

November 28 – December 4, 2022

Dear Parents,

One last reminder regarding the transportation reimbursements for K-8 students.

Please read the letter further down in this document regarding **TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT**. Although you should have received an email and hard copies, we want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to apply for these funds.

As you may be aware, **Mrs. Rachel Brown** submitted her resignation effective at the end of this month. Mrs. Brown has been teaching mostly middle school science. We all know, Mrs. Brown is a FABULOUS teacher and stepped in at short notice to start the year. We all wish her well as she moves to other ventures.

Due to this resignation, we have an immediate opening for a long-term substitute for our middle school teaching position starting in January. We know this is going to be a tough position to fill at this point of the school year. Although we have been advertising this opening in various ways, this position remains unfilled. We currently have the position covered until the end of this calendar year. We have been, and are continuing to explore the possibilities on how to fill this position. If we are unable to find a suitable substitute, we may have to look at our current staffing and determine the best way to fill this need through the end of this school year.

If you or someone you know is looking for a long-term substitute position, please contact Mr. Hughes at 563-259-3466.

Substitutes Needed

You are a valuable asset to LCS! Lourdes is in need of substitutes. Thanks to an amazing group of current substitutes, we have been blessed to cover most positions. Luckily, we don't always need a substitute to cover a position, but there are frequent times when we must work as a team for unfilled positions.

We are in need of substitute teachers especially for short-term assignments. **You do not need a teaching degree to work as a substitute teacher.** A minimum of an associate's degree or 60 college degree hours from a college/university are enough to qualify as well as completing VIRTUS. The process to become a substitute teacher

includes completion of a 15-20 hour workshop, multiple background checks, and applications with the Iowa Board of Education Examiners. Most workshops, such as the ones below, are now virtual:

- Dec. 12-15, 6:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 10-13, 6:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6-9, 6:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Mar. 7-10, 6:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

There is even a self-paced option for the workshop. Iowa's Keystone Area Education Agency has good information: [Substitute Authorization](#)

If you are interested in subbing, but do not have those qualifications, we have a need for substitute aides as well, and aide positions only require that you have graduated high school and completed our VIRTUS requirements. All aides work in a classroom setting with a teacher as well.

Please take a few minutes as a family to reflect upon this week's scripture verse for December 4, 2022:

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." ~Matthew 3:1-3

Respectfully,

Mr. Michael Hughes

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***St. Nick Shop all week in the Library**

**** Last week for Toys for Tots drive – please bring in new, unwrapped toys**

Monday, Nov. 28th

St Nick Shop

5:30-6:15 PM Robotics Parent Showcase

Tuesday, Nov. 29th

SCRIP for sale

3:30 PM Robotics – Blue

Wednesday, Nov. 30th

2:30 Early Out

6:15 PM MS Youth Night

Thursday, Dec. 1st

3:30 PM Robotics – Red

Friday, Dec. 2nd

NUT Day!

Last day of St. Nick's Shop

Looking further ahead...

December 21 – January 3rd Christmas Vacation

Hello **K-8** Parents,

If your child is a car rider, and your family lives within an Iowa school district's boundaries, you are eligible for transportation reimbursement. Students who reside within BCSD **are now** eligible for transportation reimbursement because BCSD no longer provides bussing to Lourdes students. If you live over 2 miles from Lourdes in the Bettendorf School District you are eligible through BCSD.

[Bettendorf \(BCSD\)](#), [Pleasant Valley \(PV\)](#), [Davenport \(DCSD\)](#), and [North Scott](#) forms are provided at each of the links above. You may print the form out for the school district within whose boundaries you live, and send it in to the address at the bottom of your form as soon

as you can. You can also email a copy to the appropriate school district. The contact information can be found at the bottom of each form.

December 1 is the hard deadline for the first semester, and we know from experience that the school districts do not make any exceptions.

Typically, a check for around \$400 per child will arrive over the summer, if you have filed the form twice. The second semester due date is **May 1**.

Please do not mail or send your form to Lourdes. They must be sent to the appropriate school district.

Season's greetings everyone!!

A letter from Mrs. Freemyer

I can't tell you how much I love this time of year! Good food, great music, and a sense of joy that we get from celebrating the birth of our Savior- it's my favorite!

The students have been HARD at work for their Christmas programs, and I wanted to communicate the dates to you! Our programs will look a little different than they have in years past, and I hope you enjoy them!

December 6th - The Littlest Angel Choir- A Christmas Musical! 😊

Christmas Day is almost here! The choir has been practicing, the drama team has been learning their lines, the musicians have been rehearsing - all in preparation for the big Christmas Pageant. But the littlest voices in the congregation are feeling a bit left out. They aren't quite sure where they are supposed to fit in.

Sometimes, though, no matter how well you've planned for something, life can throw you a few curves. As it turns out, the music director is stuck at an airport because of bad weather. The sets and costumes for the Christmas play are back-ordered and won't arrive in time. And to top it all off, the pastor has come down with laryngitis! What else could possibly go wrong?!

It's up to the congregation's youngest members to figure out a way to save the day. Along the way, they learn that Christmas is about one thing and one thing only - the birth of Jesus. Watch as The Littlest Angel Choir

delivers the message of Christ's birth in the most humble and innocent of ways.

*** K-5 General Music students required- 6-8th grade students are highly encouraged to participate as well this year!**

***Costumes- Christmas best for all students except Angel Choir and Nativity Scene members- Special instructions will be sent home for them.**

***Practices are occurring during their music classes- no outside time will be needed!**

**December 20th- Beginning Band, Middle School Band, and 5-8 Choir Concert
Please join our music department as they present their Christmas concert on December 20th.**

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, and I'm wishing you all the Merriest of Christmases! 🎄 Mrs. Freemyer



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