

FEBRUARY 6 – FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Dear Parents,

LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY

Tomorrow is the 1st day of registration for NEW

Families!

PS/PreK Round-up Tuesday, February 7 · 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Kindergarten Round Thursday, February 9 · 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Keep an eye out for an email tomorrow with more
information.**

Tuition rates for K-12 have not yet been finalized for 2023-24. (See the below
information regarding ESAs.)

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We have been seeing a growing problem in the classroom. Smart watch technology has been increasing in a way that is distracting to our students. The use of phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices are part of the handbook. The following is the policy:

- a. Cell phones/electronic devices are not permitted in class. Students may not use phones and devices to take photographs. If a student is discovered to have a cell phone/electronic device in his or her possession without express teacher permission, it will be taken and kept in the Principal's office until the end of the school day. The student may retrieve it after dismissal. If the device is taken a second time, it will remain in the Principal's office until the student's parent or guardian comes to pick it up.

Smart watches, such as Apple watches, fall under this plan. It has also been discussed in many classrooms with the students this week. There are many questions that the kids have raised regarding their own types of watches. In general, if they are capable of messaging, texting, receiving calls, etc., they will not be allowed. If a student does bring one to school, it should be treated in the same manner as a cellphone, silenced and in the back pack. We understand that this may be an inconvenience, but protecting our students' time and educational experience are our priority. The principal will make the final decision regarding specific devices.

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.

A note from Miss Duda and Mrs. Jondle:

Happy Monday Parents and Students. This is an FYI about morning drop off. Thank you to everyone who has had their children ready to get out of their vehicle as they pull up to the school building. The school building is just past the church. Look for where the morning teachers are located. Students can exit the vehicle once they reach the sidewalk. In inclement weather, the outside teachers will take turns at the crosswalk.

The other will be at the doors supervising in case of emergency. Please have your students zipped and backpacks on before turning into the school.

Thank you,

Kim and Carrie

Morning Duty Supervisors

Inclement Weather Announcements for Lourdes Catholic School

Although it is more than a week out, there appears to be some weather forecasts about a possible cold spell near the end of this month. If this does play out, please review the following information regarding inclement weather and emergency dismissals or closures.

If there should be a weather related late start, early dismissal, or school closure, this information will be sent out via email and through the local media stations. The automated message goes to all primary contacts and is shared as soon as we can. We also put the information on our website and main Facebook page. Please tune in to local news broadcasts and watch the scrolls for the list of school closures.

LCS follows what Bettendorf Community School District decides as far as canceling school, starting late, or dismissing early. Every effort will be made to email and text all families in the event of an emergency closure.

Please plan ahead. Be sure your student knows where he/she should go in the event of an emergency closing. You are encouraged to make these plans and arrangements in advance before facing a school closing.

Please take a few minutes as a family to reflect upon this week's scripture verse for February 12, 2023:

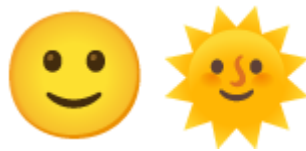
Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

~Matthew 5:17-20

Have a faith-filled week!

Mr. Michael Hughes



February 6th – February 12th

Monday, Feb. 6th

6:00 pm Parent University - Conflict Resolution

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, Feb. 7th

SCRIP For Sale

6:00 PM Preschool/PreK Round-Up (LCS LIBRARY)

Wednesday, Feb. 8th

9:00 AM All School Mass

2:30 PM K-8 Early Dismissal

6:00 PM Home and School Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 9th

6:00 PM Kindergarten Round-Up (LCS LIBRARY)

Friday, Feb. 10th

MID TERMS

Spelling Bee for grades 1 - 8th

Save the Date:

Feb. 20th - No School - Presidents Day

Feb. 27 and 28 ~ Spring Picture Day