



LOURDES Home & School Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM LOURDES

Greetings, Families!

Do you have concerns about what your child is viewing on TV and other media? Consider checking out [formed.org](http://www.lourdescatholic-formed.org). New users can go to <http://www.lourdescatholic-formed.org> (existing users already have a log in) to get started. Formed.org is basically "Catholic faith on demand" and has programs for all ages. One of my favorite places for children is located under the MOVIES tab at the top, and then down to KIDS.

K-8 students at Lourdes Catholic School must follow the approved dress code.

Note that the last day students may wear shorts is November 15th. Pants are required for boys (always an option for girls) November 16 until April 1, when shorts are allowed again. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Please consider purchasing SCRIP to have on hand as gifts or just every-day shopping needs. SCRIP is on sale every week at school, and many are kept in stock so you don't need to wait. Download our in-stock order form to see what is available. Through the profits our school earns with SCRIP, many field trips and educational technologies are made a reality.

The Board of Education will meet via Zoom on November 16th at 6:00 PM. Contact Tom Melchert, President, for more information and/or the Zoom link.

There will be no school for K-8 students November 25-27 due to Thanksgiving break; Preschool and PreK, however, will not have school November 23-27 due to Parent-Teacher Conferences as well as the Thanksgiving break.

May God Bless You,

Jennifer Alongi

Jennifer Alongi
Lourdes Catholic School Principal

BOARD OF EDUCATION

We had a successful October Board of Education meeting! The three most important updates are:

1. Sandra Adamson was approved as a new board member.
2. Tony Lemek was approved as our new "Buildings and Grounds Liaison" between the Board of Ed and the grounds personnel for the church and school. Tony's role will be to communicate to the board the projects and needs of the building and grounds staff. This is not a supervisory role.

3. Determined that the "Policies and Procedures" committee will have multiple policies to review to update and coordinate with diocese. This is a project that could take a few months.

We continue to praise Ms. Alongi, the teachers and staff for their continued work in this Covid-19 challenged year.

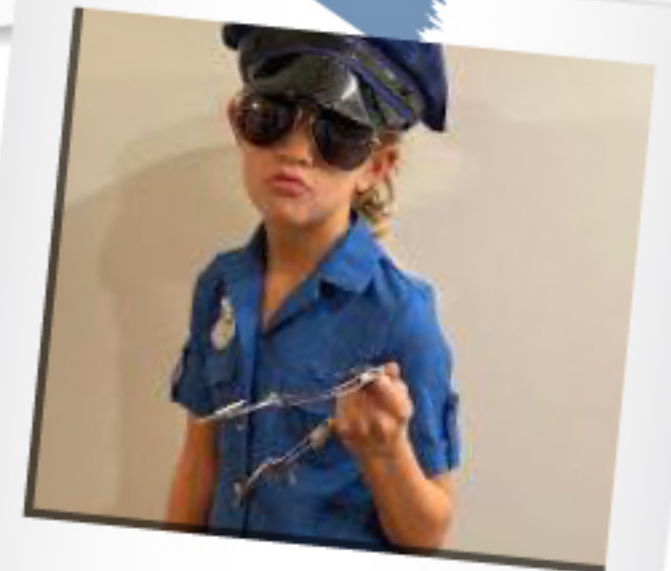


Tom Melchert
Board of Education President

UPCOMING Events

- NOV 4 K-8 Early Out
- NOV 6 K-8 NUT (No Uniform Today) Day!
- NOV 9 Fall Picture Retake Day
- NOV 11 K-8 Early Out
Happy Veteran's Day!
2nd Grade First Reconciliation Workshop
- NOV 12 LCS Virtual Mock Trial
Home & School Zoom Meeting
- NOV 16 Student Council Meeting
- NOV 17 Board of Education Zoom Meeting
- NOV 18 K-8 Early Out
First Reconciliation Workshop
- NOV 25 NO SCHOOL
Happy Thanksgiving!!
- NOV 26 NO SCHOOL
- NOV 27 NO SCHOOL

HAPPY
Thanksgiving





HOME & SCHOOL

Hello Lourdes Community!

WOW! November - the month of gratitude is here! I know this year has really challenged my thankfulness but when I pause to consider our lives at Lourdes, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude.

I'm so thankful for our teachers, staff and administrators who are doing this tremendous job of teaching our children, full-time in school, during a pandemic, while continuing to educate our families who are at home too. I'm grateful for so many of our parents who work to make our children's time at school fun and special.

What creative solutions we had to celebrate Halloween with virtual costume contests, Halloween bingo, guessing the number of candy corn and an amazing Halloween driving tour - an innovative and Covid-friendly way to raise funds for the 7th and 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. Lastly, I'm thankful for our faith-based community. I love that we can still go to mass with our students and that we can pray for each other, in person or virtually.

I feel blessed to have my children at this school and to be a part of this community. Even with a pandemic, we can still find plenty to be thankful for. Enjoy your Thanksgiving and many blessings!

Megan Stopulos
Home & School President



AUTUMN PRAYER

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

A LIST OF THINGS STUDENTS ARE

THANKFUL FOR...



To celebrate Thanksgiving, we asked students from each grade to submit something they are grateful for.

"Mommy and Daddy." *3-Year-Old Preschool (3-Day)*

"Cookies! All the cookies!" *3-Year Old Preschool (2-Day)*

"Dinosaurs and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches!" *4-Year-Old PreK*

"The garbage truck man and gummy bears and my brothers and sisters." *4-Year-Old PreK*

"My new shoes. I'm really fast in them!" *4-Year-Old PreK*

"Netflix!" *Kindergarten*

"All the animals in the world." *Kindergarten*

"Toilet paper." *1st Grade*

"Coming to school to learn and see my friends!" *1st Grade / 2nd Grade*

"That I get to experience reconciliation this year." *2nd Grade*

"The Internet and electricity!" *3rd Grade*

"Fortnite." *4th Grade*

"Hugs from my Grandma." *4th Grade*

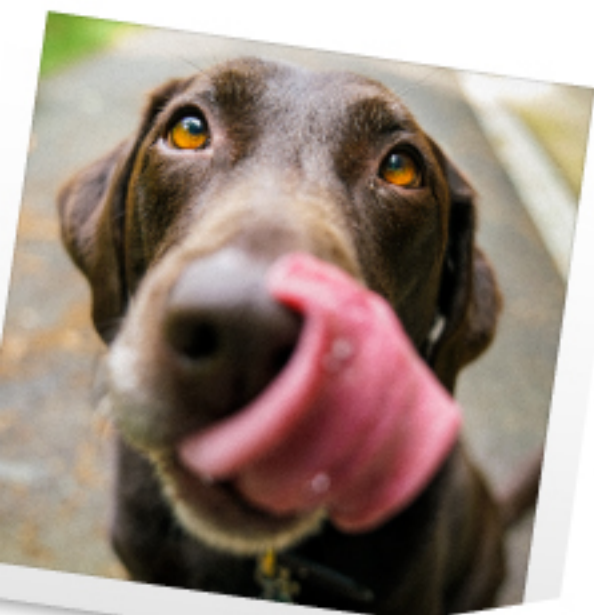
"A warm bed and a safe home to live in." *5th Grade*

"My mom's cooking!" *6th Grade*

"Social media so I can stay in touch with my family." *7th Grade*

"A quality education and wonderful teachers." *8th Grade*

"Masks to protect us - and others - from COVID." *8th Grade*



MASKS

We have additional Lourdes face masks (S, M, or L) available for purchase in the school office for \$10.00.

If you are interested, please email Jennifer VandeVoorde or Katherine Wermes.

WATER REMINDER

We want to encourage all parents to send their child to school every day with a clean, refillable water bottle, labeled with the child's name.

The school has been handing out great numbers of plastic water bottles, and while we will not deny any child who requests a bottle of water, it certainly will be better for the environment (and our budget) if we slow down the consumption of these plastic water bottles.

REMINDERS & UPDATES

TO DO: SIGN UP FOR SCRIP

Scrip is a major fundraiser for Lourdes Catholic School. You earn money for our school without spending a single additional penny. You can purchase Scrip cards from Hy-Vee, Target, Walmart, Starbucks, and many other local & national merchants.

You can use eGift cards and physical gift cards to earn on gas, groceries, eating out, clothes—the list goes on. It's easy, it's rewarding, and it fits right into your busy schedule.

Merchants that you shop at every day offer a rebate back to Lourdes. For example: You purchase a \$100 gift card for Hy-Vee for your weekly groceries. You purchase the gift card for exactly \$100. Hy-Vee pays back to Lourdes a rebate of 3%. Rebate amounts vary by merchant.

Learn more and sign up here: https://lourdescatholic.org/school/get-involved/_scrip/

HAUNTED HOUSE VOTING

Thank you to all who decorated their yard for our Haunted House Drive By contest!

DON'T FORGET:

Students may vote all week with cash (coins or bills) or check (made out to Lourdes Catholic School), any amount, at school. The winner will be announced on Friday (11/6).

Please be generous - all proceeds benefit the June 2021 Washington DC Trip.

We thank you, and our 7th and 8th grade students thank you!

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

"Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." ~ Wisdom 6:12

