



November 20, 2023

Dear Lourdes Catholic School Families,
We have a short week with only 2 days of school. And our preschoolers and preK are already enjoying time off! Please take a look at the schedule below. Tomorrow is a special “N.U.T. Day”---don’t forget your pj’s!
I hope your family has a beautiful Thanksgiving—and as always, thank you for choosing and supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Selden

Schedule for the Week

Monday, November 20

No School Preschool and PreK: CONFERENCES

- 8:00 NO Teacher Mtg.
- 8:00 Parent Mtg (Mrs. Selden)
- 3:20-5 Robotics
- 3:30 M/S Team Mtg.
- 5:00 6th grade volleyball game at St. Paul's
- 7:00 7th grade volleyball (blue team) game at St. Paul's

Tuesday, November 21

PJ (NUT Day rules apply) and Movie Reward for Student Hunger Drive

No School Preschool and PreK: CONFERENCES

- 9-11 SJV Mom's Morning
- 11:00 Tornado Drill #2
- 3:45-5 Volleyball practice
- 4:00 SJoA Core Planning Team Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)
- 7:40 7th grade volleyball (white team) game at JFK

Wednesday, November 22

NO SCHOOL

Thursday, November 23

NO SCHOOL: Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 24

NO SCHOOL

Student Hunger Drive Rewards

Tuesday, November 21: School-wide PJ and movie day. NUT day rules will apply for pajamas. Movies will be chosen by classroom teachers.

Vendor Fair

STILL LOOKING FOR A PARENT VOLUNTEER

A big thank you to Mrs. Heckinger for organizing the Vendor Fair on Saturday! The event was a huge success as \$1075 was raised to go towards the 7th and 8th graders trip to Washington DC this summer. Mrs. Heckinger's son is in 8th grade, so we need another volunteer to take over her spot next year! The next trip to Washington DC will be for the current 5th and 6th graders in summer 2026 when they are 7th/8th graders. **This means a parent or a team of parents of current 5th/6th graders—it's your turn!** Please let me know if you are interested in helping!

Transportation Reimbursement

DEADLINE COMING UP

Students who reside within BCSD **are now** eligible for transportation reimbursement because BCSD no longer provides bussing to Lourdes students. If you live over 2 miles from Lourdes in the Bettendorf School District you are eligible through BCSD.

Bettendorf (BCSD), Pleasant Valley (PV), Davenport (DCSD), and North Scott forms are provided at each of the links above. You may print the form out for the school district within whose boundaries you live, and send it in to the address at the bottom of your form as soon as you can. You can also email a copy to the appropriate school district. The contact information can be found at the bottom of each form.

December 1 is the hard deadline for the first semester, and we know from experience that the school districts do not make any exceptions.

Please do not mail or send your form to Lourdes. They must be sent directly to the appropriate school district.

Middle School Service Hour Opportunities

Please take a look at opportunities for MS Service Hours:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAAAB2BA6F49-45832881-msservice>

Preschool and PreK Christmas Program information

Preschool and PreK [Christmas Program](#) information here!

Reading Counts

Ask your student(s) about Reading Counts! It is a highly motivating, independent reading program that we use here at Lourdes Catholic School. It is used to encourage reading while we monitor and assess our students' progress in reading comprehension. Many of the books in our library have Reading Counts! quiz and you can search this website to see if any of the titles you have at home have a corresponding quiz:

<https://readingcountsbookexpert.tgds.hmhco.com/bookexpert/>

The Reading Counts! website also provides the reading level and point level of each book so we can choose books that best fit the needs of each student. Reading can happen at home, but the quizzes must be taken at school.

We will be starting an all school competition in January and hope to get everyone on board to see how many points the entire school can accumulate! Our goal will be to see our principal, Mrs. Selden on the roof by the end of the school year! Stay tuned!

Coat, Hat, Mitten and Scarf Collection

Our 3rd grade classes and our school library are collecting items for those in need in our community. Please [donate](#) if you are able.

Girls Basketball

It was a great season for LCS girls basketball this year! LCS fielded two teams in a combined 7th & 8th grade division – White and Blue. Both teams finished with winning records, capped off by a Tournament Championship by the Blue squad. Upon finding that the championship trophy no longer travels from school-to-school, the team banded together to get a new trophy that can permanently reside at the school. This new trophy includes plaques commemorating the girls' championships this year and last, as well as the 2019 team featuring "Coach Lexi". Stay tuned to see if the 7th-grade girls can reach their goal of adding another plaque next year to make it a "3-peat"! Congrats to the girls for their hard work and success, and many thanks to the parents, coaches, and administrators for helping to make it all happen.

These photos show the girls celebrating courtside after their victory in the final, gathering at school when the new trophy arrived, and the shiny new hardware proudly on display in the LCS

trophy case.







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Angel Tree

Looking for a way to make a difference in our community? Our annual Angel Tree outreach event kicks off THIS WEEKEND! The Outreach Committee has been working

hard to prepare angels and secure a list of Lourdes parish families and individuals in our community that need our help this year. The angel tags will be available for pick up in the Gathering Space after each Mass on November 18th and 19th. All gifts can be returned to the Gathering Space November 25th-26th or December 2nd-3rd. **We need ALL gifts by December 3rd**. Please return all gifts with the tag attached and wrapping supplies provided, if possible. Prayerfully consider helping our Parish families and community this year.

Please direct questions to Katelyn Darling (319.415.8990 or katelyn@katelyndarling.com). Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be placed in the "Neighbors in Need Box" located in the Gathering Space, the monetary gift must be labeled Angel Tree.