



November 6, 2023

Dear Lourdes Catholic School Families,

What a beautiful fall day we are having today! We are settled in here at school and looking forward to a week of great learning. The hats on the students offer a neat opportunity to see some personality shine through. And Father Ben in his Cubs hat sparked many comments as the students entered the building today.

Please read below for updates regarding many important topics such as report cards, St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, ways to help our community with the upcoming winter and holiday season and so on.

### **Report Cards**

1st Quarter Report Cards will be sent home this week. I will send an email with a letter explaining how to read and understand the new format on the day that the report cards are sent home.

### **Trunk or Treat WINNERS!**

Congratulations to the following families who were selected as Trunk or Treat WINNERS for the best decorated trunks:

3rd Place	Schmelzer family (Day of the Dead theme)
2nd Place	Rosales family (Mario theme)
1st Place	Larson family (Matilda theme)

### **Before and After School Charges**

Before/Aftercare is now being billed daily in Blackbaud. The time is entered each day for each student, and there is a running total each month until the monthly invoice is emailed to the parents. Please remind your parents to check Blackbaud for Before & Aftercare billing, especially if they are ESA approved or have already paid their tuition for the year and are not likely to check their Blackbaud account often. Payments can be made through their Blackbaud account. Unfortunately, Blackbaud shows the total amount charged but not the date/time detail. If a parent is in need of that information, please have them contact Robin Spencer at [financialoffice@sccsiowa.org](mailto:financialoffice@sccsiowa.org), or 563-326-5313 x283.

### **Blackbaud, PowerSchool and Edutrak**

SCCS has asked that I remind all Lourdes families to verify access to Blackbaud, PowerSchool and Edutrak. If you have any questions, please contact SCCS Business Office at 563-326-5313.

### **Library Volunteers**

The needs we have this coming week are:

Monday, November 6, 9:30-10:00 am, Mrs. Mesick's 3A

Monday, November 6, 12:50-1:20pm, Mrs. Rogers's 5B

Tuesday, November 7, 9:30-10:10am, Mrs. Gustafson's PreK AM

Wednesday, November 8, 12:40-1:10pm, Mrs. Snyder's KA

Wednesday, November 8, 1:15-1:45pm, Mrs. Hayes' 2B

Wednesday, November 9, 10:45-11:15am, Mrs. Miller's 1st Grade

If you can help with any of these times or the remaining times in November, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48AAAC2BA02-45680668-november#/>

### **Outreach Thanksgiving Meal Basket Drive 2023**

Once again the Outreach Committee will be providing hungry families in our community with a basket full of nutritious meals this Thanksgiving. Please use this link to sign up to make a food donation:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FA4AD28A1F85-45643854-thanksgiving>

Food may be left in the Gathering Space before or after Masses beginning November 4th, or 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. All food is needed by 9 a.m. Tuesday, November 14th for sorting and distribution. Monetary donations are always welcomed—please place them in the 'Neighbors in Need box' in the Gathering Space any time. There is also the opportunity to help sponsor a meal basket for one family: Use the link above to make a donation. Scrip will be purchased and the shopping will be done for you—this also benefits Lourdes Catholic School! Questions? Please call Angie Joers (563-505-5629) or Kelly Rashid (563-340-5619). Thank you for your generosity!

### **Toys for Tots**

The Student Council is once again asking for your generous support for this year's Toys for Tots collection. Through the gift of a new toy or book, the Marines' Toys for Tots program brings the joy of Christmas and sends a message of hope to America's disadvantaged children. To date, Toys for Tots has distributed 652 million toys to 291 million deserving children.

Lourdes Catholic School will be collecting NEW toys, games, and books November 6 until November 17th. Please bring in any NEW and UNWRAPPED toys for kids of ALL ages and place them in the Toys for Tots boxes in our school. We are hoping to stuff the boxes with new toys for kids in need in our community.

Thank you so much for your support in the Toys for Tots campaign. Help spread Christmas joy and give generously.

### **Lego Robotics**

The Lourdes Lego Leaders Team Blue-18335 is asking for your help in gathering information for their innovation project. Please follow the link below and respond by Thursday, 11/9. Thank you in advance, your participation is greatly appreciated! <https://forms.gle/oAE8CzFSwmJQi4XQA>

### **Middle School Service Hour Opportunities**

Please take a look at opportunities for MS Service Hours:

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

### **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.

### **St. Joan of Arc update**



Site preparation started this week! Work started on the 30 acres designated for our new school. The remaining 35 acres will be rented to the seller for farming.

### **Prayer for the Campaign**

# CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our faith community.  
You are truly the Master Builder.  
You provide for all our needs, and we trust in Your goodness.  
Christ Jesus, You are the firm foundation on which we build, the hope that does not disappoint.  
Our community needs Your grace to thrive and grow.  
Holy Spirit, we ask for Your wisdom and guidance as we work to construct our new school.  
May it be a place where students flourish as they come to know, love and serve Christ and His Church.  
Gracious God, as we journey in faith toward our future,  
help us continue to work as one family united in heart and mind.  
Grant us the courage to lead and to be faithful stewards, so that our school can be a wellspring of faith  
and hope for generations to come.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

## **Schedule for the Week**

### **Monday, November 6**

*Hat Day!*

*CoGATS this week grades 3, 5, 7*

8:00 Teacher Meeting

10:30 Mrs. Selden to Iowa City for Clergy Day Retreat (All Diocesan Priests & Administrators)

12:30 SWVPP Site Visit (Mrs. Gustafson, Mrs. Robinson, BCSD Staff)

3:20 Robotics

3:45-5 Volleyball Practice

5:30-7 Volleyball Practice

### **Tuesday, November 7**

*CoGATS this week grades 3, 5, 7*

7:30 Mrs. Selden off-site at RDA Grants Mtg. (will return approx. 9:30)

9-11 Mom's Morning at SJV

1:00 New Teacher Mtg. with Ms. Richards (Mrs. Selden)

3:20 New Teacher Mtg. with Ms. Rogers (Mrs. Selden)

3:45-5 Volleyball Practice

4:00 SJoA Core Planning Team Mtg @ SJV (Mrs. Selden and Mrs. Lawrence)

5:30-7 8th grade Volleyball Practice

**Wednesday, November 8**

*CoGATS this week grades 3, 5, 7*

8:05 Teacher Prayer

9:00 All School Mass

10:30 Tour for '24-'25 school year (Mrs. Selden)

1:00 Enrollment Mtg. (Mrs. Gustafson, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Wermes, Mrs. Selden)

**2:30 Early Release**

2:40-3:45 PD with AEA.

5:30-7 Grade 3 Boy Scouts

6:00 Home and School Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Behnke, Mrs. Robinson)

6:15-7:45 Youth Group

**Thursday, November 9**

*CoGATS this week grades 3, 5, 7*

8:45 New Teacher Mtg. with Mrs. Glick (Mrs. Selden)

10:00 New Teacher Mtg. with Mrs. Miller (Mrs. Selden)

3:20 New Teacher Mtg. with Mrs. Hayes (Mrs. Selden)

3:20 Robotics

4:30-8 Hosting Volleyball games

**Friday, November 10**

*Mrs. Selden out of the building at the Girls State Swim Meet*

*Sweet Treat prize today!*

*CoGATS this week grades 3, 5, 7*

TBD Kitchen Mtg. for SJoA (Mrs. Lawrence, architects, committee members)

7:45 IEP Mtg. (Mrs. M. Johnson, Mrs. Lawrence)

8:30-10:30 SCCS Principals Mtg by Zoom (Mrs. Selden)

4-5:30 8th grade volleyball practice