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# Lourdes Catholic School H & S Newsletter

A Message from our Principal—Ms. Alongi

Greetings, Families!

Our school year is off to a GREAT start! If you follow us on Facebook, you have probably noticed a significant increase in the number of posts this year. 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. In case you missed it Lourdes Catholic School was AGAIN voted by Quad Citians to be the <u>best preschool</u> in the Quad Cities! We have so much to be proud of and to share with the community.

Are you ever curious about what our teachers do for those two hours on early –release Wednesdays? These afternoons are carefully planned throughout the year to include



professional development, spiritual growth, and special events planning. For example, the local Mississippi Bend <u>AEA</u> (Area Education Agency) is scheduled to provide professional learning for the staff on October 5th related to collaborative teacher teams and prioritizing learning standards. On October 19th, <u>Monsignor Mark Merdian</u> from the Diocese of Peoria will provide school and rectory staff with an examination of their relationship with Jesus, and how we can nurture this relationship in our children and families. We will follow this with a Holy Hour to be held in the church. So as you can see, we utilize those times on Wednesdays to make ourselves even better educators and caregivers of your children.

The Faith Formation Board ("FFB") is the entity at LCS that

functions much like a "school board." The meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Generally, the FFB meets on the second Thursday of every month. This next meeting will be October 13th at 6:30 PM in the LCS Library. Feel free to contact Mike Puthoff, President, or go to <u>this link</u> for more information about meetings.

Ms. Willits and Mr. Bribriesco will be 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 <u>this link</u>.

NUT ("No Uniform Today") will usually be the first Friday of each month. Guidelines for appropriate attire on NUT days can be found in the <u>handbook</u> on pages 15 and 16. October 7th 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 <u>SCRIP</u> (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



## A Note from Father Jason - The newest member of the LCS/OLOL Family - Arabella

The very first time my family got a dog I was 7 years old and in the second grade. I was so happy and surprised when my parents brought home our first dog. Her name was Champagne and she was a mix of beagle, wiener dog, and coon hound. She was off white with lots of red speckles on her... maybe that is

how she go her name! We went on many adventures together and she lived a very long life for a dog... I had her from second grade until I was a sophomore in College.

I have grown up with dogs all of my life, except when I went to college and seminary to become a priest. We had labs and various mixes of dogs as I grew up. We also had cats, rabbits, and the most exotic pet I ever had was a lizard named Spock.

This summer I decided to get a new puppy, her name is Arabella or Bella for short. She is an Old English Sheepdog and will be very hairy and weigh about 60 pounds. She is only 15 weeks old, but she is growing fast! Her kind of dog is a herding dog which means she likes to keep everyone together. She loves to play and chew on things as she grows new teeth.

She has been frequenting the church office and sometimes escapes into the church. She is still a puppy so there is much training to be done. She is very friendly and hopefully you will see us visiting at school and around the church in the days to come!



#### Home & School President's Corner — Nicki Johnson

Welcome back! After about a month of school, I hope everyone is enjoying the year and back into the swing of things. We have had several events over the last few weeks including a New Family Night, Welcome Back Teacher Luncheon, Welcome Back Coffee, Unpack the Backpack, Kindergarten Breakfast and Popsicles in the Park. Thank you to all those who volunteered and participated in these events.

#### A few additional reminders:

**VOLUNTEERING AT LCS** – If you are interested in volunteering at LCS and did not have an opportunity to sign-up at Unpack Your Backpack, please contact Home & School Volunteer Chair Linda Mosher (<u>dolphinlinda@hotmail.com</u>). There are many volunteer opportunities available and a few service chair positions including Athletic Boosters and SCRIP – whether you have a lot of time or a little – there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer and we appreciate all of your help!

**LOURDES STARRY NIGHT FUNDRAISER** – Planning is underway for our largest fundraiser of the year, Lourdes Starry Night. Please save the date – **MARCH 4, 2017**! Please contact Fundraiser Chair, Chrissy Hayes, if you are interested in helping with the fundraiser, donating item(s) for the live/silent auction or becoming a Sponsor. More information will be available in upcoming months.

**SCRIP** – Please consider purchasing Scrip every week/month to support LCS for places you typically frequent. Scrip funds the Home and School budget and our goal this year is to sell \$500,000. A wide variety of gift cards are available for purchase and businesses then offer a certain percentage back to the school. Please visit the following link for complete details: <u>http://www.lourdescatholic.org/Page/Scrip.aspx?nt=21</u>.

Please remember to return your Scrip form every Tuesday and Friday! Warmest Regards, Nicki Johnson (563)424-0858 johnson.nicholette@gmail.com

#### A message from our Faith Formation Board President—Mike Puthoff

#### Faith Formation Board Updates on the Strategic Initiatives

Since this summer, we have been working on the strategic initiatives that were created to help strengthen and grow our school. This has been a community wide effort involving many. Some of the initiatives already completed include the following.

- Holding a family orientation/curriculum night where policies, finances, and community activities were highlighted.
- Improved communication and activity between families at Our Lady of Lourdes, St. John Vianney, and Lourdes Catholic School demonstrated through participation at the Fall Festival, collaboration with the new Faith Formation Director and a St. John Vianney parishioner on the Faith Formation Board.
- Improved communication between the Faith Formation Board, Pastoral Council, and other parish wide communities.
- Promotion of all the great things happening in the school each week through social media.

We are continuing to work on more outreach to the community through a marketing plan, further increase parish and school activities through activities such as breakfasts after masses, developing a plan to increase family involvement in the school, and development of a long term capital development plan for the whole parish.

You can find all the strategic initiatives on the Faith Formation Board section of the website. On **Tuesday October 25 at 6:30 PM** in the Library we will hold a follow up session led by Dan Ebener. Dr. Ebener will help us review the progress we have made and guide us as we continue our work. All members of the community are invited to attend.

More information about the Faith Formation Board can be found on the school website under *Organizations* and then the *Faith Formation Board* section. We hope you have a wonderful school year!

Mike Puthoff 2016-2017 Faith Formation Board President 563-505-2731 puthoffmichaell@gmail.com



Thank you to the OLOL Knights of Columbus for painting the US map in the parking lot. We appreciate your continued support of LCS and our students.



Congratulations to the Lourdes Alumni inducted into the Assumption National Honor Society!

#### Lourdes Catholic School



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sep 28 - Mass (lead by 4A)

Sep 29-7th/8th grade band students perform halftime @ Brady St. Sep 29 - 7th/8th grade band students to AHS-practice for halftime show at AHS

- Oct 1 5pm Mass in the Park @ Veterans Memorial
- Oct 3 –7 Scholastic Book Fair

Oct 5 - Mass (lead by 4B)

Oct 5 - Early Dismissal K-8th Grades

Oct 6 - 7th Gr. to AHS Technology Day

Oct 7 - NUT Day

Oct 7 - 6:15 LCS Trivia Night in the gym

#### Scholastic Reading Counts

Scholastic Reading Counts supports student learning by assessing their reading level, recommending reading lists at their level and evaluating their progress through a computerized comprehension quiz each time they complete a book.

See Full Calendar

Reading Counts provides quizzes for over 64,000 books in an effort to support reading growth. By choosing books at the correct

reading level, students continue to see improvement with each quiz they pass. It is an excellent way to encourage reading and monitor student growth.

http://src.scholastic.com/ecatalog/ is a searchable database that provides information about the books that have a quiz. It is a great tool for students, teachers

& parents in helping select reading material at the appropriate reading and interest level. Students can use this database to check and see if any of the books they are reading at home have a reading counts quiz.

Not all teachers use Reading Counts as a mandatory part of their curriculum, but all students have an account and are welcome to take a quiz on any book they read. They can do this during free reading time or during library. Reading Counts Quizzes can only be taken at school due to accountability purposes. The catalog can be searched by title, author, subject, series and numerous variables from reading level to interest level. If we own a title the catalog provides a description, the subject/genre, reading level, interest level, page length, reading counts quiz level & points if applicable and if it is currently available for check out.



- Oct 10 3:20pm LCS Play Sign-Up Grades 4-8th, PAC
- Oct 10 Student Council Meeting, Library
- Oct 11 Lifetouch Fall Pictures
- Oct 12 Mass (lead by 3rd grade)
- Oct 13 6:30 FFB meeting LCS Library
- Oct 19 Mass (lead by 2nd grade)
- Oct 19 Early Dismissal K-8th Grades
- Oct 28 6-8pm Trunk or Treat
- Nov 1 All Saint's Day Mass (no Mass on Wed.)
- Nov 1 3rd grade wax museum in the classroom

#### **Battle of the Books**

The goal of "Battle of the Books" is to promote reading at the middle school level. The book list is made up of a collection of 24 titles, which are



preselected each year by our teachers. The books are a variety of genres, reading levels and sizes so that students are exposed to diverse literature.

Teams consist of 3 or 4 students. Each team is responsible for reading all 24 books. It is part of the curriculum for students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades but 5<sup>th</sup> graders are chosen if they are gifted readers, want an extra challenge, and enjoy reading outside their normal classroom assignments. It is optional for 8<sup>th</sup> graders although they are encouraged to participate. At the end of the school year student groups compete against one another in a quiz bowl, answering questions about the Battle Books. The final 3 teams are awarded monetary prizes as well as a sense of pride in team effort, cooperation and commitment.



## <u>Scouts</u>

LCS Second grade Troop 4309 bridged to Brownies! They celebrated with a wonderful family cook out. Former Daisies, Madison Edwards, Giada Favetti, Kaylee Franks, Emily Giovannini, Amy Miller, Elizabeth Moldt, and Grace Roach all



crossed the bridge to become Brownies. They are looking forward to fun year filled with service to their community and learning new things about the world around them.

Lourdes Brownie Troop 8469 kicked off a new service project this week. If you haven't heard of The Crayon Initiative, check out the link below it's the perfect project for school-age kids. It's kids helping kids, and who doesn't have broken, unused crayons laying around?! You will see collection boxes at the school office and various restaurants around town, so feel





free to send your used crayons to school! Way to go girls! <u>http://thecrayoninitiative.org/</u>

Keep a look out for your favorite GS - they will be selling yummy chocolates beginning in October!





Cub Scout Pack 199 has had a great start to the school-year! We attended an Assumption game together, held a

bike safety kick-off meeting, led by Scott County Detective Bawden, and have begun our annual popcorn sale! Our biggest news of the year is that we are part of a pilot program that welcomes boys into Scouting in Kindergarten! This new program is called Lions - we are so excited for our Pack to grow, with these new Scouts!







# SCRIP Q & A:

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. Email Ms. Alongi if you're interested in helping out!

Q: How do I purchase SCRIP?

A: The order form can be printed off of our school <u>website</u>, 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 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 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

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

<u>SCRIP order form (in stock)</u> SCRIP order form (need to order)

# \$18,083 in SCRIP sold!

#### **SHOP LOCAL!**

K & K Hardware: Located in downtown Bettendorf at 1818 Grant Street, K & K Hardware will give 5% of your total purchase to Lourdes Catholic School if you mention it to the cashier upon check out. Sales items, net items and tax are not included.



Welcome New Families and Existing Families,

As we proceed into the second month of school I hope you all had a relaxing and memorable summer. My name is Amanda Strom and I have worked for Lourdes for 4 year as an Accounts Receivable Clerk. Summer is a busy time for You can check your <u>lunch</u> <u>account</u> balance online, throughout the year.

me juggling data entry, clearing up accounts, updating software for the new school year and church year; the list goes on. I have also taken on the financial analysis for the lunch program and working together with David Weaver the Kitchen Manager.

The lunch program for the 2016-2017 as you know is in full swing and our prices are \$3.15 for student lunches, \$0.45 for milk only and \$1.50 for an extra entrée which is open to all ages K-8. As a courtesy, we will be billing notices every other week with \$10.00 worth of funds remaining on account as a reminder that funds are getting low. Unfortunately, we do not have an online payment option for making lunch payments but we accept cash, check, and credit card. Cash and check payments can be sent in your child's backpack, take home folder or may be dropped in the money box across from the school office front window. Please notate on your checks memo line that it is for the lunch program and provide the child's name. Same holds true for cash payments so we can accurately apply your payment to the correct account. Feel free to stop in the school office to replenish your lunch account using a Mastercard or Visa credit card. Please contact me if you have questions or concern at 563-359-0345 ext. 230 or email me at <u>billinglcs@gmail.com</u>. We appreciate your support in keeping the lunch program successful! Let's make it another extraordinary year at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Blessings,

Amanda Strom ~ Accounts Receivable

# Growing the Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Beginning September 2<sup>rd</sup>, teachers can catch students doing good acts based on the Fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

During the school year, we will focus on a different "fruit" each month. When a student is seen displaying that spiritual quality, they can receive a nomination. All names of students nominated are typically read after mass on the last Wednesday of the month. Each student also receives a small prize and his or her name will be entered into a drawing for a larger prize.

As we go through the school year, we encourage our families to talk about and practice these fruits at home as well. We look forward to catching your student "doing good"!

<u>September</u>: Love- Caring for others unselfishly. "Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

<u>October</u>: **Joy**- A happy, delightful state that results from knowing and serving God. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10

<u>November</u>: **Peace**- a sense of well-being and fulfillment that comes from trusting in God. "Let the peace of the Lord rule your heart." Colossians 3:15

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

January: Kindness- Being considerate, forgiving and warmhearted towards others. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

February: Goodness- as Christians we are called to do what is good, valuable, virtuous and of moral excellence



for the goodness of humankind. "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6

<u>March</u>: Faithfulness- being full of faith, remaining true, loyal and dedicated. "God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:9

<u>April</u>: **Gentleness**- being considerate, kind and humble both in attitude and in actions towards everyone. "Let your gentleness be evident to all." Philippians 4:5

# PreK Faith Fridays

It's not too late - there are still 4 spots open for current PreK students!

We need your help! We are two weeks away from opening our Faith Friday program and we want to <u>FILL the classroom with God!</u> Looking for new or gently used faith-based toys and books. Donations can be dropped off in the school office, or sent with your student - please include a note that they are for "Faith Fridays". Thank you!



**Called to Serve Others** - Did you know that each grade takes ownership of a specific service project that they work on as a group? Backpacks w/ Snacks, yard work for the elderly, May Day baskets, Ronald McDonald House, volunteering in younger classrooms, just to name a few. Part of our Catholic identity is looking to serve others first - we have so much to be proud of at Lourdes!

#### 11TH ANNUAL OLOL MASS IN THE PARK Saturday, October 1, 5 pm

Join us at Veteran's Memorial Park Bandshell, Bettendorf. There will be a cookout following Mass.

5 pm Mass will be held at the park and not in the church that evening. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we can all worship in the beautiful outdoors! Worship in the Park!

Dinner follows Mass. All proceeds from the meal benefit the Women's Choice Center. Good will donations accepted.





"I love the awesome intramurals Mr. Clark started." -5th grader



"The teachers are so nice and Lourdes is like a second family. They're always willing to help."

<mark>∼lsab</mark>ella, 4th grade





"I love how easy it is to make new friends." -5th grader



"I love Lourdes because they have many extracurricular activities such as drama, band, choir, sports, etc..." -Sophia, 7th grade



"I love learning about religion." -Shannon, Kindergarten

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