

**FEBRUARY 27 – March 5, 2023**

### **Principal's Message**

Conference week is here! If you have a change to your schedule and are unable to attend a conference, please let the teacher know as soon as possible. If you do need to cancel a conference, please update/remove the reservation on the Sign Up Genius link.

[Tuesday, March 7 K-5 Conference Sign-Up Link](#)

[Thursday, March 9 K-5 Conference Sign-Up Link](#)

[Middle School Conference Sign-Up Link](#)

ESAs are a concern for all. There are so many unknown answers to all of our questions. To make matters even more complicated, tuition rates for K-12 have not yet been finalized for 2023-24 as we are still waiting for state guidance regarding Educational Savings Accounts. One of the most often asked questions in relation to ESAs is if tuition will be raised to the \$7,600 amount available in an ESA. The answer is no. You can expect more modest tuition increases. We have been told that the realistic increase will be similar to each previous year, between 3 - 5%. Again, no numbers have been finalized yet. As soon as we get the numbers from SCCS, they will be forwarded to all families.

### **Links to recent information**

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

[Information about the ESA](#)

[March 12 Daily Readings](#)

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## **HOME AND SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**Conference Week Food for teachers and staff**

[SIGNUP to Help Here](#)

Conference week is busy, so Home & School coordinates meals that our teachers and staff can easily grab to help make the week successful! Help us provide meals to keep our school fueled.

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After feeding our teachers - plan on an easy meal for your family. Moe's Fundraising Kits are **BACK!** Flyers will be sent home this week.

FEEL GOOD, EAT GREAT *with*  
**MOE'S FUNDRAISING**  
25% OF EVERY TACO MEAL KIT ORDER WILL GO TO LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**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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## Starry Night Update

Thank you!!! Starry Night was a huge success and it was due to so many people in our wonderful community!! So many sold raffle tickets, donated items to the classroom baskets, helped gather donations from businesses, gave sponsor monetary donations, and bid on/bought items and more!!

Here is the committee list of people that helped make this event a success.

# Committee Volunteers

### *Fundraiser Chair*

Brooke Heckinger

### *Fundraiser Co-Chair*

Megan Stopulos

### *Former Chair*

Chrissy Hayes

### *Master of Ceremonies*

Brian Girskis

### *Entertainment*

Tim Stop

### *Raffle Tickets*

Linda Mosher  
Andrea Reilly

### *Student Art Projects*

Kelly Kruck

### *Videos*

Miranda Lawrence  
Becca Armstrong

### *Decorations*

Sara Pennington  
Kelly Kruck

### *Student Raffle Baskets*

Karen Moldt

### *Social Media*

Kris Girskis

### *Food & Beverage*

Katherine Wermes

### *Student Wish Stars*

Haley Burney

### *Event Drinkware*

Logo Pro

### *Check In*

Katie Carroll  
Kris Girskis  
Brooke Heckinger  
Linda Mosher

### *Auction Items*

Brooke Heckinger	Stephanie Munos
Kelly Kruck	Sara Pennington
Stephanie Larson	Andrea Reilly
Karen Moldt	Megan Stopulos
Marie Morlok	Katherine Wermes
Linda Mosher	Megan Wilkinson

### *50/50 Raffle*

Danielle Behnke  
Anne Camarena

### *Wine Pull Table*

Jennifer Foley + Marie Morlok  
Jen Burman + Jennieffer Hines  
Gloria Mesick + Jackie Rouse

### *Classroom Party Fulfillment*

Sara Pennington

### *Check Out*

Katie Carroll  
Kris Girskis  
Brooke Heckinger  
Linda Mosher

### *Auction Runners*

Jenny Grobstitch  
Andrea & Dave Reilly

### *Live Auction Assistants*

Jenny Grobstitch  
Marie Morlok  
Andrea & Dave Reilly

We do have some teacher wish list items that need some more support to be completely fulfilled and fixed price items available!! Please view the site to donate or make purchases!!

[TEACHER WISHLISTS HERE](#)

[Class Projects - Fixed Price Here](#)

[Donations to the School Here](#)

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## Our Weekly Scripture Verse

### Third Sunday of Lent

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

**Jesus answered and said to her,**

**"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you,**

**'Give me a drink, '**

**you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."**

~John 4:10

Have a faith-filled week!

Mr. Michael Hughes



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## WEEKLY EMAIL

March 6-10

### Monday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 Mass ~ K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades with Speaker Deacon Harold

### Tuesday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>

**SCRIP for sale**

9:00 Mass ~ 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades with Speaker Deacon Harold

3:00-7:00 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

### Wednesday, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>

NO 3 yr. 3day Preschool today

NO All School Mass today

2:30-5:00 PM Staff Parent/ Teacher Conferences

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

6:00 PM Home & School Meeting, Library

### Thursday, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>

No Preschool or PreK today

PS/PreK Conferences

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

3:00-7:00 PM ~ K-8 Parent/teacher Conferences

### Friday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>

**No School**

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

**Upcoming Events (Save-the-Dates):** March 27-31<sup>st</sup> ~ Spring Book Fair

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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 has been added at the end of this memo.

