

**MARCH 13 – March 26, 2023**

### **Principal's Message**

Conference week was a wonderful success! Thank you to everyone who attended. Having open conversations celebrating the children's success and offering support as needed is a great way to model positive relationships and teamwork. The children usually have big smiles and excitement as they watch the interactions between teachers and parents.

***A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BROUGHT IT SNACKS, TREATS, AND EVERYTHING ELSE TO HELP MAKE IT SO MUCH BETTER! WE ALL TRULY APPRECIATE IT AND FEEL BLESSED BY YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.***

Now that Spring Break is upon us, it is time to look forward to the next big push. As the fourth quarter of school is approaching, it is time for us to start projections for student enrollment for 2023-24. If you have not shared your intentions on attendance for next year, please let Katherine Wermes know. Thank you!

The [2023-24 school calendar](#) is now available. A question that has been asked frequently deals with spring break. The LCS calendar does align with both the Bettendorf and Davenport school districts. The calendars for PK and PS will be published soon.

With Spring Break in full swing, we are combining this week's and next week's Monday Memo into one. You will see our selected verses are listed below for both of the weeks.

[2023 - 2024 K-8 School Calendar Link](#)

[Iowa Department of Education EAS Website - FAQ](#)

[Links to recent information](#)

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**HOME AND SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**SCRIP Program**

The money earned through Lourdes SCRIP program is used to help with the Home & School events and functions. The more money we raise through SCRIP, the fewer donations needed throughout the year.

**SCRIP earnings:**

**December 2022: \$1,167**

**January 2023: \$500**

**February 2023: \$226**

Purchase SCRIP gift cards through the RaiseRight App, the orange forms in the school office, or after Mass! We also could use weekday and weekend volunteers! **[If you have time in your day and would like to help with this important fundraiser for the school please let us know!](#)**

## Moe's Fundraising Kits are BACK!

Flyers were sent home last week, but all information is below. Order Moe's for your family by **MARCH 26!**



### PRE ORDER YOUR TACO MEAL KIT

Scan the QR Code or go to  
[jotform.com/230085005701139](http://jotform.com/230085005701139)  
by March 26

### PICK UP YOUR TACO MEAL KIT ORDER

Tuesday, March 28 at 3 pm  
Lourdes School in Parking Lot  
1453 Mississippi Blvd  
Bettendorf



### QUESTIONS?

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## Our Weekly Scripture Verse

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

**When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,**

**he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"**

**He answered and said,**

**"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"**

**Jesus said to him,**

**"You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he."**

**He said,**

**"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.**

**Then Jesus said,**

**"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."**

~John 9:35-41

## Our Weekly Scripture Verse

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Please take a few minutes as a family to reflect upon this week's scripture verse for March 26, 2023:

**Jesus told her,**

**“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.**

**Do you believe this?”**

**She said to him, “Yes, Lord.**

**I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”**

~John 11:25-27

Have a faith-filled week!

Mr. Michael Hughes



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## **WEEKLY EMAIL**

**March 13-26**

**March 13-17 **Spring Break ~ No School****

**Monday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> **School Resumes****

6:00 PM Soup Supper-Knights of Columbus

**Tuesday, Mar. 21st**

6:00 PM School Board Meeting

**Wednesday, Mar. 22nd**

All School Mass today

**2:30 PM K-8<sup>th</sup> Early Out**

**Thursday, Mar. 23rd**

6:30 PM First Communion Workshop

**Friday, Mar. 24th**

1:15 Pm Stations of the Cross ~ presented by 6B

**Upcoming Events (Save-the-Dates):**

March 27-31<sup>st</sup> ~ Spring Book Fair

April 7 & 10 - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday & Easter Monday

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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.

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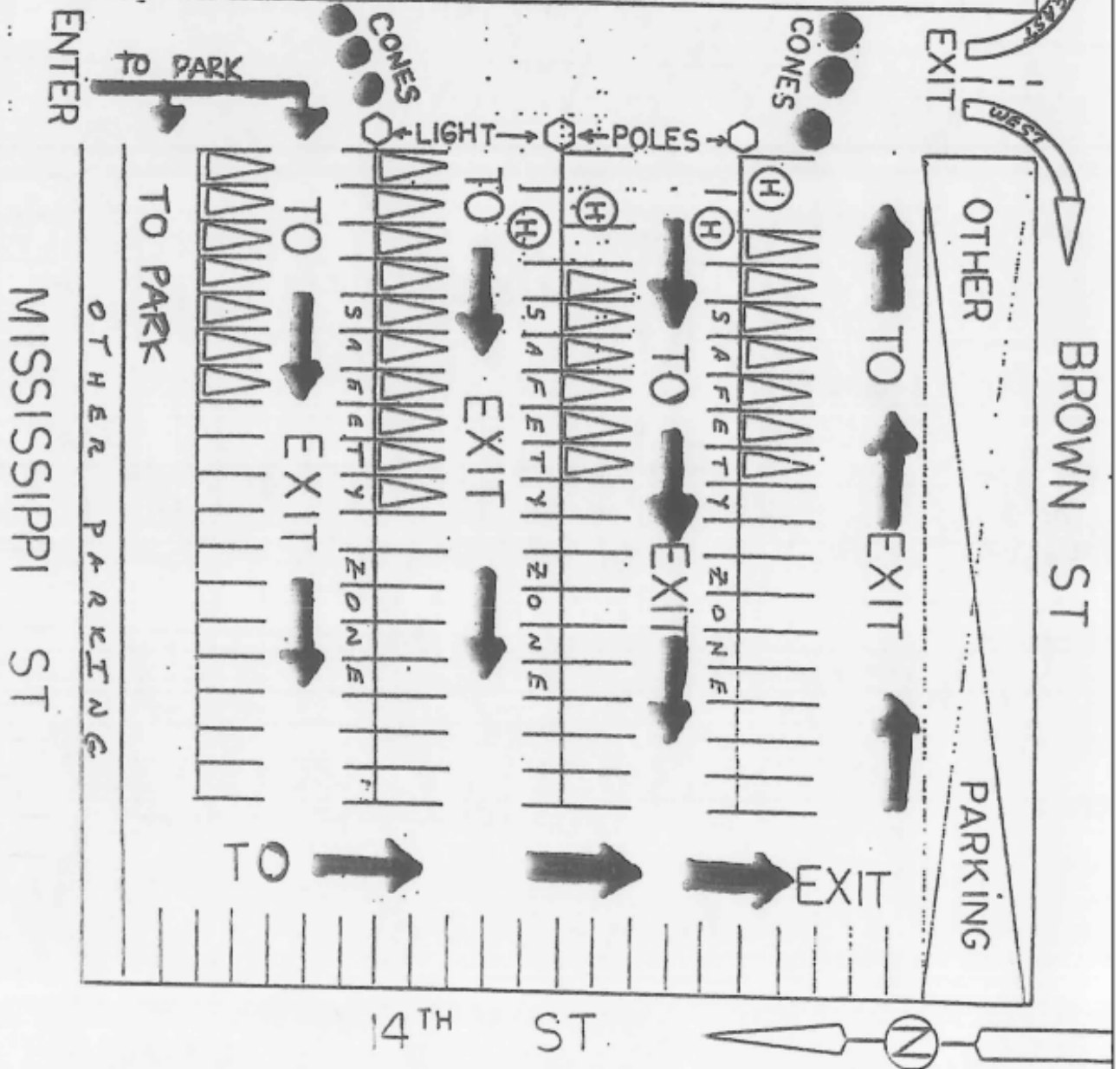
### **A friendly reminder about parking lot safety at dismissal...**


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! The map is below.

# DAILY DISMISSAL PICK - UP PROCEDURE

1. Park your car.
2. Walk to coned area to meet your child.
3. Pull forward only (no reversing) to exit.



 Cars parked facing → only

Ⓜ = Handicapped





# Lourdes Catholic School 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

**Summary of Calendar**  
Days in classroom: 175

## CALENDAR LEGEND

- Staff Inservice/Work Day
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Start of Quarter
- End of Quarter
- No School
- Early Release
- \* PS & PK Conferences

**WEDNESDAY EARLY RELEASE**  
STAFF INSERVICE/PD/WORK DAY  
EVERY WEDNESDAY 2:30 PM DISMISSAL

Calendar is based upon a required minimum of 1,080 hours of instruction.

August						Student Days	Date	Events
M	T	W	Th	F				
	01	02	03	04			Aug 17-22	Staff Inservice
07	08	09	10	11			Aug 22	Unpack Your Backpack 4:00 PM
14	15	16	17	18			Aug 23	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School—Early Release 2:30
21	22	23	24	25		3		
28	29	30	31			7		
September								
				01		8	Sept 4	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
04	05	06	07	08		12	Sept 15	Staff Inservice/Emergency Day
11	12	13	14	15		16		
18	19	20	21	22		21		
25	26	27	28	29		26		
October								
02	03	04	05	06		31		
09	10	11	12	13		35	Oct 10&12	P/T Conferences: 2:30 Dismissal
16	17	18	19	20		40	Oct 13	P/T Comp Day (No School)
23	24	25	26	27		45	Oct 27	End 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter (45 days)
30	31					2	Oct 30	11:30 K-8 Dismissal – Staff Work Day 2nd Quarter Begins
November								
		01	02	03		5		
06	07	08	09	10		10		
13	14	15	16	17		15		
20*	21*	22	23	24		17	Nov 20-21	NO PS/PK (PK&PS Conferences)
27	28	29	30			21	Nov 22-24	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday
December								
				01		22		
04	05	06	07	08		27		
11	12	13	14	15		32		
18	19	20	21	22		35		
25	26	27	28	29			Dec 21-Jan 3	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
January								
01	02	03	04	05		37	Jan 4	School Resumes
08	09	10	11	12		42	Jan 12	End 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter (42 days)
15	16	17	18	19		4		11:30 K-8 Dismissal – Staff Work Day
22	23	24	25	26		9	Jan 15	NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day
29	30	31				12	Jan 16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins
February								
			01	02		14		
05	06	07	08	09		19		
12	13	14	15	16		23	Feb 13&15	P/T Conferences: 2:30 Dismissal
19	20	21	22	23		27	Feb 16	P/T Comp Day (No School)
26	27	28	29			31	Feb 19	NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
March								
				01		32		
04	05	06	07	08		37	Mar 7-8	NO PS/PK (PK&PS Conferences)
11	12	13	14	15			Mar 11-15	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
18	19	20	21	22		42	Mar 28	End 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (46 days)
25	26	27	28	29		46	Mar 29	11:30 K-8 Dismissal – Staff Work Day Good Friday (No school)
April								
01	02	03	04	05		4		
08	09	10	11	12		9		
15	16	17	18	19		14	Apr 1	NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday
22	23	24	25	26		18	Apr 2	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins
29	30					20	Apr 26	Staff Inservice/Emergency Day
May								
		01	02	03		23		
06	07	08	09	10		28	May 27	No School - Memorial Day
13	14	15	16	17		33	May 31	Last Day - Early Release 11:30
20	21	22	23	24		38		End 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (45 days)
27	28	29	30	31		42		11:30 K-8 Dismissal – Staff Work Day
June								
03*	04*	05*	06*	07*			June 3-7	Emergency Days (IF NEEDED)
07	08	09	10	11				