

April 10, 2023

Principal's Message

Can you believe it is the middle of April already??? We are charging full steam through the 4th quarter. With this in mind, we are also going through many changes.

The weather has been more than a factor lately. We appreciate all of your support and flexibility keeping our children and community safe. It has been in many of our prayers that we are through the turbulent weather patterns.

As a Lourdes community, we are also looking forward to and, yes, waiting (im)patiently for final answers. This includes the transition to SCCS, the ESA rules and regulations, a new building principal, and so much more. Please add this to your prayers as it is very stressful for everyone, particularly since it is out of direct control and sphere of influence.

One item that is near and dear to everyone is the health and well-being of our Lourdes family. As you know, one of our 6th grade students, Joseph, will be having surgery on Thursday, April 13. Mrs. Camarena, Joseph's mother, is a 4th grade teacher. Joseph's sisters are all students at LCS. I am asking for all of you to include the Camarena family in your prayer chains, individual prayers, and daily thoughts.

To show support for the Camarena Family, if you purchased these shirts. -----> Please wear them on Thursday, April 13th. If you didn't purchase a shirt, please encourage your child to wear a red polo with their uniform bottoms that day.



[Transportation Reimbursement Information](#)

A copy of the UPDATED BETTENDORF is attached at the end of this memo. This link will take you to the information and links needed for the second semester transportation reimbursement from the local public schools. You may remember having done this back in November. This needs to be done for the second semester if you are interested in the reimbursement.

Morning With Mom Information and [Flyer](#) (Link)

Hello LCS families!

Home & School is hosting an all-school event: **Morning with Mom** on **Tuesday, April 18th** before school.

(Mom can't make it?...each family can bring 1 adult)
See attached invitation with more details.

Also please see the following Sign Up Genius link for the event. Please consider donating item or your time to make this another fun morning together.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BAFA822A0F85-lcsmorning>

K-8 Moms: please plan on staying with your child(ren) until 8:00 AM in the gym. At that time, children can go to their normal area outside until school starts. The only exception are those students who are registered for Before Care Services (if their moms leave before 8:00am, these students can go to their designated area as usual).

Please let me know any questions you have: kellykruck@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

Kelly Kruck

General Information and Recent Links

[Quad Cities STEM Summer Camp Flyer Link](#)

LCS Home & School member 8th Grade Graduation is now set for Thursday, May 25 from 6 - 7 PM. More information to follow!

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

[New School Name Information Link](#)

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

Links to ESA information are listed below:

[Information about the ESA](#)

[ESA Frequently Asked Questions Link](#)

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

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.

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!***

Trivia Night

Join us for a night of fun! Register [HERE](#) by Tuesday, April 11 and order Chick-fil-A nuggets for the table!

Lourdes Home & School presents



Trivia Night

Friday, April 14
Doors Open at 6 pm
Trivia Starts at 6:30 pm

Teams of 8 adults per table
Register at
<http://bit.ly/3z3AmRV>

Bring cash or check to participate in a 50/50 raffle!

Fundraiser for Lourdes Home & School



Our Weekly Scripture Verse

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Please take a few minutes as a family to reflect upon this week's scripture verse for April 16, 2023:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

~ John 20:19-23

Have a faith-filled week!

Mr. Michael Hughes



WEEKLY EMAIL

April 10th – 14th

Monday, Apr. 10th

No School – Easter Monday

Tuesday, Apr. 11th

SCRIP for sale

Wednesday, Apr. 12th

2:30 PM K-8th Early Out

6:00 PM Home & School Meeting

Thursday, Apr. 13th

Wear RED (prayer warrior shirt or polo shirt w/uniform bottoms) to support the Camarena family

Friday, Apr. 14th

NUT Day!

5:30 PM Trivia Night

Upcoming Events (Save-the-Dates):

April 10th – No School – Easter Morning

April 14th - NUT Day

April 14th - LCS Trivia Night 5:30

Weeks of April 17-28 - ISASP Testing

April 18th - Mornings With Mom @ 7:00 am

April 18th - BOE Meeting @ 6pm

April 20th - Middle School to Springfield

May 4th- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City (Please bring in Pop Tabs the week before!)

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.

New Future School Name Announced!!

As the weather cooperated on Saturday, a moment of anticipation built as Bishop Zinkula announced on Saturday the name for the new Catholic school that will be built in Bettendorf in a collaborative effort between Lourdes and St. John Vianney. The new name that has been voted on and announced is **St. Joan of Arc**.



Hello **K-8** Parents,

If your child is a car rider, and your family lives within an Iowa school district's boundaries, you are eligible for transportation reimbursement. Students who reside within BCSD **are now** eligible for transportation reimbursement because BCSD no longer provides bussing to Lourdes students. If you live over 2 miles from Lourdes in the Bettendorf School District you are eligible through BCSD.

[Bettendorf \(BCSD\)](#), [Pleasant Valley \(PV\)](#), [Davenport \(DCSD\)](#), and [North Scott](#) forms are provided at each of the links above. You may print the form out for the school district within whose boundaries you live, and send it in to the address at the bottom of your form as soon as you can. You can also email a copy to the appropriate school district. The contact information can be found at the bottom of each form.

MAY 1 is the hard deadline for the second semester, and we know from experience that the school districts do not make any exceptions.

Please do not mail or send your form to Lourdes. They must be sent directly to the appropriate school district.

Respectfully,

Mr. Michael Hughes

Morning With Mom Information



LOURDES STUDENTS & MOMS ARE INVITED TO:

Morning with Mom

BAGELS, DONUT HOLES, COFFEE CAKE, JUICE, & COFFEE PROVIDED!

nut, dairy & gluten free donuts will be available too

Tuesday, April 18th - Lourdes Gym

K-8 with Moms: stop by any time 7-8 AM

PS & Pre-K with Moms: 8-8:30 AM

MOM CAN'T ATTEND?...BRING AN ADULT (ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE)

**THANK YOU sponsors: LCS Home & School , Panera Bread,
Dunn Brothers Coffee, & Eastern IA Baking Co.**

Email questions to: KellyKruck@aol.com

2023 - 2024 School Calendar



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 st 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	Oct 10&12	P/T Conferences: 2:30 Dismissal
09	10	11	12	13	35	Oct 13	P/T Comp Day (No School)
16	17	18	19	20	40	Oct 27	End 1 st Quarter (45 days)
23	24	25	26	27	45		11:30 K-8 Dismissal - Staff Work Day
30	31				2	Oct 30	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	Dec 21-Jan 3	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
25	26	27	28	29			
January							
01	02	03	04	05	37	Jan 4	School Resumes
08	09	10	11	12	42	Jan 12	End 2 nd 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 rd 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	Mar 7-8	NO PS/PK (PK&PS Conferences)
04	05	06	07	08	37	Mar 11-15	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
11	12	13	14	15		Mar 28	End 3 rd Quarter (46 days)
18	19	20	21	22	42		11:30 K-8 Dismissal - Staff Work Day
25	26	27	28	29	46	Mar 29	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 th 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 th 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			



Bettendorf Community School District
NONPUBLIC PARENT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM

Notice to Nonpublic Parents:
 Iowa Code Section 285.1 requires public school districts to provide transportation services to resident nonpublic students that are entitled as per that section. How the transportation service will be provided is to be determined by the public school district. When funds are appropriated by the Iowa General Assembly and if your public school district has selected "Parent Reimbursement" as their transportation service type of choice and you meet the transportation entitlement policy provisions of the public school district in which you live and the nonpublic school being attended has been accredited by the Iowa Department of Education, you are entitled to parent reimbursement as per Iowa Code Sections 285.1, subparagraph 3 and 285.3.

(Iowa Code, Section 285.3) If your public school district selects the "Parent Reimbursement" option, it is your responsibility as the nonpublic parent or guardian to notify your resident public school district that you have children attending an accredited nonpublic school and its location. In addition, specific information, as requested on this form, must be submitted by the nonpublic parent or guardian not later than December 1st (for first semester reimbursement) and May 1st (for second semester reimbursement), each year. Failure to submit this request by the above deadline each semester will result in the denial of the reimbursement request for the claim period.

NAME (Parent or Legal Guardian): _____

ADDRESS (of parent or legal guardian): _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Is this the location (address) at which the nonpublic student(s) listed below now reside? [Circle one: Yes No]
 (If "No", indicate beneath the name of each student listed below the address where each nonpublic student(s) lives.)

[Iowa Code, Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.]

Name-Nonpublic <u>Elementary</u> Student(s) (Last, MI, First) (Maximum of 3 Elementary Students)	Age of Student	Grade Level (this year)	Name - Nonpublic School of Attendance	Distance between Std. Residence & Nonpublic School
1. Address:				Miles =
2. Address:				Miles =
3. Address:				Miles =

Name-Nonpublic <u>High School</u> Student (Last, MI, First) (Maximum of 1 High School)	Age of Student	Grade Level (this year)	Name - Nonpublic School of Attendance	Distance between Std. Residence & Nonpublic School
1. Address:				Miles =

I certify that the above information is accurate and that I am a parent or legal guardian of the above named nonpublic student(s). I also affirm that the nonpublic school(s) of attendance is/are accredited by the Iowa Department of Education.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO: lporemski@bettendorf.k12.ia.us or mail to
 Bettendorf Community School District, PO Box 1150, Bettendorf, IA 52722 Attn: Accounting

For public school district use only:
 Enter or Stamp Date Received Here: _____ Received by: _____