

FEBRUARY 13 – FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe we are already in MID FEBRUARY!! This year is passing by so quickly. In just three weeks, conferences will be here followed by Spring Break. Keep an eye out over the next week or so for the Sign Up Genius link for conferences.

With the changes in our weather, please take a moment to review the Recess Policy: We send our students outside for recess in the fresh air unless it is raining, snowing, or very cold (wind chill is below 10 degrees Fahrenheit.) Caution is used between 10-15 degrees Fahrenheit temperature/wind chill. Students are expected to go outdoors unless they have a note from a doctor. Please be sure your child is appropriately dressed for winter recess including gloves, hats, boots, and scarves.

We have been very blessed to have so many interested families inquire about becoming a part of the Lourdes Catholic School! Please continue to share the amazing things happening within our LCS community. I am asking that you help celebrate by sharing posts on Facebook, re-tweeting on Twitter, and... Okay, I am too old to know any other social media platforms. 😊 Please help spread the word!

Celebrations

We celebrated Counselor Week this past week!

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our school counselor, Mrs. Johnson, for the positive impact she has had on the lives of our students. Whether it's providing academic guidance, helping students navigate social challenges, or simply being a listening ear, **our school counselor is always there for our students.**

Mrs. Johnson, THANK YOU for all that you do to make a difference in the lives of our students. We are proud to have you at Lourdes and are grateful for your commitment to our students and community.

Picture Day Dates: Monday, February 27 - Tuesday, February 28

Lourdes Catholic School Yearbook

Don't let the 🕒 run out! Order your Lourdes Catholic School yearbook by

Friday, February 17, 2023

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If a picture is worth a thousand words, this yearbook is a tale of epic proportions! Guarantee your copy by pre-ordering before Friday, February 17, 2023. [ORDER YEARBOOK](#) < - - - [LINK!!](#)

Home & School and Starry Night Committee

Starry Night, our annual school fundraiser, is right around the corner. Hopefully, everyone has been able to see some of the class projects that will be auctioned highlighted on the school Facebook page.

Please note dates below to support our fundraising effort:

February 15 - Starry Night Sponsorship Deadline to be included in video and banner

February 20 - Starry Night \$40 Early Bird Registration closes and tickets will increase to \$50

February 21 - Starry Night Wine Pull Donations due to school office [Wine pull flyer](#)

February 23 - Dine Out Night at The Tangled Wood between 5-8PM. More information coming home this week!

March 3 - Starry Night Student Raffle Forms due by 1PM [Student Raffle Forms](#)

March 4 - *STARRY NIGHT EVENT* — 5PM Auction Opens and 6PM Event Doors

Open [Starry Night Event - tickets here!](#)

Continue to sell your raffle tickets for a chance at one of the \$300 Visa Scrip Cards to help us reach our \$7000 goal!

Notes from our School Nurse and Counselor

On February 6th, the Scott County Catholic School counselors presented on the topic of Conflict Resolution during our Parent University night. If you were unable to attend, but would like a recording of the presentation, please email Leigh Johnson at leigh.johnson@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us

The Assumption Knight Players Present Annie!

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. With the help of the other girls in the Orphanage, Annie escapes to the wondrous world of NYC. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations... and even befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt! She finds a new home and family in billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy. Come see Annie at Assumption High School's Sunderbruch Auditorium on March 3 and 4 at 7 PM and March 5 at 2 PM. Admission is \$10 for

adults, \$8 for senior citizens and students without an activity pass. Tickets available online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/events/78> or cash or check at the door.



Our Weekly Scripture Verse

Please take a few minutes as a family to reflect upon this week's scripture verse for February 19, 2023:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

~Matthew 5:43-45

Have a faith-filled week!

Mr. Michael Hughes



February 13th – February 19th

Monday, Feb. 13th

8th Boys Basketball Practice 4pm
6th Boys Basketball practice 6:30pm
Lion/Kindness Den Meeting @ 6pm
Boy Scouts @ 7pm

Tuesday, Feb. 14th

Valentine's Day
SCRIP for sale
Middle School TBK Bowling Trip 9am -1pm
LCS Hosting Basketball 5:30 - 9 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 15th

9:00 AM All School Mass
2:30 PM K-8 Early Dismissal
Middle School Youth Night @ 6:15 pm

Thursday, Feb. 16th

10:30 AHS to visit 3rd grade for Lenten activity
8th Boys Basketball Practice 4pm
7th Boys Basketball practice 5pm

Friday, Feb. 17th

Save the Date:

Feb. 20th - No school - Presidents Day

Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs)

The “Student First Act” passed the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Reynolds. The following is a general summary of the bill:

Education Savings Accounts

Parents who choose to enroll their children in an accredited private school will receive the amount of per pupil funds allocated annually by the state to use for tuition, fees, and other qualified expenses. Funds are deposited into an education savings account (ESA) each year until students graduate or complete high school or turn 20 years of age. Educational Savings Accounts will be phased in over three years.

Effective for the 2023-24 school year, state per pupil funding will be \$7,598 per student, and ESAs will be available based on the following eligibility:

Year 1: School Year 2023-24

- All kindergarten students
- All students who were not in a non-public school the year prior
- Private school students with a household income at or below 300% Federal Poverty Level (FPL), currently at about about \$83,250 for a family of four but subject to change

Year 2: School Year 2024-25

- All kindergarten students (and first graders)
- All students who were not in a non-public school the year prior
- Private school students with a household income at or below 400% FPL, currently about \$111,000 for a family of four but subject to change

Year 3: School Year 2025-26

- All K-12 students in Iowa regardless of income

Other student funding generated by categorical funding formulas will remain with public school districts even for students who are not attending public schools any more. This amount is about \$1,202 per pupil for each student who will be attending a private school.

Next steps include the writing of the Administrative Rules at the state level and the development of processes to then be used in Scott County Catholic Schools. As you can imagine, there is a lot of work being done rapidly as enrollment processes for 2023-24 are set to begin sometime in February.

More information will be made available when we have it.