



Principal's Post
October 16, 2023

Dear Lourdes Catholic School Families,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. Fall weather is here and you'll read in today's note many fun fall activities that we have scheduled for the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for attending Parent-Teacher Conferences last week. I appreciate you taking the time to meet with the teachers, and I hope that your conference provided you with some valuable insight into your child's progress in school.

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated, baked, cooked, served, set-up, cleaned-up all of the meals for teachers last week. It was much appreciated and enjoyed. Please imagine the teachers lounge filled with teachers laughing and visiting as they enjoyed dinner and a quick break between conferences. It was very nice. Thank you!

We are settled into the school year and have assessed all students, K-8, with their reading progress. Based on the information gathered, decisions about interventions are made. Our Reading Interventionist, Mrs. Hines, offers this support as part of the school day. Please read the [letter](#) from Mrs. Hines.

We also have an after school tutoring option with Mrs. Volden that aligns directly with the Voweletics program we use in grades, K-2. Mrs. Jane Volden, a previous Lourdes teacher and developer of our Voweletics program, offers tutoring sessions in her home to reinforce and expand children's reading and writing skills. Sessions are offered for students in Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade. Here is a link to the 2nd quarter sessions beginning November 7th. The link will provide additional information and Jane's contact information:
<https://voweletics.squarespace.com/2nd-quarter-2023>

Our Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest is BACK! Watch for a note coming home tomorrow about this fun activity.

Grades 5-8 are invited to attend a Student Hunger Drive event at Skate City in Moline on Monday, October 30th, 6-8pm. This event is open to all SCCS students in grades 5-8. More information will be sent home this week.

Genesis will be providing a Free flu clinic for **kindergarten to 8th** grade at school on Tuesday October 24th at 1:00 pm. If you would like your child(ren) to participate in this clinic, you need to register. Ms. Huiskamp sent an email last week with a link to the paper copy. **Please let your child know you are signing them up for the flu shot so they are not surprised on the 24th.** Also keep in mind any child that is having a hard time with getting the vaccine will not be vaccinated. Please feel free to contact Ms. Huiskamp with any questions at lorrie.huiskamp@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us

Are you looking for ways to get involved? Do you have a last minute change this week with your schedule and you'd like to volunteer in our awesome school? Please take a look at [Volunteer openings](#) this week. This includes last minute needs in the [library](#), [Morning Greeter](#) and [Donuts with Dads](#). Volunteers can be moms, dads, grandparents. The students love to see their family in the building, so please consider signing-up to help! A quick call to Mrs. Wermes (563-359-3466) will help you check on what you need to do to sign-up to volunteer.

Prior to Halloween is our annual Trunk or Treat. This event is scheduled for Friday, October 27th. Click the link for more information and to [signup](#) for Trunk or Treat.

October 2nd I shared with you the first of a series of parent letters to explain the transition we are going through as we move to standards-based assessment. Please see today's [parent letter](#).

We are so happy and praise God that Fr. Ben and his group are safely home from the pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Our prayers extend to those suffering due to the terror in Israel. I find myself at a loss of words to express my feelings and have turned to church leadership to guide me. The following is taken from the USCCB statement last week, "I join with Pope Francis in his call for peace and his condemnation of this widespread outbreak of violence. As he stated in his Sunday audience, 'May the attacks and weaponry cease. Please! And let it be understood that terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people.' "May all who love the Holy Land seek to bring about among all the parties engaged in the fighting a cessation of violence, respect for civilian populations and the release of hostages. "As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events. We call on the faithful, and all people of good will to not grow weary and to continue to pray for peace in the land Our Lord, the Prince of Peace, called home."

Thank you for supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Selden

Schedule for the Week

Monday, October 16

- 8:00 Teacher Meeting
- 8:45 Marketing Mtg (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Mosher)
- 1:00 6th grade Tour and Admissions Mtg (Mrs. Selden)
- 2:00 All School Rosary hosted by 5B
- 3:25 Middle School Team Meeting (Mrs. Selden + m/s teachers)
- 3:20 Robotics
- 4:00 Evening Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, October 17

Day of Fasting and Prayer for peace in the [Holy Land](#)

- 7:30-8:30 Offsite RDA Exec Committee Mtg (Mrs. Selden)
- 9-11 Mom's Morning at SJV
- 9:30-11 7th Grade Technology Day at Assumption
- 10:00 Mtg. with Fr. Crossen (Mrs. Selden)
- 12:00 School Safety Webinar (Mrs. Selden)
- 3:45-5:00 Diocesan New Teacher Mtg (Mrs. Hayes, Ms. Richards, Ms. Rogers, Mrs. Glick)
- 3:30 [Rosary](#) to pray for peace (Mrs. Selden, interested teachers + staff)
- 4:00 St. Joan of Arc Core Planning Committee Mtg at SJV (Mrs. Selden and Mrs. Lawrence)

Wednesday, October 18

3-Day Preschool Vision Screenings

- 7-8:30 Donuts with Dads
- 8:05 Teacher Prayer
- 9:00 All School Mass
- 1:00 Mtg. with Ms. Altman at All Saints (Mrs. Selden)
- 2:30 Early Release**
- 2:40-3:45 BLT Mtg.
- 5:30 Assumption Information Knight at Assumption High School
- 6:15-7:45 Youth Group

Thursday, October 19

2-Day and PreK Vision Screenings

Fire Drill this morning

- 1:00 '24-'25 K and Grade 1 Tour and Admissions Mtg (Mrs. Selden)
- 1:00-3:00 Title III Meeting by Zoom (Mrs. Selden)
- 2:00 SpEd Mtg (Mrs. Selden)
- 3:20 Robotics
- 3:45-5 Volleyball practice
- 6-7:30 FLK Basketball practice

Friday, October 20

M/S Team Building at Camp Shalom

1:00-3:00 SCCS Admin Mtg at JFK (Mrs. Selden)

3:30-5:00 Girl Scouts

