



Principal's Post
October 2, 2023

Dear Lourdes Catholic School Families,

What a fun time at the Fall Festival yesterday! We are lucky to have such a strong community that values time together. It was fun to listen to our choir and band students perform. Great job! And a big thank you to Mrs. Freemyer!



One Faith, One Family, One Future Campaign update

We have officially surpassed the **\$12 million** mark! The bulletin announcement was printed earlier in the week which is why you will see \$11.8 million listed, but we are now over \$12 million! The match was met last Monday night and we are thankful for all who participated. A big thank you to Mrs. Berneking and Mrs. Meier for helping with all of the many details of the kickoff event. And thank you to our Anonymous Donor and to Russell Construction for matching donations pledged that night.

The St. Joan of Arc Foundation is now eligible for matching gifts from the John Deere Foundation. A big thank you to Mrs. Rosales who worked hard with this project. Within Deere, each employee is eligible for up to \$3,500 each fiscal year, in any combination of matching gifts or as a dollars-for-doers contribution (i.e., \$20 an hour per volunteer time reported in our system.) So, over the three-year campaign, this can really add up for those contributing! Mrs. Rosales has prepared a one-page document for Deere employees which explains instructions on how to request a match on donations. If your employer participates in a similar program and your gift is eligible, please contact me so I can help you get the paperwork you need. Lourdes Catholic School is also eligible for those matching gifts and the dollars-for-doers program, so please take advantage of your employer programs to maximize donations.

ONE FAITH—ONE FAMILY—ONE FUTURE

There Are Many Ways You Can Give to Our Campaign!

This past week, we surpassed \$11.8 million in gifts and pledges to our *One Faith – One Family – One Future* campaign, with nearly 220 donors making a gift!

We are well on our way to our Celebration Goal of \$15 million. At the same time, we want to keep our Challenge Goal of \$25 million in our sights.

Of course, reaching our goals will require significant and creative gifts. You might think this doesn't apply to you because you're not able to make a significant gift to this campaign. But, that's simply not true: No gift from the heart is insignificant! Recall that Jesus heralded the gift of the widow's mite as being "more" than any other because she was moved by faith to give all that she had.

In the same way, the significance of your gift is not the amount itself, but what you're willing to do, in faith, to make the best gift possible. To help you, we want to share ways you can make a larger gift than you might at first think possible.

The most obvious is to spread your gift over time—in this case, over three years. However, there are other ways, too. For example, life insurance policies offer a variety of creative ways to give now or later to our campaign. You could:

- *Gift the cash value of a policy you no longer need.*
- *Reassign a policy, naming St. Joan of Arc Foundation as the beneficiary.*
- *Purchase a new policy that names St. Joan of Arc Foundation as the beneficiary.*

Deere & Company has recently announced that it will match contributions to our campaign for their employees. We encourage you to inquire with your employer for similar opportunities.

For more creative ideas and ways to implement them, please visit the "How to Give" section our *One Faith – One Family – One Future* campaign website: onefaithfamilyfuture.com.

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K-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Next week (Oct. 10th and 12th) we will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences for K-8th grade students (Preschool and PreK Conferences are held in November). K-8 Conferences take place prior to the end of the 1st Quarter because it is helpful to have conversations about academic performance early in the school year. I hope for 100% participation and I thank you in advance for making time during the busy evening to meet with your child(ren)'s homeroom

teacher. The relationship between school and home is important for a successful school year. Please sign-up using the link provided:

- K-5th grade: [Grades K-5 Conference Sign-up](#)
- Middle School: [Middle School Conference Sign-up](#)

Middle School parents, the format is the same as past years. For our new families and the 6th grade families, *please choose one time slot*. Parents do *not* need to sign up with their student's homeroom teachers. The teachers will move back and forth between the two rooms so parents will be able to meet with multiple teachers. Mrs. Heck, Mr. Hintze, and Ms. Richards will all do their best to see all the parents.

[Report Card and Assessment Information](#)

We have a new Report Card this year and an updated grading scale. As we move to standards-referenced assessment, I will be working hard to explain the changes to our families. The standards-based instructional paradigm (sometimes referred to as "outcome-based education") has brought to light the need for more accuracy with how we assess work, verify learning, and report achievement. Please read this [Parent Letter](#) and look forward to more details in my next letter in next week's Principal's Post.

[Parent University](#)

A few times a year, all of the SCCS Counselors come together to put on a parents education night to bridge the gap between what we see and teach at school—and what you're dealing with at home. The first education night of the year takes place tomorrow night, October 3, and features guest speaker Officer Hank Jacobson. In addition to being a former Davenport Police Officer, Hank now specializes in internet safety. He's seen it all—so if you have questions, this would be a great opportunity to get those questions answered. Parent University will be held at Assumption High School in the Carroll Lab, 6-7pm. on Tuesday, October 3.

[Schedule for the Week](#)

Monday, October 2

Book Fair Day 1

8:00 Teacher Meeting

10:00 All School Rosary hosted by 5A

3:20 Student Council Mtg. (Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Camarena + student council)

3:25 Middle School Team Meeting (Mrs. Selden + m/s teachers)

3:20 Robotics

Tuesday, October 3

Book Fair Day 2

9-11 Mom's Morning at SJV

9-2 Diocesan Administrator Meeting in Burlington (Mrs. Selden)

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

6-7pm Parent University at Assumption

Wednesday, October 4

Book Fair Day 3

8:05 Teacher Prayer

9:00 All School Mass

11:00 Security Mtg (Mrs. Selden)

2:30 Blessing of the Animals (gather 2:20)

2:30 Early Release

2:40-3:45 Report Card Mtg (Mrs. Selden, all teachers)

6:15-7:45 Youth Group

Thursday, October 5

Book Fair Day 4

Mrs. Selden out of the building until 9am

1:00 REAL Choices Healthy Relationships Planning Mtg. (Mrs. Selden)

2:05 AHS Pep Rally

3:20 Lego Robotics

3:30 B.L.T. Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Behnke, Mrs. Mesick, Mrs. Heck, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lawrence)

6-7pm Holy Hour for Families

Friday, October 6

Book Fair Day 5

N.U.T. Day/Dress like your favorite book character

7:45 IEP Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Drexler, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Snyder)

3:30-5 Girl Scouts

Thank you for supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katie Selden