

# FEBRUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 26, 2023

## Principal's Message

What a February! Catholic Schools Week, Groundhog Day, Valentine's day, and even a snow day thrown in just to make things interesting. Rest assured, even with the day off from school, the calendar will not be changing for the rest of this year. We do have the extra time built in on our school calendar for an event such as this.

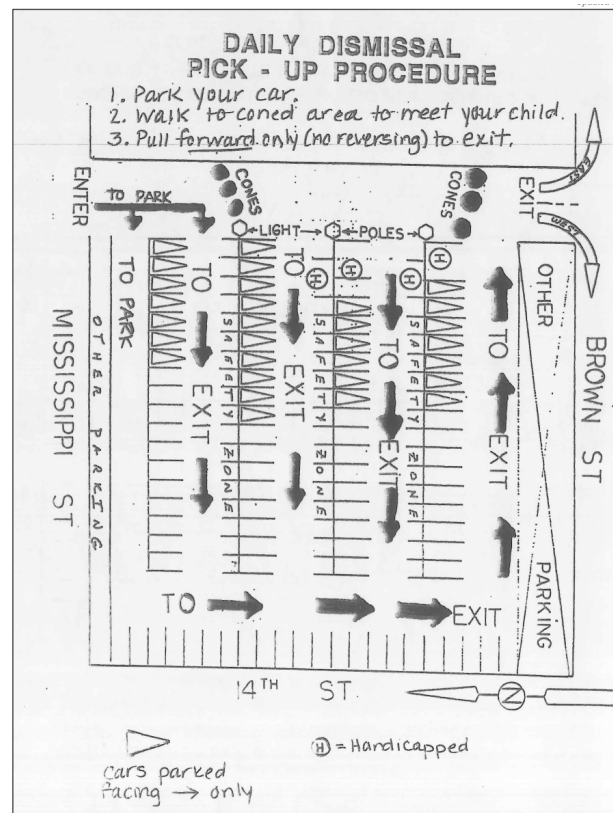
As a quick reminder, when we have a snow day, school cancellation, delay, or other unexpected event that will disrupt our normal school day operations, we will post the information as soon as possible on KWQC-TV6, our Facebook page, and through an email.

There are no classes on February 20th due to President's Day. Enjoy a little extra time with your family if possible!

### A friendly reminder about parking lot safety at dismissal...

ALL cars should turn right when exiting their parking spot and form a single file line to exit on the last row of the parking lot.

It might seem faster to pull straight through a row or just sneak out the opposite way, but the safety of our students and families is our biggest priority. Please help us to keep all of our students and families safe!



## **Outreach Meal Basket Drive**

Once again the Outreach Committee is providing hungry families in our community with a basket full of nutritious meals. Help is needed with food donations, packing, and delivering the baskets. Please use this link to sign up to help in any way:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FA4AD28A1F85-febmar>

Food may be left in the Gathering Space beginning Saturday, February 25th. All food is needed by 8 a.m. Saturday, March 4 th for sorting and delivery.

If you prefer, drop off a check (please write “Outreach” in the memo) in the Parish Office. Scrip will be purchased and the shopping will be done for you—this also benefits Lourdes Catholic School! Another option is to purchase Scrip after Mass and place the gift cards in the ‘Neighbors in Need’ box in the Gathering Space. Of course, monetary donations are always welcome and may be placed in the box any time.

Questions? Please call Angie Joers (563-505-5629) or Kelly Rashid (563-340-5619).

Thank you for your generosity!

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## **Celebrations**

### **FEBRUARY 22 IS THE BEGINNING OF LENT**

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY: The Meaning of the Ashes**

The ashes of this holiday symbolize two main things: death and repentance. “Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay, and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash.”

“When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy”.

With this focus on our own mortality and sinfulness, Christians can enter into the Lent season solemnly while also looking forward in greater anticipation and joy to the message of Easter and Christ's ultimate victory over sin and death.

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*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 24, 2023

**[RESERVE YOUR COPY - PREORDER TODAY](#)**

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 24, 2023. **[ORDER YEARBOOK](#)** < - - - LINK!!

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## **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 21** - Starry Night Wine Pull Donations due to school office [Wine pull flyer](#)  
Contact Brooke at [brookeheckinger@yahoo.com](mailto:brookeheckinger@yahoo.com) with questions or if you can't get money to the school and still want to donate.

**February 23** - Dine Out Night at The Tangled Wood between 5-8PM. [Dine Out at Tangled Wood](#). You can still order SCRIP gift cards for Tangled Wood (\$25 increments)! Get orders in by 9AM Thursday morning, and they will get sent home in your students backpack for the fundraiser!

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

**March 4** - *STARRY NIGHT EVENT* — 5PM Online Auction Opens and 6PM Event Doors Open [Starry Night Event - tickets here!](#) Live auction items can only be bid on at event. Please purchase tickets by March 1st for an accurate food count.

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

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## **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.



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## Our Weekly Scripture Verse

Please take a few minutes as a family to reflect upon this week's scripture verse for February 26, 2023, the first Sunday of Lent:

**At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.**

**The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply,**

**"It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*"**

~Matthew 4:1-4

Have a faith-filled week!

Mr. Michael Hughes



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## February 20<sup>th</sup> – February 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Monday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**

Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL  
LCS Hosting Boys Basketball

### **Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**

Board of Education Meeting @ 6 PM

### **Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Ash Wednesday  
All School Mass @ 9 AM  
Early Dismissal @ 2:30 PM

### **Thursday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

AHS visiting 3rd grade for Lent Activity @ 10:30 AM

### **Friday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>**

2:00 Stations of the Cross ~ led by 7th grade

### **Save the Date:**

Picture Day - February 27 & 28

STARRY NIGHT - March 4

Conferences - March 7 & 9

Spring Break - March 10 - March 17

Return to School - March 20

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### **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.