



Principal's Post
September 11, 2023

Dear Lourdes Catholic School Families,

Welcome to the start of another short week! Yes, we have another 4 day week, so just in case you haven't had a chance to look ahead to the end of the week, please note that there is **NO SCHOOL** Friday, Sept. 15th. This is an Inservice day for the teachers and staff. Officer Jacobson, retired police officer from Davenport will be conducting a safety training. And consultants from the AEA will be continuing the training we started last week on standards based assessment and reporting.

Yesterday we launched [One Faith. One Family. One Future!](#) I was able to attend mass at SJV and OLOL to hear Fr. Rich and Fr. Jason enthusiastically share details about this campaign. The campaign is important because the 2 Bettendorf parishes are coming together to design and build a new Catholic educational facility. We will join the preschool programs of both SJV Preschool and LCS Preschool. We will also be adding an Early Childhood Education Center that will support care for infants through age 3. The K-8 grade school will feature a chapel, large collaboration spaces, a STEM lab, in addition to being ADA accessible and offering classroom design that supports best practice for instruction. The current facility that we use at LCS is over 70 years old. There have been several additions, but the plumbing and electrical needs are at the point of needing updating. There are 5 areas of the building that routinely have water problems after rain. We do not have central air conditioning and maintaining consistent temperature with the old boiler system in the winter is difficult. Plus, we have 7 sets of stairs and no elevator, so this limits accessibility. The new building will be able to hold 450 students, grades K-8, plus preschool for nearly 140 students and nearly 40 children, birth-age 3. Current LCS enrollment in preschool is 80, SJV preschool is 40, LCS K-8 enrollment is 253 (24% increase from last year). Eligibility with ESA will widen in the next couple of years so we anticipate enrollment continuing to increase. Our current building can not house the 450 K-8 students.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend LCS Curriculum Night and the Campaign Event for school families to be held on **MONDAY, Sept. 25th at 6pm.**

We have a new student information system! We are moving to Powerschool, so if you have tried to login to JMC (our former system), you will see there is no longer access. This is a transition for the schools in SCCS so we are patiently waiting for data to be merged so we can release access to families. Once we have access, you will be happy to see that the accounts for grading and lunch will be linked regardless of which SCCS school they attend. For example, I will be able to see information for my children who attend Assumption as well as information for my child at Lourdes all in the same place. I am very hopeful I will be writing you later this week to let you know about access to Powerschool. If you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out.

Parents of 7th and 8th graders: Get answers to life's tough questions about love, dating, and relationships from internationally acclaimed speaker Jason Evert and leave with a healthy sense of self-worth. OLV is hosting an evening session for parents and teens on Monday, September 11th (tonight!) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets are available [HERE](#). Students in grades 7-12 in SCCS will hear Jason Evert speak at Assumption tomorrow.

School picture day is next week! Details will be shared later this week so you can plan ahead.

I have shared a lot of information and I appreciate the time you have taken to read and learn about what's going on in our school. Please pray for our Catholic community. I couldn't help think about our new school as I read the Gospel of Matthew to the students this morning. We are called to build our lives on the strong foundation of faith on the rock of our hope in God. The word 'build' is important. As we build our community and welcome so many new families this year; as we sacrifice, plan, and build our future Bettendorf Catholic educational facility, St. Joan of Arc Catholic School.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Selden

Schedule for the week

Monday, Sept. 11

- 8:00 Teacher Meeting
- 11:00 School Safety Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Officer Jacobson)
- 12:00 Zoom meeting, RDA Executive Board (Mrs. Selden)
- 2:00 SAB planning meeting with Mr. Morlock (Mrs. Selden)
- 3:20 Lego Robotics (Red Team)
- 3:25 Middle School Team Meeting (Middle School Teachers and Specials Teachers)
- 6:30 Jason Evert presentation at OLV (ticket information above)

Tuesday, Sept 12

- 9:30 Jason Evert presentation @ Assumption (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Heck, Mr. Hintze, 7th and 8th graders)
- 1:00 St. Joan of Arc kitchen planning meeting (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Rogers,

- Mrs. Smith)
- 2:00 St. Joan of Arc administrative office planning meeting (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Huiskamp, Mrs. Wermes)
- 3:30 IEP Mtg.
- 5:30 [Pack the Gym at Assumption](#)
- 6:30 School Advisory Board Meeting (library)

Wednesday, Sept 13

- 8:05 Teacher and Staff Prayer
- 9:00 Mass (prepared by 8th grade) (Student Council Officer speeches after mass, grades 4-8) (Mr. Katherman will speak to grades 5-8 after mass about altar serving)
- 2:30 Early Release
- 2:30 SCCS Administrators Meeting (Mrs. Selden)
- 2:40 Team Meetings
- 5:15 Starry Night Informational Meeting
- 6:00 Home and School Meeting
- 7:00 Campaign Kickoff planning mtg (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Meier, Mrs. Berneking)

Thursday, Sept 14

- 8:00 IEP Mtg.
- 3:20 Lego Robotics (Blue Team)

Friday, Sept. 15

No School

Monday, Sept. 18

Picture Day

Tuesday, Sept. 19

Picture Day