

Principal's Post
December 11, 2023

Dear Lourdes Families,

Yesterday marked the start of the Second Week of Advent. Father spoke to us at mass about being ready for the coming of Jesus and the unknown timeline for his return. During this busy season, I pray for the Peace of Advent to be felt in your heart. May you prepare for Jesus with Peace and Love guiding you and your family.

We have so many wonderful, talented students—334 to be exact—in our building!! This week's note shares many accomplishments. What a great way to start the week by celebrating artists, athletes, and Robotics students! Enjoy the pictures!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Knights of Columbus St. Bernadette Council #15430 had been working with OLOL Art Teacher, Marie Glick, to have her students in grades K-8 participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Through engaging the creative talents and imaginations of her young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. The contest was conducted locally with winning entries advancing to the district/region and then to state, national and international levels. The winning entries will serve as the basis for a series of new Christmas posters. St. Ambrose University Art Professor, Kristen Quinn, and her art and drawing students judged the entries from Lourdes Catholic School,

The following student posters placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each Grade Division:

Kindergarden

1st Julia C (moving on to District competition)

2nd Lydia K

3rd Hazel M

Grades 1 and 2

1st Caden D (moving on to District competition)

2nd Liam S

3rd Eva G

Grades 3 and 4

1st Aaron W(moving on to District competition)

2nd Elsie M

3rd Henry H

Grades 5 and 6

1st Greyson H (moving on to District competition)

2nd Isabelle H

3rd Leonardo G

Grades 7 and 8

1st Taylor C (moving on to District competition)

2nd Zoe J

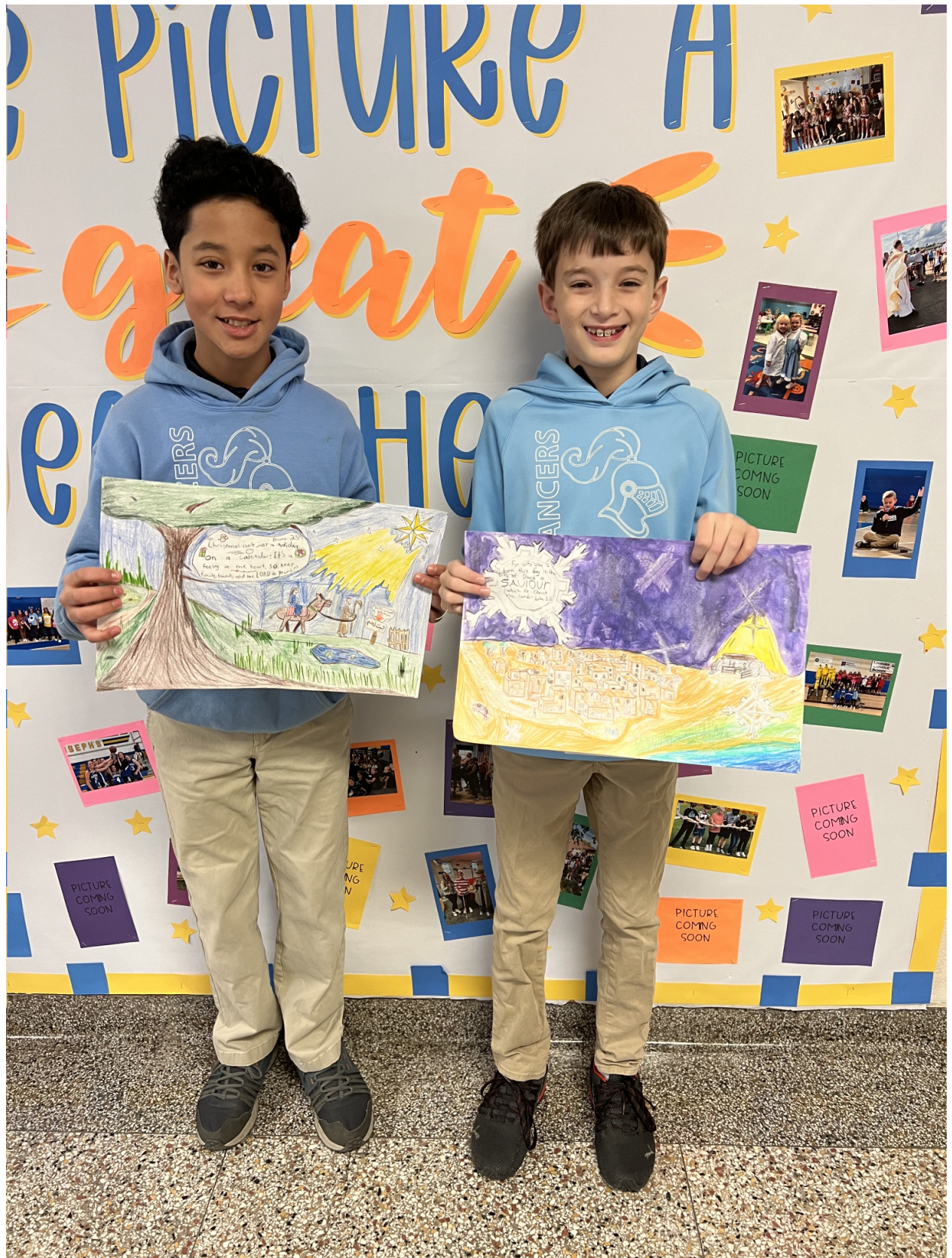
3rd Grace C

Honorable Mention: Davey S and Emma W











Lourdes Christmas Poster Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the school poster contest. These students will celebrate with Chick Fil-A lunch with Mrs. Selden and Mrs. Glick on Thursday this week.

(KA) Addie L, (KB) Soren J, (1st grade) Serephia C, (2A) Harper B, (2B) Teresa M, (3A) Rowan H, (3B) Lucas G, (4th grade) Rhylee C, (5A) Sophia F, (5B) Alex W, (6th grade) Bronwyn H, (7A) Kael G, (7B) Millie G, (8th grade) Gracyn C.



Volleyball

Congratulations to our Lourdes volleyball players! Our 5th and 6th grade teams made huge improvements this season. Our 7th grade girls won the season championship, and our 8th graders were the season runner-up. Congratulations to all of you! Be sure to check out our trophies when you visit school.







Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Winners

Boys (age 14) Sawyer H, Ben K, Giancarlo M

Girls (age 14) Andi L, Gracie L, Lola W

Boys (age 13) David S, Kael G, Lane P

Girls (age 13) Millie G, Zoe J, Quinn C

Boys (age 12) Cooper S, Colton M, Casey A, Jack C, Eli L

Girls (age 12) Addie C, Rachel M, Molly R

Boys (age 11) Greyson H, James P, Brayden G

Girls (age 11) Berkley S, Benna C, Gianna J, Teagan G

Boys (age 10) Lucas E, Brayden E, Aiden B

Girls (age 10) Maddie K, Macy C, Harper M

Boys (age 9) Rudy R, Shane L, Hudson C

Girls (age 9) Annie R, Agnes K, Avery C



Staff Scrip Christmas Gifting—today is the final day!

Staff Scrip Christmas Gifting: NEW this YEAR!! Thinking about a gift for staff members at Lourdes? To increase Scrip sales we are offering families the opportunity to consider a generic Scrip gift card as gifts for our teachers and staff at Lourdes. We think this is an exciting opportunity to show our teachers and staff a lot of love this season, give a gift that they're sure to love since they can use a generic gift card to select a retailer where they'd like to use it, and help increase our Scrip sales since it's our core fundraiser. It's also a win for parents who can use this as an easy way to tackle the gift list this season! Forms went home Tuesday, but is included at the bottom of this email as well. All gifts are due by **MONDAY DEC. 11th. Thank you!!**

St. Nick Shop was a HUGE success!

Thank you for supporting our annual St. Nick's Shop! It was a HUGE success with over 2,100 gifts purchased by our students! The joy and excitement shared by the kids definitely put us all in the Christmas spirit. Thank you to all of our incredible volunteers who helped make this happen. Merry Christmas!

Drop-off Procedures

I need your help with the morning drop-off routine.

1. When your car is waiting in line, please have your child put their backpack on their back and get ready to jump out of the car when it is your turn.
2. There should only be 1 line of traffic. Do not pull out and around this line of traffic.

Here is a note to explain more details for drop-off [procedures](#)

Volunteer Opportunities and Sign-ups

- ★ Middle School Service Learning Opportunities [sign-up](#)
- ★ December Library Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Lunch Recess Volunteer [sign-up](#)

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive–TOMORROW!

Parish and School Blood Drive on Tuesday, Dec 12 from 4 to 7:30 pm in the gym. If we get at least 20 donors the school is eligible for a grant. The grant is \$250 plus \$1 for every unit donation. The direct link to the drive where people can sign up is:

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/120652

Our Lady of Guadalupe skit following Mass Wednesday

You are cordially invited to attend a little skit that the 7th grade has put together for all of our students. All of our grades have been hearing the beautiful story during Spanish class this month and now they will see it come to life. The Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe is on Dec. 12th and we will present the story on the 13th, after our All school Mass. It should last approximately 20 minutes. If it fits into your schedule we would love to have you join us! God Bless you, Sra. Casas

Youth Group

Youth Group on Wednesday 12/13 there will be a White Elephant gift exchange. Anyone coming to the youth group meeting should plan to bring a gift that is \$10 or less.

Scrip Contest!

Tomorrow is the final day for the HOLIDAY [SCRIP CONTEST](#)! Please help us reach our goal!

Robotics Teams

Both the Blue and Red Lourdes Lego Leaders teams competed at the FIRST LEGO League robotics state qualifier at the Putnam Museum this past weekend. On Saturday, team Blue placed 2nd of 18 teams on the robot table missions! While neither team will advance to the state competition this season, we are extremely proud of their efforts. Thank you to Jay Detmer, Kelley Keeney, Mrs. Lawrence, and Mrs. Johnson for coaching this year.





Thank you for supporting Catholic education.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Selden

Schedule for the week



Monday, December 11

- 8:00 Teacher Mtg.
- 10:00 '24-'25 PreK Tour (Mrs. Selden)
- 12:00 SJoA Security Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)

1:00 Maintenance Mtg (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Rogers)
3:30-4 M/S Team Mtg.
4:00 Tour updated city parks for new playground ideas (Mrs. Selden)
5-7pm Advent Soup Supper

Tuesday, December 12

8-8:20 Rosary Club
9-11 Mom's Morning at SJV
11:00 Playground Mtg. for SJoA (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)
11:30 RDA Executive Mtg by Zoom (Mrs. Selden)
1:00 Tour for 3rd grade student possibly starting in January (Mrs. Selden)
3:00 SJoA Design Mtg. at SJV (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)
4-7:30 Knights of Columbus Blood Drive in gym
6:00 School Advisory Board Mtg (Mrs. Selden)

Wednesday, December 13

8:05 Teacher Prayer
9:00 All School Mass & Our Lady of Guadalupe play performed by 7th gr. following mass
10:00 Grants Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Burke)
11:00 '24-'25 Kindergarten Tour (Mrs. Selden)
2:30 Early Release
2:40-3 Building Leadership Team Mtg
3:00 Teams Mtgs (see staff list for agenda)
3:30 New Teacher Mtg. (Mrs. Selden)(Ms. Richards)
5pm Starry Night Mtg.
6pm Home and School Mtg.
6:15-7:45 Youth Group

Thursday, December 14

8-8:20 Rosary Club
8:00 IEP Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. M Johnson, Ms. Snyder)
11-1 Christmas Poster Winners Chick Fil-ALunch with Mrs. Selden and Mrs. Glick
2-3:30 SCCS Admin. Mtg. by Zoom (Mrs. Selden)
2:30 Dress Rehearsal for Band and Choir Concert (**not** open to the public)
6pm Band and Choir Concert

Friday, December 15

Spiritwear

3:30 Teacher and Staff Christmas Party

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