



Principal's Post  
December 18, 2023

Dear Lourdes Families,

Yesterday we celebrated the 3rd week of Advent and were reminded to REJOICE! No matter the challenges or difficulties we face, we must be joyful. We know that God is faithful and is in control of all creation. Because we hope in God, we have reason to REJOICE!

Friday after school the teachers and staff enjoyed a Christmas party organized by our Sunshine Committee. We had a nice time visiting and relaxing together. Home and School gifted all of us with beautiful jackets which include SJA (St. Joan of Arc) monogrammed with LCS, SJV and OLOL. I can't tell you how special this is! Our Bettendorf Catholic Community is growing and this is a great time for all of us! We were also overwhelmed with the incredibly generous gifts through the Scrip donation. THANK YOU for celebrating our great teachers and staff while also supporting our school!

### SCRIP!

In less than 1 month, over \$33,000 was purchased in Scrip. This means we earned \$1600 for our Home and School. THANK YOU!

This also means we will be celebrating with a special Spiritwear Day! **Tomorrow, Tuesday, December 19th, Students may dress as though they are in Spiritwear (regular uniform bottoms) and then may choose a favorite sweatshirt (no collar needed underneath), silly socks, and choice of shoes.**

### Preschool and PreK Christmas Program

We are excited to welcome preschool and preK families to the Preschool Christmas Program tomorrow, Tuesday, December 19th. Doors will open at 10am for the 10:30 show. Please enter through the front doors for a visitor badge. The Christmas Program will be held in the GYM.

### Volunteer Opportunities and Sign-ups

- ★ ***We need help moving the risers again! What a great turnout a couple weeks ago—may I ask for your help again today after school? If you are able, please come to the gym to help lift the risers back on to the stage.***

- ★ Middle School Service Learning Opportunities [sign-up](#)
- ★ December Library Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Lunch Recess Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Decorating the Church December 21 @ 9:30am [sign-up](#)

### ESA Update

ESA funding for 2nd semester is now available. The process to initiate funding is similar to the 1st semester.

#### **School action:**

- SCCS will review tuition and fees for all current students, and adjust the amount to be charged for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, if necessary.
- In some cases, SCCS may add band, algebra, and/or sport fees, as well as PSAT and/or AP test fees. (These options were not available in the 1st semester.)

#### **Parent/Guardian action:**

- Odyssey will automatically notify you that an invoice is available to review
- Review the invoice at Odyssey. If you have questions, please contact Bobbie Goetsch at ([studentaccounts@sccsiowa.com](mailto:studentaccounts@sccsiowa.com) or 563-326-5313 ext 282)

***To maintain ESA eligibility, approve payment through Odyssey***

***<https://iowa.withodyssey.com/>***

***As soon as possible. Our goal is to have 100% of our families accept 2<sup>nd</sup> semester tuition and fees by January 10th.***

### Update on April Knight Ladies' Luncheon

By now some of you may have given up on the Ladies' Luncheon! It has been unfortunately delayed, . . . but not forgotten! This year the luncheon will take place in the spring of 2024 - which may give us an opportunity to "change it up" in a few ways. We'll hope to get you a date shortly after New Year's.

### Decorating the church for Christmas

*Are you looking for a way to volunteer this Christmas season?*

Our Lady of Lourdes is looking for adult and youth volunteers to help with decorating the church for the Christmas season. We need help hanging garland, setting up Christmas trees, placing poinsettias, and much more! We will meet in the church on Thursday, December 21st, at 9:30am. Middle school & high school youth may use this time as service hours. ***If you are interested, please sign up by clicking [here](#).***

I wish your family a beautiful Christmas. Thank you for supporting our Catholic school!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Selden

Schedule

**Monday, December 18**

8:00 Teacher Mtg.  
9:15 Tour for '24-'25 Grade 1 (Mrs. Selden)  
3:30-4 M/S Team Mtg.  
5-7pm Advent Soup Supper

### **Tuesday, December 19**

#### **Scrip Reward Day!**

Students may dress as though they are in Spiritwear (regular uniform bottoms) and then may choose a favorite sweatshirt (no collar needed underneath), silly socks, and choice of shoes.

**PE and Music: Mrs. Jondle and Mrs. Freemyer will come to your classroom due to the preschool setup and program that runs all morning**

#### **No Guidance today**

7am-7pm Advent Penance Service in the church  
8-8:20 Rosary Club  
9-11 Mom's Morning @SJV  
10:30 Preschool and PreK Christmas Program in the gym  
3:30 Parent Mtg (Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Selden)  
4:00 St. Joan of Arc Core Planning Team Mtg @SJV (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)

### **Wednesday, December 20**

Classroom Christmas Parties (times TBD between Teachers and Room Parents)

8:05 Teacher Prayer  
9:00 All School Mass  
10:00 Visit renovated parks for SJA playground ideas (Mrs. Selden and Mrs. Lawrence)  
2:30 Early Release (no teacher meetings)

### **Thursday, December 21**

9:30am Volunteers needed to decorate the church for Christmas—meet in the church!



# Let's Decorate the Church for Christmas!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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# 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*