

DECEMBER 12 – DECEMBER 18, 2022

Dear Parents,

As we have been celebrating the liturgical season of Advent, a period of time beginning four Sundays before Christmas, we are reminded of the many blessings and the hope that Jesus offers us. As we are preparing to celebrate Christmas with our friends and family, it is important to reflect on God's loving abundance to us in so many forms, not simply focus on the materialistic expectations of Christmas. Advent is a time of hope and waiting for the birth of Jesus.

I have truly been making a focused attempt at seeing Jesus at work around us. This really hit home as I watched our students at the holiday performance. It also set the stage for the many times I saw His hand at work. May we all celebrate the birth of Jesus and take time to reflect on the love our Father has for us.

Lourdes School Families,

Thank you for all donations to help us celebrate our teachers and staff this advent season. While it isn't actually Christmas yet, our teachers and staff have the spirit of Christmas through their joy and giving each and every day. They add to the excitement of the season, and we wanted to share how we're celebrating with them.

Because of your donations, we are able to provide the teachers and staff with a few gifts to highlight their works.

- Coffee to the Classrooms to recognize the patience and kindness they bring to each child.**
- St. Lucy Feast Day Breakfast to honor their works of developing future saints.**
- Friday Lunch to feed and nourish them.**
- Lourdes Tumblers for all teachers and staff to celebrate December birthdays**

Thank you again to everyone that helped make this possible.

**Lourdes Home and School
Hospitality & Birthday Committees**

Special note from the SCRIP Committee!

For guaranteed delivery of gift cards before Christmas break, place your Scrip orders today!

Scrip cards take extra time to get in stock before Christmas, so be sure to place your orders by tonight to be sure they are sent home by next Tuesday.

Thanks for supporting Lourdes Catholic School!

We have an important request from the Knights of Columbus. In this time of Advent it's always good to give to others!

What better gift than the gift of life through donating blood? If you are able to give, it doesn't cost anything and it's such a blessing to anyone who ends up being a recipient, there are no words to express how life changing/ saving it can be!

We are hosting our annual Lourdes blood drive on Tuesday, December 13 from 4 to 7:30 pm in the school gym.

In the past when we have good participation from school faculty/school families, the school is eligible for a grant from the blood center. This grant is \$250 plus a dollar for every unit of donation.

Limited walk-ins will be accepted, but they really would appreciate you scheduling a time. The direct link is below:

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/114517

Please take a few minutes as a family to reflect upon this week's scripture verse for December 18, 2022:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

***“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”***

which means “God is with us.” ~Matthew 1:23

Respectfully,

Mr. Michael Hughes

December 12 – December 18, 2022

Monday, Dec. 12th

Tuesday, Dec. 13th

SCRIP for sale

2:30-7:00 PM K of C Blood Drive, Gym

6:00 PM Board of Education Meeting, Library

Wednesday, Dec. 14th

9:00 AM All School Mass

1:00-2:15 PM 3rd – 8th grade Reconciliation

2:30 PM K-8 Early Dismissal

6:15 PM MS Youth Night

Thursday, Dec. 15th

1:30 PM Preschool/PreK Christmas Program, Church

Friday, Dec. 16th

SCRIP for sale

Monday, Dec. 19th

3:25 PM Student Council Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec. 20th

6:30 PM - 6-8 Band/Chorus Concert

Looking further ahead...

December 21 – January 3rd Christmas Vacation

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE LETTER

As you are aware, Mrs. Brown resigned from her position effective at the end of November. Although we have tried to secure a replacement, our efforts to hire a full-time teacher have not been fruitful. Working with the staff, we have drafted a plan that we believe is going to be successful for our children.

The following will give you a general idea of the schedule starting when we return from Christmas vacation. **The schedule below covers the classes Mrs. Brown taught. No other classroom schedules will need to be changed.** Please be aware, if a highly qualified applicant is interviewed and recommended for hire, the plan would be to stay with the status quo.

Homeroom - This will be the same with Ms. Reynosa supervising

1st Period - This is the first change to the 6th-grade schedule. Both 6A and 6B (a combined class in 8th-grade science room) will have **math** at this time with Mrs. Ewing and Mr. Hughes team-teaching.

2nd Period - This is the second change to the 6th grade schedule. Both 6A and 6B (a combined class) will go to Mrs. Ewing's room for Religion.

3rd Period - Mrs. Ewing (and Mr. Hughes team-teaching) will also be teaching science to 6A (no change to their schedule)

4th Period - Mr. Hughes will be teaching science to 6B (as you may know, I have been a science teacher and LOVE it!! This is a change that I am super excited to be a part of!)

5th Period - Mr. Hughes will be teaching science to 7th grade

6th Period - Mr. Hintze and Mr. Hughes will be team-teaching science to the 8th grade

7th Period - No change

8th Period - No change

End of the day Home Room - Ms. Reynosa

It is our hope that this will ease some of the anxiety and fears you and your children may be experiencing. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any other questions and/or concerns!