

Why Lourdes?

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Lourdes Catholic School...Excellence Rooted in Faith

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

SPOTLIGHT: A Strong Community

"LCS parents often tell me that Lourdes feels like a family. The strength of our community is certainly one of the most attractive aspects of Lourdes Catholic School. We share in each others' joys, and hold each other up through the bumps. I feel blessed to be a part of this strong community." - Ms. Jennifer Alongi, Principal

Just a few examples of our strong community at Lourdes...

Prayer buddies – Students are paired up for prayer activities and a friend to sit with at school Mass.

Backpacks with Snacks – Monthly, students donate snack items to fill 40+ backpacks for local students in need.

Pen Pals with Homebound – 4th grade students write letters to the homebound and elderly in the community.



Upcoming Community Events

January 22 – Early Childhood Social (6-7pm) for Preschool & Pre-K families; pizza & beverages provided

January 30 – Lunch at Lourdes (12-1pm) – for Preschool and Pre-K students and parents. Experience hot lunch & tour school.

> March 3 – Lourdes Starry Night An evening to celebrate the bright stars in our lives! (At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion)

Student Sentiments

"I like Lourdes because I love my teachers and I love the people who come to Lourdes Catholic School." - Casey, 1st grade

"I love the community in it. You always feel welcomed and loved. And the lunches are great!" – Clare, 7th grade

"I love all the good friends you make coming to Lourdes. They are smart, kind, and helpful. They are awesome." - Lauren, 6th Grade

"I like Lourdes because the teachers and the kids who come to school here are nice." - Kael G., 1st grade



Middle School Students make Sandwiches for St. Anthony Service Project.

"Lourdes has become such a great family community for our family. We have proud parent moments all year long even when the students are not even our children. Such a great culture for faith and learning."

Parent's Perspective

"I think the LCS community genuinely cares. Our kids obviously learn from their teachers, but they also learn from all the various people they encounter every day. When those various touch points are overwhelming positive, good outcomes result."

"The Faith-based education attracted us to Lourdes, but that's only one of the reasons we love it there. The strong community of families, the awesome teachers, and the caring administrators are a really significant part of the great experience we've had at the school."

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: February 8, 2018: February 28, 2018: March 6, 2018: March 30, 2018: Pre-registration for current families begins Pre-registration for new families begins Pre-registration due Online Registration Begins Online Registration & Fee Payment Due



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.

Kindergarten Round Up:

When:	February 8 Two Sessions. 10:30-11:30am <u>OR</u> 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.



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