



Principal's Post
September 5, 2023

Dear Lourdes Catholic School Families,

I hope you had an enjoyable long weekend. We are settling into routine while also continuing to welcome students to the building. Today and tomorrow we welcome our youngest students, the 3 year olds, as they begin preschool. I pray for these young children and for their families. It is a very big deal to start school and I know this comes with many emotions.

Are you looking for a way to get involved at school? We are looking for parent volunteers to help at [Recess](#). Please sign-up, if you are interested. You would not be alone on recess duty as we have 2 teachers at each recess. But an extra set of eyes is always appreciated. Please consider this opportunity.

Would you like to get involved but are looking for something other than recess duty? Or maybe you are interested in both! Home and School is also looking for parents to volunteer for the annual fundraiser. Mark your calendar to attend a [meeting](#) about "Starry Night" which will be held ahead of the Home and School Meeting next week, Wednesday, Sept. 13th.

Are you able to join for Mass tomorrow? It's wonderful to see the students, grades K thru 8, celebrating together. In particular, it is special to see our older students assist the younger students with support during mass. I am grateful for the 8th grade mass helpers. All school mass this week will be led by Mrs. Ashby's 5th graders.

Do you have a question about the Free and Reduced Lunch Program? If so, please see the [link](#). This form (see attached) needs to be completed each year so even if you completed this last year, you will need to complete a new form. If you would like a hard copy of the form sent home, please contact the front office.

Are you thinking about joining [Cub Scouts](#)? Mrs. Girskis has asked me to share that tonight (6:30 in the PAC) is the 1st Pack meeting and the kick-off to the popcorn fundraiser. They'd like to have the roster finalized, so if you are still interested in joining Cub Scouts, please follow the

[link](#) to register and pay fees online AND plan to attend the first Pack meeting tonight at Lourdes. Please feel free to invite friends to join - Pack 199 is NOT exclusive to Lourdes students - the pack is a blend of both IL and IA area students and home school families.

Let's talk about our new school! This coming weekend we will be launching the campaign for St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. Please pray for our growing community and the new school we will be building. Information will be shared at all masses at OLOL and SJV this weekend, followed by an event specifically for current school families on **Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6pm**. Save the Date and plan to attend!

This morning during Morning Prayer and Announcements we are reminded of God's greatest Commandment, You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your mind. I am so happy to be with your children at our awesome school! Thank you for supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,
Katie Selden

The schedule for the week is as follows:

Tuesday, Sept 5

1st Day of School for 2 day 3 year old classes!

8:00 Teacher Mtg.

3:30 MS Team Mtg.

4:00 St. Joan of Arc Core Planning Committee Mtg (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence) at SJV

6:30 Cub Scouts Mtg.

Wednesday, Sept 6

1st Day of School for 3 day 3 year old classes!

9:00 All School Mass

2:30 Early Dismissal

2:40-3:45 Professional Development with AEA

Thursday, Sept 7

1:45-2:45 Mrs. Selden off site for meeting

3:30 Building Leadership Team (BLT) Mtg.

6pm Holy Hour for Families

Friday, Sept. 8

12:00 Finance mtg with BCSD (Mrs. Selden)

3:30-5 Girl Scouts (school library)

Saturday Sept. 9 and Sunday, Sept. 10

One Faith, One Family, One Future Kick-off weekend!

10:30 Mass on Sunday (OLOL) including a blessing of Teachers and Catechists