

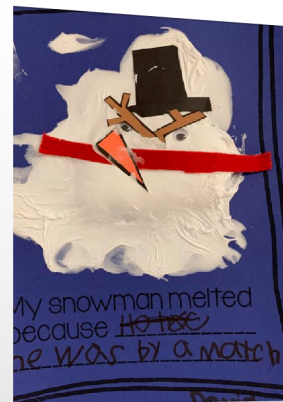
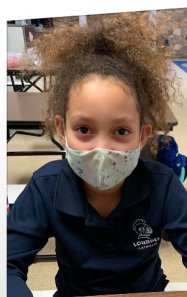


LOURDES

Home & School

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2021



MESSAGE FROM LOURDES

Greetings, Families!

February begins with Catholic Schools Week! Most Catholic school kids will tell you that this is their favorite time of the year! As a product of K-12 Catholic education myself, I can tell you that I have many, many fun and fond memories of all of the Catholic Schools Weeks through the years. I'm glad all of you have chosen Catholic education for your children, especially Catholic education at Lourdes. My hope is that your children also remember their years at Lourdes with fondness and affection.

To keep our school strong, we are always looking to bring more families into our community. Do you know a family who would be a great fit for Lourdes? Please talk us up, and have them reach out to me via phone or **email** for more information and a personal tour.

Don't forget that the Board of Education meets on the third Tuesday of each month (via Zoom until further notice) at 6:00 PM. **Contact Tom Melchert**, President, or go to **this link** for more information about meetings. Our next meeting is at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 16th .

Lourdes Starry Night will be virtual again this year, due to the pandemic. Watch for more information coming home very soon about this. This event helps fund items such as technology (ipads, laptops), athletics (uniforms, equipment), curriculum, student activities (field trips), and "facelift" for our school (playground upgrades, etc.)

May God Bless You,

Jennifer Alongi

Jennifer Alongi
Lourdes Catholic School Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK *Prayer*

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start Catholic Schools Week may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.

Amen.



UPCOMING *Events*

FEB 1-6 Catholic Schools Week

FEB 3 K-8 Early Out

FEB 5 K-8 NUT (No Uniform Today) Day!

FEB 8 Home & School Meeting

FEB 9 3-Year-Old Preschool / 4-Year-Old PreK Roundups:

Virtual 4:45PM ([Sign-up here!](#))

In Person 5:45PM ([Sign-up here!](#))

In Person 6:30PM ([Sign-up here!](#))

FEB 10 K-8 Early Out

3-Year-Old Preschool / 4-Year-Old PreK Roundups:

In Person 5:45PM ([Sign-up here!](#))

In Person 6:30PM ([Sign-up here!](#))

FEB 11 Kindergarten Round Up 5:45PM (in-person) [Sign-up here!](#)

Kindergarten Round Up 6:30PM (in-person) [Sign-up here!](#)

Happy Valentine's Day!

FEB 14 NO SCHOOL (President's Day)

FEB 15 Kindergarten Round Up 4:45PM (virtual) [Sign-up here!](#)

FEB 16 Board of Education Zoom Meeting

FEB 17 K-8 Early Out

FEB 24 K-8 Early Out



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



A MESSAGE FROM A LOURDES

REMOTE LEARNER

Hello it's Garret from homeschool. I was assigned to talk about stuff at homeschool that I like so here it is.

One thing I like about home school is that you can work at your pace as long as you get it done by the end of the day. At first quizzes were a little confuzzling but as time went by I got used to it. The quizzes were confuzzling because it was a lot different from a test on paper because it is on a screen and you can't do anything if something messes up. I really only have 2 examples of this.

The first one was on a math test where it was a choose all that apply but it only allowed you to pick 1 answer and it was impossible to get full credit. The second one was when on a social studies test the last question [which is the biggest one] wouldn't save, so I had to redo it twice before I just took a screen shot and emailed it to the teacher.

Another thing I like about homeschool is that when either Will or I gets stuck on something we just text each other to help out. Will is the only other full online kid in my class of 7th grade.

Garret Myers
7th Grade Student



HOME & SCHOOL

"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving."

- Blessed Mother Teresa



Happy February - the month of love! If you are looking for a way to share your love, please get involved in this year's Starry Night, our annual fundraiser which raises much needed funds for our school and our church. This year's event will be virtual but there are still many needs. We are looking for help with sponsorship, auction items, class projects organization and assembling of baskets. Please reach out to our committee or myself and I will help get you in touch!

February also marks the start of lent - a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. It's a time where we can focus our families on the love of Jesus. There are also three virtual CEW talks that you may want to check out at www.LourdesCatholic.org.

Enjoy the month and focus on the ways you can put love in all you do!

Megan Stopulos

Megan Stopulos
Home & School President

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

2021

JOIN THE CELEBRATION AT
LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL!



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Wear uniforms to masses this weekend! If you watch mass at home, wear your uniforms at home to show your school pride!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

School Supply Drive - donate new school supplies to our community - lasts all week. Supplies are due by Friday, February 5th.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Today is all about our students! To celebrate, we invite students to wear spirit wear tops with uniform bottoms.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Today students can bring in a picture or souvenir of a trip from around the nation and share with their classmates. (Students 1st-8th grades will be livestreaming mass with Father Jason!)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Priests will be visiting each classroom throughout the week. They will stop in classrooms for a 15-minute visit to talk about how they became a priest.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Classes will write non-classroom staff Thank You notes for their hard work in our building. (School supplies due today!)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Wear spirit wear to mass!
Show your Lourdes spirit at mass or at home!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Prayer INTENTIONS

AT HOME ACTIVITY

Write a prayer (a situation or person to pray for) on each day of Catholic Schools Week. Offer prayers for this person in the morning, evening, or throughout the day!

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STARRY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

WHAT IS STARRY NIGHT?

Lourdes Catholic School hosts one annual fundraiser each year to benefit the school in a variety of ways to continue its excellence in Faith and Academics.

Normally we would get together for an evening full of food, fun, and fellowship; however, safety is our top priority!

This year we encourage all parents to participate in the virtual auction. Look for more details to come about auction items for sale. Feel free to share the website link with friends and family.

HOW TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS:

- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR.** The virtual auction during the week of March 22nd-27th to bid on items. Winners can pick up items on 3/27/21 at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion.
- **DONATE.** Donate items for the Silent Auction or Student Raffle Baskets. Do you have any unopened Christmas presents, know a local business who would be interested in donating, or even want to put together a specifically themed basket? We could certainly use your help!!
- **DROP OFF ITEMS.** Drop off items at the school office or contact LcsStarryNight@gmail.com to arrange for a pick-up. Please include the value of items and name of who donated the items for the auction catalog.
- **DONATE WINE / BEER PULL.** All wine (\$13 value or higher) & craft beer (six pack) donation will be accepted at drop off the week of March 1st.
- **VOLUNTEER.** Volunteer on a planning committee.
- **SPONSOR THE EVENT.** Contact LcsStarryNight@gmail.com for more info.

CONTACT

The Starry Night Committee at
LcsStarryNight@gmail.com for more information.



PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Pre-registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins this week for NEW families. Do you know a family who would be a great fit for Lourdes? Please have them reach out to Ms. Alongi for a tour!

You might be wondering why we ask for your commitment so early. The primary reason is so that we can offer all of our wonderful teachers contracts for next year. If we don't have enough students pre-registered by the end of March, then a teacher will get a letter stating that he or she might not get a contract for the next school year. If not enough families commit to Lourdes for next year, we might have to cut one or more homeroom teachers, or at least postpone offering him or her a contract until we have enough students to justify the need. Without a contract, a Lourdes teacher may feel anxious and begin searching for a teaching job somewhere else. We are then at risk losing a really great teacher to another school.

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/>



MASKS

We now anticipate that masking will be needed through the end of the school year. If you haven't already, please talk to your child about the importance of wearing his/her mask, and wearing it correctly.

YEARBOOK

Do you want to purchase a Lourdes yearbook? The cost is \$15 per year books. You can purchase one online at **this link**; a search bar will pop up to enter student info.

