

March 27, 2023

Principal's Message

Thursday, March 30, the children will be having an assembly at 2:30. This is when they will have some fun taping Mr. Hughes to the wall!

8th Grade Graduation is tentatively set for Thursday, May 25 from 6 - 7 PM. More information to follow!

K-7 Field Day is scheduled for Friday, May 26.

From SCCS:

Many of you may have already heard something about the Education Savings Account (ESA) law which passed through the Iowa Legislature at the beginning of the 2023 session. This law has significant future implications for all of our Iowa resident K-12 Catholic school families. While the administrative rules are still being developed at the state level, some of you are anxious to learn a bit more about the ESA law, even at this early point. There will be a "first peek" meeting held in the Assumption Auditorium on Wednesday March 29th at 7:00 PM. This meeting is open to all parents. There will be additional meetings in the coming months, once more information becomes available.

[BOOK FAIR OPENS ON MONDAY - INFORMATION LINK](#)

[BPV YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS/EVALUATIONS THIS WEEKEND](#) Link

[Middle school students could use this opportunity to get service hours.](#)

(THANK YOU TO KRIS G. FOR SHARING THIS!)

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.

[ESA Frequently Asked Questions Link](#)

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

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

Links to other recent information

[A friendly reminder about parking lot safety at dismissal](#)

[Information about the ESA](#)

[April FULL Daily Reading](#) and [Our Selected Verse](#)

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!***

Our Weekly Scripture Verse

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Please take a few minutes as a family to reflect upon this week's scripture verse for April 2, 2023:

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said,

"Truly, this was the Son of God!"

~ Matthew 27:54

Have a faith-filled week!

Mr. Michael Hughes



WEEKLY EMAIL

March 27-31

Monday, Mar. 27th
Book Fair Week!

Tuesday, Mar. 28th
SCRIP for sale
AEA Hearing Screenings

Wednesday, Mar. 29th

8th grade Band to Chicago
9:00 AM All School Mass
AEA Hearing Screenings
2:30 PM K-8th Early Out
6:15 PM MS Youth Night

Thursday, Mar. 30th

4th Quarter begins
NUT Day ~ (Starry Night Raffle Reward)
2:30 PM Assembly taping Mr. Hughes to the wall

Friday, Mar. 31st

Last call for Book Fair purchases this morning!
10:30 AM Stations of the Cross - presented by 5th grade
11:30 PM K-8th Early Dismissal

Upcoming Events (Save-the-Dates):

April 7th – No School – Good Friday
April 10th – No School – Easter Morning

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 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!

Book fair opens on Monday and we have a few reminders....

Book Fair will be open daily, 8:30-4pm. Parents are welcome to stop in any time, during these hours to shop independently, or meet your student down in the library to shop after school. All classes are signed up for "preview" (look around and make a wishlist) and a "purchase day", when they can come back with money and purchase items. Preschool and PreK will only have a purchase day. The younger kiddos have a hard time just looking at the books and making a wishlist, without getting disappointed when they can't take the books home with them right away. We encourage preschool/prek parents to take a few minutes to come down and shop with their student at drop off or pick up time, or use the flyer to circle what they want and we will help them shop. Or write a note "please pick out 1 book and one pencil". Erin and I will do our absolute best to make every situation work. Feel free to send an email if you need help with anything. kriseanderson@hotmail.com

As a reminder, Scholastic DOES charge sales tax now. We HIGHLY recommend creating an E-Wallet for your student. You create an account for your student, "load" funds on to their account and any unspent money will be credited back to your original form of payment! Go to our online bookfair homepage, scroll down to the bright red section labeled "before the Fair" and there's a button to create an E-Wallet. At the end, it will give you an option to print their unique E-Wallet barcode but that is not necessary. We will have a printout of everyone's barcodes AND can look them up by name on our registers. <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lourdescatholicschool>

Erin and I are always looking for book-loving friends to help us run the fair, man the registers and just keep the love of reading alive when students visit the fair. If you are new to Lourdes, Book Fair is a great place to start meeting other parents, get to know the building and staff AND younger siblings are ALWAYS welcome to hang out at Book Fair. Please consider spending a couple hours in the library with us!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aaaab2ba6f49-spring2#/>

Our teachers will fill their wishlist boxes with books that they'd like for their classroom. Please stop by and purchase a book for your teacher OR add a note for your student to pick a book out!

We will have one contest at the Fair to help raise money for books for our library and give students a chance to win books! It will be something like, spin it to win it - land on an odd number win a bookmark, land on an even number win a book, or pull a pencil and if the tip is colored, you win a book, pencil, eraser etc. We limit any of our contests to 50 cents to play, and no more than 2 chances per student. We will NOT let them blow all of their book fair money on the contest! So don't be surprised if they ask for quarters AND if they come home with extra books, posters or pencils! We turn around and use all of this money to purchase books for the library or fulfill teacher wishlist boxes.

See you next week!

Kris and Erin



Come help with WCC Chloe's Closet

Spring Clothing Switch

When: Saturday, April 1, 2023

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm or when the job is done

Where: 2740 Happy Joe Drive, Bettendorf IA 52722

- Earn service hours.
- Have fun with friends.
- Do something to help moms, kids and families in your community.
- Lunch provided.

RSVP by Thursday 3/30/2022 to Rachel Kramer
at 563-332-0475 or by email rkramer@womenschoicecenter.org

