! The school's largest annual fundraiser will take place **Saturday, March 23, 2019!**

#### *Volunteer at LCS*

There are many ways to get involved at LCS. At Unpack the Backpack, you will have an opportunity to sign-up to help out during your child's library time, lunchroom duty and many others (even with younger siblings)! We encourage you to check out the [Volunteer Page](#), on the school website for more information.

#### *August/September Important Upcoming Dates!*

A list of important upcoming dates in August/September is available at the end 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! Our goal is to send a newsletter each month, inclusive of important upcoming dates.

### 2018/2019 Home & School Committee



**Angie Kaney**  
**President**  
 Abbie (3rd), Emelia (1st)  
 David (3-yr preschool)  
 Evelyn (21 months)



**Nicki Johnson**  
**Ex-Officio**  
 Skylar (9th),  
 Jada (6th)



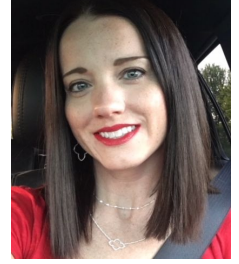
**Lindsey Jennings**  
**VP/President-Elect**  
 Luke (11th), Cole (8th),  
 Zoe (2nd), Gunner (1st)  
 Rayce (3yr preschool)



**Mary Guy**  
**Treasurer**  
 Millie (2nd),  
 Teagan (Kindergarten)



**Rebecca Gimbel**  
**Treasurer-Elect**  
 Lachlan (4th)



**Brooke Heckinger**  
**Secretary**  
 Sawyer (3rd)



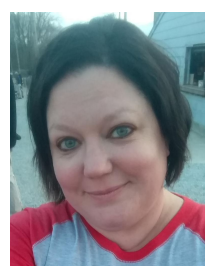
**Megan Stopulos**  
**Hospitality Co-Chair**  
 Andrew (1st),  
 Alexander (PreK),  
 Eliot (1 year-old)



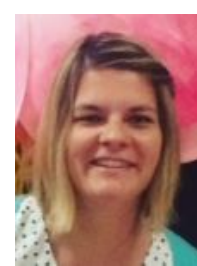
**Courtney Clark**  
**Hospitality Co-Chair**



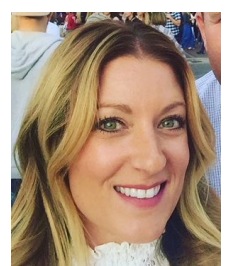
**Jenny Grobstich**  
**Publicity**  
 Kelly (6th), Kael (2nd),  
 Kade (2 years-old)



**Jessica Stubbs**  
**Room Parent Coor.**  
 Cale (7th), Ellie (5th)



**Kat Herzog**  
**Room Parent Coor.**  
 Ada (6th), Owain (5th)



**Meghan Cornish**  
**Volunteer Co-Chair**  
 Camden (5th),  
 Gracyn (3rd),  
 Hudson (3yr preschool)



**Jen Foley**  
**Volunteer Co-Chair**  
 Matthew (2nd),  
 Lucas (3yr preschool)



**Pam Tressel**  
**Family Ambassador**  
**Co-Chair**  
 Haley (2nd), Holly (1st)



**Amanda Kosarek**  
**Family Ambassador**  
**Co-Chair**  
 Kaylee 19 (graduate of Lourdes/AHS),  
 Kaiden (9th at AHS)  
 Keira (5th), Karinne (Kindergarten),  
 Kameron (PreK)

### Upcoming Home & School Events

**Unpack Your Backpack:** Wednesday, August 22nd from 4-6 PM. Students will meet teachers, unpack classroom supplies, sign-up for clubs/organizations. Parents can review lunch accounts, purchase new/used uniforms and LCS spirit wear, sign-up to volunteer at various organizations, purchase SCRIP, and much more!

**Welcome Back Coffee:** Thursday, August 23rd from 8:30-10 AM in the Parish Gathering Space. Let's celebrate the start of the year together - all parents and younger siblings are welcome to attend. We hope you can join us!

**STAY TUNED!** Dates for Popsicles in the Park and Lunch on the Lawn for Preschool and PreK parents/students will be announced soon! More details to come!

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

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



### ***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

### **Top FIVE questions about the Board of Education (BOE):**

#### ***1) What is the Board of Education?***

We oversee the administration, budget, and operation of the school. The board does not handle the day to day operation of the school, rather this is the job of the principal, staff, and teachers. In addition to the school, we also oversee the religious education programs for the Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

#### ***2) Who is on the Board of Education?***

The voting members of the board are twelve individuals who represent all children attending educational programming at Our Lady of Lourdes. Any Parish member 18 years or older or parent/guardian of a child attending LCS is allowed to serve as a board member. There are a range of ex-officio members of our board too. Our current membership can be found on the [LCS website](#).

#### ***3) When does the Board meet?***

We typically meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM, but see the website for the specific dates/times. We send our agenda out to the community at least two days before the meeting. We hold open meetings and anyone can attend. Occasionally we do go into closed session and only elected members participate in this part of our meeting. We usually post our minutes on the website within 2 weeks of our meeting.

#### ***4) Do I have to be on the Board to assist?***

The board has subcommittees that work on marketing, grant writing, policies, and the budget. We welcome people who are not on the board to assist on these subcommittees. If you have an interest, reach out to the board president or principal.

#### ***5) What if I have an issue for the Board?***

Parents should feel comfortable asking questions and sharing input with any board member. We also hold open forums at the start of our meetings to hear from members of our community. Based on the situation we may refer you to speak to a teacher, the principal, or someone else at the school. If you have questions about what the board does and does not handle you can speak to the board president and he or she can help guide you in the right direction.





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### *Remember to Purchase SCRIP every Tuesday and Friday!*

**Q: What is SCRIP?**

A: SCRIP is a year-round fundraiser. You buy pre-paid cards for local and online stores, and the school gets a % of sales.

**Q: I don't like giving gift cards as gifts, why should I buy SCRIP?**

A: Don't think of SCRIP just for gift-giving. Purchase these cards for all of your regular shopping—Target, Starbucks, Friday night pizza, gas, etc.

**Q: I do most of my shopping online, can I use SCRIP?**

A: Absolutely! We have SCRIP cards for Amazon and so many other online retailers.

**Q: Who runs the SCRIP program?**

A: Parent volunteers—and we still need more! We are always looking for parents who can help fill orders or pick up the cards from the various stores. We are also looking for volunteers to sell after Mass at Lourdes and St. John Vianney. Contact Donica Mokosak (dm525@icloud.com) if you're interested in helping out!

**Q: How do I purchase SCRIP?**

A: The [order form](#) is accessible via the school website, or picked up in the school office. Send the completed form with cash or check in your child's backpack, the order will be filled on Tuesday and/or Friday morning, and sent home in your child's backpack! There are a few businesses that we don't keep in stock, those will be ordered and filled ASAP. SCRIP is also sold after Masses in the gathering space.

**Q: Can only Lourdes parents order SCRIP?**

A: No! Feel free to hand out order forms to grandma and grandpa, aunts and uncles. You can collect their money and turn it in with your own orders. We will even mail their SCRIP order back to them if you'd like!

### *What does SCRIP pay for?*

- Classroom Parties
- Classroom Supplies
- Lego Robotics
- Mock Trial
- Battle Books
- Field Day
- Chess Club
- Brag Tags
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Reading Counts
- Prayer Buddies
- Red Ribbon Week
- Safety Patrol
- Student Council
- 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
- School Play
- ...and much more!

Need another form? Please access via the links below or online anytime at [lourdescatholic.org](http://lourdescatholic.org) under the 'Get Involved', 'Scrip' tab:

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

**GREAT NEWS!** The SCRIP team will be launching a new effort to increase SCRIP sales this school year, which will allow parents to purchase and pay for SCRIP *online*. Look for more information about this exciting effort in the upcoming month!



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<b>Lourdes Catholic School - Important Dates - August 2018</b>			
Tue, Aug 21, 2018	Board of Education Meeting	LCS Library	6:00 PM
Wed, Aug 22, 2018	Unpack Your Backpack at LCS	LCS Gym/Classrooms	4-6 PM
Wed, Aug 22, 2018	Lourdes Little Lancer House ("LLL House") Opens for the 2018-2019 School Year	LLL House	7:00-5:30 PM
Wed, Aug 22, 2018	Faith Sharing	Faith Formation Room	6-7 PM
Thu, Aug 23, 2018	First Day of School for K-8th Grade Students	LCS	Drop off 8:00-8:20 AM; First bell 8:20 AM; Second bell 8:30 AM
Thu, Aug 23, 2018	Welcome Back Coffee for Parents (and younger siblings)	Parish Gathering Space	8:30-10 AM
Fri, Aug 24, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-1 PM; . 15 Decade Rosary at 1 PM
Sat, Aug 25, 2018	Scripture Study Saturdays	Rectory Conference Room	9-10 AM
Sun, Aug 26, 2018	OLOL New Church Office Open House	1414 Mississippi Blvd. - Church Office Entrance	9:15-12:15 PM
Sun, Aug 26, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Sun, Aug 26, 2018	First practice for middle school Girls Basketball. Additional practice and game schedules to be released by LCS Athletic Director, Alec Clark, in Aug./Sept..	LCS Gym	1-2:30 PM
Sun, Aug 26, 2018	Welcome Back Wine & Cheese Social for Preschool/PreK/Kindergarten Parents (childcare provided by LCS middle school students and staff volunteers)	LCS Gym / Babysitting Check-in Library	6-8 PM
Tue, Aug 28, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass - LCS 100 Year Kick-Off - 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Aug 28, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-9 PM
Wed, Aug 29, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Thu, Aug 30, 2018	PreK Students First Day of School (AM & PM)	LCS	8:30 (AM) / 12:20 (PM)

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Sun, Sep 2, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Mon, Sep 3, 2018	NO SCHOOL/LLL House Closed - Labor Day	LCS/LLL	CLOSED
Tue, Sep 4, 2018	2-Day Preschool Students First Day of School	LCS	8:30 AM
Tue, Sep 4, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass - 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Sep 4, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-9 PM
Tue, Sep 4, 2018	Faith Friends	Faith Formation Room	6:30 PM
Wed, Sep 5, 2018	3-Day Preschool Students First Day of School	LCS	8:30 AM
Wed, Sep 5, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Wed, Sep 5, 2018	Faith Sharing	Faith Formation Room	6-7 PM
Wed, Sep 5, 2018	Stewardship Meeting	Rectory Conf. Room	6:00 PM
Wed, Sep 5, 2018	RE Welcome & Open House	OLOL	6:15 PM
Thu, Sep 6, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (childcare provided)	Gathering Space	9:45 AM
Fri, Sep 7, 2018	NUT Day ("No Uniform Today")	LCS	All Day
Fri, Sep 7, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-1 PM; 15 Decade Rosary 1 PM
Sat, Sep 8, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (no childcare)	Rectory Conf. Room	9-10 AM
Sun, Sep 9, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (no childcare)	Faith Formation Room	9:45 AM
Sun, Sep 9, 2018	Our Lady of Lourdes Endowment & SJV Men's Fellowship Golf Outing (contact Larry Whitty for details - 563-650-4691)	Fyre Lake Golf Club	11:00 AM
Sun, Sep 9, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Mon, Sep 10, 2018	Home & School Meeting	LCS Library	6:00 PM
Tue, Sep 11, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass - 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Sep 11, 2018	Curriculum Night/Open House - Parents of LCS Students	LCS	6-7 PM
Tue, Sep 11, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-9 PM
Wed, Sep 12, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Wed, Sep 12, 2018	Faith Sharing	Faith Formation Room	6-7 PM
Thu, Sep 13, 2018	LCS Hosts Middle School Girls Basketball	LCS Gym	TBA
Thu, Sep 13, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (childcare provided)	Gathering Space	9:45 AM
Fri, Sep 14, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-1 PM; 15 Decade Rosary 1 PM



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Sat, Sep 15, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (no childcare)	Rectory Conf. Room	9-10 AM
Sun, Sep 16, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (no childcare)	Faith Formation Room	9:45 AM
Sun, Sep 16, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Tue, Sep 18, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass - 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Sep 18, 2018	Board of Education Meeting	LCS Library	6:00 PM
Tue, Sep 18, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-9 PM
Wed, Sep 19, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Wed, Sep 19, 2018	Faith Sharing	Faith Formation Room	6-7 PM
Thu, Sep 20, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (childcare provided)	Gathering Space	9:45 AM
Fri, Sep 21, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-1 PM; 15 Decade Rosary 1 PM
Sat, Sep 22, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (no childcare)	Rectory Conf. Room	9-10 AM
Sat, Sep 22, 2018	Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival	LCS/OLOL	6-9 PM
Sun, Sep 23, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (no childcare)	Faith Formation Room	9:45 AM
Sun, Sep 23, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Mon, Sep 24, 2018	LCS Hosts Middle School Girls Basketball	LCS Gym	TBA
Tue, Sep 25, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Sep 25, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-9 PM
Wed, Sep 26, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Wed, Sep 26, 2018	Faith Sharing	Faith Formation Room	6-7 PM
Thu, Sep 27, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (childcare provided)	Gathering Space	9:45 AM
Thu, Sep 27, 2018	OLOL Alpha program begins! Program will run Thursday evenings for 10 weeks. Registration info. will be coming out soon.	LCS Gym	6-8 PM
Fri, Sep 28, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-1 PM; 15 Decade Rosary 1 PM
Sat, Sep 29, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (no childcare)	Rectory Conf. Room	9-10 AM
Sun, Sep 30, 2018	"Joy of the Gospel" Study/Discussion Group (no childcare)	Faith Formation Room	9:45 AM
Sun, Sep 30, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM

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### Looking Ahead to October...

Blessing of the Animals, Fall Pictures, Red Ribbon Week, Halloween Parties/Parade, Trunk-or-Treat, Fall Conferences (K-8th), Trivia Night. More details to come in the next newsletter!