



Principal's Post
September 18, 2023

Dear Lourdes Catholic School Families,

Welcome to the new week!

Friday was a busy day for the teachers. We jumped back into the training we started the previous week as we move towards learning more about standards based recording and assessment. We have excellent support from the AEA and when I say we are working hard as a group, it is an understatement. This process also involves our new report card. We are finalizing plans for this new report card and how to communicate reporting changes to our school families. I have a meeting this morning with the Superintendent, Mrs. Devanney, regarding this change and another with all Diocesan Principals on Wednesday morning. Please watch for an update regarding this information in next week's Principal's Post.

Friday afternoon included safety training with Officer Hank Jacobson from the Davenport Police Department. Officer Jacobson spent nearly 3 hours reviewing school safety strategies with the focus on how to keep your children safe. This in mind, we are tightening up a few things. Access to the building for all parents should only be between 8 and 4 and through the front office doors only. You will be asked to sign-in and wear a visitors badge. Thank you for understanding that even if you are a well known parent in the building, we will ask you to wear a badge.

I'd like to thank school parents, Martin and Oliva Garcipena, owners of La Flama Mexican Restaurant in Davenport, for donating a delicious lunch to our teachers and staff on Friday. If you are looking for a delicious meal, please support their restaurant!

Reminder regarding absences. Please email Ms. Huiskamp (lorrie.huiskamp@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us) or call the school (563-359-3466, ext. 2) when your child is going to be absent. Please list 2 or more symptoms if the absence is due to illness.

Last week I wrote to you about our new student information system, PowerSchool. If you need a reminder about that note, please [click here for PowerSchool and EduTrak information](#). The

same idea for [School volunteers and CMG training](#) information. Please be sure to read the information as it impacts both new and experienced volunteers.

One of the best parts of being in a Catholic School is the feeling of community! With the increase in enrollment, we needed to order more desks and chairs. An anonymous donor generously covered the cost of 33 new desks and chairs—a bill of \$5,000. When the desks and chairs arrived in the middle of the school day, the 8th graders helped to unload the semi. Then after school another group of students stayed for an hour to assemble and carry desks to various classrooms. Thank you to all of the 8th graders and also to Nicholas C, Giancarlo M, Greyson H, Gavin H, Leo G, Levi J, Tate P, Andrew S, Max G, Emma W, Otto K, Ingrid K, Eli L.

Please plan to attend the **Campaign Kickoff and School Curriculum Night** a week from today, September 25th, at 6pm. Teachers look forward to sharing information about curriculum in the classrooms. If you are able to secure a babysitter to leave your children at home, that is helpful. However, this is an important evening for our school, so if you do not have a sitter then they may attend with you. We don't want you to miss the important information about the future of our school with the Capital Campaign and also what we are presently doing to educate your children.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katie Selden

Schedule for the week

Monday, Sept. 18

- 8:00 Teacher Meeting
- 9:00 Mtg. with Superintendent (Mrs. Selden)
- 1:00 User-Input Mtg. (Kitchen) (Mrs. Selden, SJoA committee members, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Weaver)
- 2:00 User-Input Mtg. (Admin) (Mrs. Selden, SJoA committee members, Mrs. Wermes, Ms. Huiskamp, Mr. Craig)
- 3:20 Lego Robotics (Red Team)
- 3:30 M/S Team Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 19

- Morning (time TBD) Planning Mtg. for Open House and Campaign Kickoff (Fr. Crossen, Fr. Ben, Fr. Adams, Mrs. Berneking, Mrs. Meier, Mrs. Selden)
- 3:45-5 Diocesan New Teacher Meeting (Mrs. Hayes, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Richards, Mrs. Glick)
- 4:00 SJoA Core Planning Team Mtg. at SJV (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)
- 4:00 Girls Basketball Game
- 6:00 Washington DC mtg. (grade 7 and 8 parents)

Wednesday, Sept. 20

8:05 Teacher Prayer

9:00 Mass

9:00 Diocesan Principals Report Card Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)

11:00 Vulnerability Assessment Report Review by Zoom (Mrs. Selden)

2:30 Early Release

2:40-3:15 Report Card Mtg/updates

3:15-3:45 **Building Leadership Team (BLT) Mtg** (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Behnke, Mrs. Mesick, Mrs. Heck, Mrs. Johnson)

6:15 Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, Sept. 21

9:00-2:00 Diocesan Principal Mtg in Iowa City (Mrs. Selden)

3:20 Lego Robotics (Blue Team)

Friday, Sept. 22

3:45 7th and 8th grade Girls Basketball practice

Monday, Sept. 25

6pm Campaign Kickoff and Curriculum Night