

April 3, 2023

Principal's Message

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**.



A VERY IMPORTANT PERSONAL NOTE:

Dear Families,

I'm starting off this Monday Memo with a bittersweet announcement. Many of you know that I have poured my heart into being a principal and teacher at Lourdes. Having been amazed by the community that this school has, I was blessed to spend a good chunk of this year teaching middle school science. As much as I have loved this, I have had to

make a very difficult decision. Some of you have heard, next year I will be moving into a new position in a different school.

You might ask why. As much as I absolutely love being a principal here, as the third quarter continued, I found myself being drawn to my passion of working more directly with the children. After much soul searching and hundreds of conversations, I had to make a difficult decision regarding where I can make the biggest impact. I have accepted a position as a science teacher at Glenview Middle School in East Moline starting with the next school year, a school that I had taught at 4 years ago. It goes without saying I will miss this amazing community, but I'm also excited for this opportunity to support the love for learning on a more direct level, working with middle school children in a science classroom on a full-time basis.

I have LOVED every minute of being a part of the LCS family. You, the children, and the Lourdes staff are part of a very special place. I am blessed to have this experience and to share my talents with the children. Having been amazed by the love and talents that this school has throughout this year, I firmly believe this was the hand of God guiding me. I will be putting my full efforts to make this as smooth and successful of a transition as possible.

[Transportation Reimbursement Information](#) 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.

General Information

Morning With Mom Information and 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

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.

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.

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](#)

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

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

[Links to other recent information](#)

[Information about the ESA](#)

[April FULL Daily Reading](#)

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!](#)**

Our Weekly Scripture Verse

The Resurrection of the Lord

The Mass of Easter Day

Please take a few minutes as a family to reflect upon this week's scripture verse for April 9, 2023:

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

~ John 20:1-9

Have a faith-filled week!

Mr. Michael Hughes



WEEKLY EMAIL

March 27-31

Monday, April 3rd

Hot Lunch Pizza Party
Boy Scouts 6:15 pm
Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm

Tuesday, April 4th

SCRIP for Sale

AEA Hearing Screenings

Wednesday, April 5th

Parents In Prayer 8:30 - 9:30 am
All School Mass 9:00 am
2:30 PK - 8th Early Dismissal

Thursday, Mar. 30th

Living Stations of the Cross (8th Gr.) Parents are welcome! 2:30

Friday, Mar. 31st

April 7th – No School – Good Friday

Upcoming Events (Save-the-Dates):

April 10th – No School – Easter Morning
April 14th - NUT Day
April 14th - LCS Trivia Night 5:30
Week of April 17 - ISASP Testing
April 18th - Mornings With Mom @ 7:00 am
April 18th - BOE Meeting @ 6pm
April 20th - Middle School to Springfield

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.

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



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)

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Dunn Brothers Coffee, & Eastern IA Baking Co.**

Email questions to: KellyKruck@aol.com