

A Message from Lourdes Catholic School Principal, Jennifer 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", scroll down to "ENTER CODE" where you can enter OLOL's code of 2FKHK2. I recommend Brother Francis: The Days of Advent series, which you can find on the STUDY tab under "Advent/Christmas."

K-8 students at Lourdes Catholic School must follow the approved <u>dress code</u>. Often at Mass on Tuesdays, 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 <u>dress code</u>. Your assistance and support is much appreciated.

Friday, December 21st is a 2:20 pm early-release day for K-8 students. Click <u>here</u> for more important dates in December.

Musical performances are scheduled for December 11th in the gym (5th-8th grade Band/Choir Concert) and December 13th in the church (PS/PK Christmas Program at 10:00 AM, and K-4th grade Christmas Program at 6:30 PM). Please contact your child's homeroom teacher or our Band/Choir Director, Mrs. Lowe, for more information.

lowa Assessment test scores have arrived back from the scoring center, and will be sent home with 2nd through 8th grade students on Friday, December 7th.

In December, the Board of Education will meet on December 18th at 6:00 PM in the LCS library. Contact Tyler Edwards, President, or click **here** for more information about meetings.

May God Bless You, Ms. Jennifer Alongi, Principal

Prayer with the Principal:

Friday, December 7th from 8:00-8:20 AM at OLOL. Ms. Alongi will lead the rosary prior to school.

Christmas Programs:

5th -8th Grade Band/Choir Concert: Dec. 11th - LCS Gym Preschool/PreK Christmas Program: Dec. 13 - 10 AM -OLOL

K-4th Grade Christmas Program: Dec. 13 - 6:30 PM - OLOL

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

K-8 students have an early release on Friday, December 21st at 2:20 PM.
Christmas break is Saturday, December 22nd through Wednesday, January 2nd and students return on Thursday, January 3rd.
We hope you have a wonderful Christmas Season and a very Happy New Year!



A Message from Home & School President, Angie Kaney

Merry Christmas LCS! As we move from November to December, there is so much for which to be grateful. We have an amazing group of parents and teachers who care deeply for this community, and I continue to be in awe of those who give of themselves for the sake of our children and our school.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce you'll be able to purchase a \$15 DVD of the Christmas concerts this year! Many thanks to Home & School President-Elect, Lindsey Jennings who worked quickly to make this happen for us. You'll be able to enjoy the music without the hassle of capturing the moment behind a screen.

Also, don't forget to buy SCRIP for your Christmas gifts and activities. With many of us purchasing electronically now, through the ShopWithScrip.com and the MyScripWallet App (so easy!), SCRIP profits are up! Please continue to support our school through this important fundraising effort.

Lastly, a couple mentions about our church community. On December 8th, Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrating it's 115 year as a parish. Our church was built and dedicated on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, 1903, so it's an extra special time of year for our entire community too! Looking ahead to January, Catholicism 101 kicks off on January 10th - a 10 week series to learn more about our faith, traditions, and Church.. More opportunities to grow in faith come in February for CEW - Christian Experience Weekend. Women's weekend is Feb 1-3 and Men's weekend takes place Feb 15-17. Space is limited, so turn in registrations early to secure your spot for this life-changing experience.

May God bless you, your families, and our school in this Christmas Season!

Warm Regards, Angie Kaney, 2018-19 Home & School President

LCS Night at CHIPOTLE:

Tuesday, December 4th - 4:00-8:00 PM
5270 Elmore Ave., Davenport
LCS will receive **33**% of all sales!
We hope you can join us! Parents must present a paper or digital copy of the Chipotle fundraising flyer at purchase.

St. Nick's Shop Monday, Dec. 3rd - Friday, Dec. 7th!

What is St. Nick's Shop? This is a shop where students can purchase small Christmas gifts for family/friends/pets. All gifts are \$2 (cash or check accepted made out to Lourdes Home & School). Please complete the St. Nick's form that was sent home last week and have your student(s) return to school with the completed form/money to shop. We also hope you will consider volunteering for this event! This shop takes a lot of little 'elves' to pull off!

Upcoming Home & School Meeting/Social:

Mon., December 10th - 6 PM
Barrel House - 5141 Utica Ridge Road
We will do a **White Elephant gift exchange (\$15 max)** and share a meal and social time together. All past, present members, and interested parents are welcome!

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: <u>cjhayes4@me.com</u>



December Our Lady of Lourdes Important Dates/Events

Advent Reconciliation (includes 2nd Grade First Reconciliation): December 5 - 6:30 PM - OLOL Church
Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass: December 7 - 6:30 PM - OLOL Church
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: December 18 - 3:30-7:30 PM - LCS Gym
Christmas Eve Mass: December 24 - 4 PM, 6 PM and 10 PM
Christmas Day Mass: December 25 - 9 AM
New Year's Eve Mass: 5 PM

December LCS/OLOL Calendar

A list of upcoming events/activities in December is available on the last two pages of this newsletter. This includes important dates not only for Home & School events, but also important LCS and OLOL dates/events.

We hope you find this useful!

December Athletics Calendar

Do you have a middle school student that participates in LCS athletics? Lourdes Athletic Director, Alec Clark, consistently updates the online calendar with practice and game times.

Click here to access the online Athletics calendar or print the December calendar.



Join us for.... Lourdes Pack the Gym Night - Monday, December 3rd!

Monday, December 3rd - Volleyball Games start at 5:15 PM
Help the Lourdes Student Council support a great local charity this holiday season. Toys for Tots brightens Christmas for many children in need! Join the student council and Lourdes volleyball teams for a Lourdes Pack the Gym Night.

Bring one new (\$5-\$10 minimum value) unwrapped toy* for admission to the games for your entire family. Cash donations also accepted.

*Please avoid stuffed animals, Barbies, gift cards, electronics, CDs and DVDs.

Looking Ahead to January...

LCS Spelling Bee, and many fun activities surrounding Catholic Schools Week! More details to come!



Remember to purchase SCRIP for all of your HOLIDAY needs! The SCRIP ELVES will be back out this week!

The Lourdes SCRIP committee is encouraging all families to setup an online SCRIP account this holiday season! It is an EASY way to access e-gift cards instantly at many retailers!

How to Purchase SCRIP Online:

- 1) Click here to set up your family account.
- 2) 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. (Note: You will not be able to use credit cards as the fees would take too much away from our rebates).
- 3) There are numerous ways to get your cards. Following are some examples:
 - *Order the actual cards, including local retailers, which will be filled by scrip coordinators once a week.
 - *ScripNow eGift card
 - *Reload reload your previous physical cards
 - *Reload Now reload in minutes when using your PrestoPay
- 4) Families can access both ScripNow and Reloads on ShopWithScrip's mobile website, 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, login (via shop with scrip login) and you'll be ready to shop!

As always, you can access the printable scrip forms via the following <u>link</u>. Thank you for all of your continued support with Scrip!

Thank you for supporting the LCS SCRIP program!





	Lourdes Catholic School/O	LOL - Dec	ember 2018
Mon, Dec 3, 2018	LCS Volleyball Pack the Gym Night/Toys for Tots Collection	LCS Gym	Games at 5:15, 5:55 and 7:55 PM
Mon, Dec 3, 2018 - Fri, Dec 7, 2018	St. Nick's Shop Open	LCS Library	12/3-12/6: 8:30-11:30; 2:30-4 PM; 12/7 8:30-11:30 AM only
Mon, Dec 3, 2018	Robotics - Team Johnson/Geurink	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Tue, Dec 4, 2018	Remember to purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Tue, Dec 4, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 AM / 9 AM
Tue, Dec 4, 2018	Robotics - Team Broggini	Robotics Room	3:20-5 PM
Tue, Dec 4, 2018	Fundraiser night at Chipotle (LCS receives 33% of sales - must show flyer).	5270 Elmore Ave., Davenport	4-8 PM
Tue, Dec 4, 2018	Adore (Music by Chuck & Alicia Brock)	OLOL	7:00 PM
Wed, Dec 5, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Wed, Dec 5, 2018	First Reconciliation & Parish Reconciliation Service	OLOL	6:30 PM
Thu, Dec 6, 2018	LCS Advent Penance Service (Grades 3-8)	OLOL	9:00 AM
Thu, Dec 6, 2018	Tryouts for the School Play (4th-8th grades)	LCS Gym	3:20-4:45 PM
Thu, Dec 6, 2018	Alpha at OLOL (childcare available)	LCS Gym	6-8 PM
Fri, Dec 7, 2018	Prayer with the Principal	OLOL	8-8:20 AM
Fri, Dec 7, 2018	NUT Day	LCS	8:30-3:20 PM
Fri, Dec 7, 2018	Remember to purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Fri, Dec 7, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-3 PM
Fri, Dec 7, 2018	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass	OLOL	6:30 PM
Sun, Dec 9, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Mon, Dec 10, 2018	Student Council Meeting	LCS Library	3:20-4:15 PM
Mon, Dec 10, 2018	Home & School Meeting	Barrel House (Utica Ridge location)	6:00 PM
Tue, Dec 11, 2018	Remember to purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Tue, Dec 11, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Dec 11, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-10 PM
Tue, Dec 11, 2018	Band & Choir Christmas Concert (5th-8th Grade)	LCS Gym	6:30 PM
Wed, Dec 12, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Thu, Dec 13, 2018	Preschool & PreK Christmas Program	OLOL	10:00 AM
Thu, Dec 13, 2018	AHS Winter Pep Rally at LCS	LCS Gym	2:45-3:15 PM
Thu, Dec 13, 2018	Kindergarten - 4th Grade Christmas Program	OLOL	6:30 PM
Thu, Dec 13, 2018	Alpha at OLOL (childcare available)	LCS Gym	6-8 PM
Fri, Dec 14, 2018	Remember to purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM



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Tue, Dec 18, 2018	Parents in Prayer - 8:30 AM / All School Mass 9 AM	OLOL	8:30 / 9 AM
Tue, Dec 18, 2018	Knights of Columbus Blood Drive	LCS Gym	3:30-7:30 PM
Tue, Dec 18, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	5-10 PM
Tue, Dec 18, 2018	Board of Education Meeting	LCS Library	6:00 PM
Wed, Dec 19, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal	LCS	2:30 PM
Fri, Dec 21, 2018	Remember to Purchase SCRIP!	LCS	8:30-9:30 AM
Fri, Dec 21, 2018	K-8th Early Dismissal / Christmas Break Begins	LCS	2:20 PM
Fri, Dec 21, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	7-3 PM
Sat, Dec 22 2018 - Wed, Jan 2, 2019	NO SCHOOL/LLL Closed - Happy Holidays!	LCS/LLL	8:30-3:20 PM
Sun, Dec 23, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Sun, Dec 30, 2018	Adoration	OLOL	1-4 PM
Mon, Dec 31, 2018	New Year's Eve Mass	OLOL	5:00 PM
Thu, Jan 3, 2019	LCS Classes Resume - Happy New Year!	LCS	8:30-3:20 PM
LCS Event/Activity			
OLOL Event/Activity			