



Principal's Post
October 30, 2023

Dear Lourdes families,

I am sending this note a little earlier than usual today. We have a special event taking place with the Living Rosary at 10am this morning, in the gym. I hope you can join us! Halloween is tomorrow and even more important, is the holy day the following day. The 3rd graders will be dressed as saints and will give a presentation following mass. This is another invitation to join us. I hope to see you there!

Today we start the 2nd quarter of the school year. The teachers are busy completing report cards to share progress during the 1st quarter. More information about the report cards will be shared later this week as we prepare to send them home next week.

Halloween Parade and Parties

Tomorrow is Halloween! Students may choose to enjoy a N.U.T. Day with the theme of orange and black. This is not required and students are welcome to wear their uniforms or Spiritwear. We will have a schoolwide **Halloween Parade** (parents are welcome to attend in the gym) at 2:15. K-5 Students may choose to dress-up for the parade. Please avoid makeup and scary masks, scary props, etc. Your child's homeroom teacher will share additional details about the classroom celebration. Preschool students may wear their costumes all day. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Gustafson will share additional details to the preschool families.



Fruit of Joy

The joy talked about as a fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22 is the positive and cheerful outlook of a person who has been called by God and understands how beneficial it is to follow God's way of life.

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated for showing JOY during the month of October:

Kindergarten: Hazel M, Caroline S, Liam M, Trystan M, Charlie R, Jane B
1st grade: Cameron N, Ava G, Bella R, Benjamin M
2nd grade: Ruby H, Mimi S, Adaira H, Glenn N
3rd grade: Henry H, Izaac R, Amelia W, Gunnar W
4th grade: Rudy R, Elsi M, Brayden E
5th grade: Ronan L, Allison A, Owen W, Bella G
6th grade: Nicholas C, Cooper F, Andrew S, Drew K
7th grade: Macyn P, Cameron F, Addy C, Jack C
8th grade: Gracyn C, Levi J, Carlo M
Teachers: Mrs. Rouse

Volunteer Opportunities this week!

Library help Monday and Tuesday:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48AAAC2BA02-44580282-october#/>

Library help Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48AAAC2BA02-45680668-november#/>

Yearbook Pictures

We need your photos for the yearbook! Please email photos with grade/event to leigh.johnson@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us

Trunk or Treat THANK YOU

What a FUN night we had on Friday!

There are many people who volunteered to make the evening a success. A BIG thank you to Mrs. Heck, Mrs. Heckinger, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Keeney, Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Ashby, Ms. Snyder, Mr and Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Foley, Mr. Jennings, Mrs. Camarena, Mrs. Gimbel, Mrs. Mosher, Mrs. Crigger, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tandy, Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Kruck, Mr. Zumdome, Mrs. Gieck, Mrs. McNelis, Mr. Frainey, and the many other 7th and 8th grade parents who worked hard to make the evening a success!

School Picture Retakes

School Picture Retakes are scheduled for Thursday this week. **ONLY STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN RETAKES may be out of uniform on Thursday.** These students may dress in their "Sunday Best" as was the expectation during the school pictures a few weeks ago. Students NOT opting for a retake must be in the regular school uniform.

School Based Therapist joins our team!

We would like to welcome Ms. Koreha Watson to Lourdes Catholic School! Ms. Watson is a school based therapist from Family Resources and will be in our building, and available for appointments with students on Thursdays. Questions? Please contact our school counselor, Mrs. Leigh Johnson, at leigh.johnson@pvt.k12.ia.us.

Social-Emotional Screener

Within the next several weeks, our students in grades 4th and 7th will be taking the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire. A letter explaining the SDQ went home to those families at conference time. Parents with students in grades 4 and 7 are highly encouraged to participate as well. Parent passwords with directions to access the survey will be sent home soon! Questions about the SDQ can be directed to our school counselor, Mrs. Johnson, at leigh.johnson@lourdes.pvt.12.ia.us

2023 Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners

Animal:	Dakota F (preK)	Red Dragon
TV/movie:	Storm M (2nd grade)	Cookie Monster
Princess:	Adaira (2nd grade)	Fairy House
Scary:	Elsi M (4th grade)	Witch
Sports:	Kade G (2nd grade)	Kobe Bryant
USA:	Greyson H (6th grade)	Army tank
Carved:	Benny B (3day preschool)	Time to Shave
Incognito:	Rhylee C (4th grade)	Donuts
Creative Use of Materials:	Colette E (5th grade)	Frankenstein
Principal's Choice:	Isla N. (4th grade)	This Split is Bananas

Student Hunger Drive NEWS!

2023 Student Hunger Drive total cans collected: **3,384!**

Homeroom Class Contest Winners:

1st place	Mrs. Holmes 4th grade class with 475 cans
2nd place	Mr. Hintze's 7th grade class with 449 cans
3rd place	Mrs. Mesick's 3rd grade class with 404 cans

A Final Reminder about Altar Serving

Grades 5-8 [Altar Serving Sign-up and Training](#)

Mr. Katherman would like to hold training for new Altar Servers the 1st week of November. Please [sign-up](#) by October 31st (tomorrow!). Thank you!

Schedule for the Week

Monday, October 30

- 8:00 Teacher Meeting
- 10:00 All School Rosary (Living Rosary in the gym)
- 11:00 '24-'25 K. Tour (Mrs. Selden)
- 2:30 STEM user-input mtg for SJoA (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)
- 3:20-4 Student Council Mtg. (Mrs. Camarena, Mrs. Holmes, student council members)

3:25 Middle School Team Meeting (Mrs. Selden + m/s teachers)
3:20 Robotics
3:45-5 Volleyball Practice
5:30-7 Volleyball Practice
6-8pm Grades 6-8 Skate Party for the Student Hunger Drive hosted by AHS

Tuesday, October 31

Orange and Black N.U.T. Day option

9-11 Mom's Morning at SJV
2:15 **Halloween Parade** in the gym
2:30 **Halloween Parties**
3:45-5 Volleyball Practice

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints' Day

8:05 Teacher Prayer
9:00 All School Mass + 3rd Grade Saints Presentation
11-2 National Summit on School Safety (by zoom) (Mrs. Selden)
2:30 Early Release
2:40-3:45 Teacher Committees and Teams Meetings
5:30-7 Grade 3 Boy Scouts

Thursday, November 2

Picture Retake Day

8:00 IEP Meeting (Ms. Snyder, Mrs. M. Johnson, Mrs. Selden)
9:00 Tornado Drill
11-2 National Summit on School Safety (by zoom) (Mrs. Selden)
3:20 Robotics
4:30-8 Hosting Volleyball games
6-7pm Holy Hour for Families

Friday, November 3

N.U.T Day (please follow the [guidelines](#))

2:30 State Site Visit for SWVPP (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Gustafson, Mrs. Robinson)
3:30-5 Brownies/Girl Scouts Mtg.
4-5:30 8th grade volleyball practice

