



Principal's Post January 22, 2024

Dear Lourdes Families,

This winter weather sure is keeping things interesting. Thank you for your flexibility as I keep the safety of your children at the forefront of decisions made regarding delayed or canceled school.

We have a lot to do as we settle-in to the 3rd Quarter. We are preparing for '24-'25 registration, Catholic Schools Week, RoundUps, etc. When we are at school, it is an extra busy time in the front office.

We are currently conducting FAST testing for all of our K-8 students and even with all of the disruption to our routine, there is a lot of learning taking place. January is often a great month for our students—especially our younger students who tend to make some quick strides forward!

I'd like to personally invite you to help us launch our Catholic Schools Week by representing our great school and showing your school spirit at mass this coming weekend. Both churches have asked for students and families to participate as readers, greeters, gift bearers at all 7 (yes, 7!!) masses. Please join me in celebrating our school and showing appreciation to the parishes that support us. Please see more information below to [sign-up](#) to help at mass.

I would also like to personally invite you to consider attending C.E.W (Christian Experience Weekend). This is a wonderful way to learn more about our wonderful faith community, make new friends, and take time to renew your relationship with God. I attended CEW when my twins were in Kindergarten. It was not easy to get out of the house for the weekend, but it was worth it!!! Mrs Camarena also wants to share her invitation: *For me, CEW was the start of a new relationship with Christ. The discussions, prayer, laughter, and community that weekend taught me more about God's love, Grace, and mercy than I'd ever experienced before. I absolutely recommend setting aside the time to rejuvenate or reset and walk alongside Christ and an amazing group of women/men, plus delicious food and life-long fellowship, for the weekend! Join us!*

I strongly encourage you to pray about making this work for your schedule! See below for more details. Or, click for [Information](#) and [Registration](#).

'24-'Registration Information

As an existing school family, you should have received by email a link to complete a "Hold the Spot" [form](#) for the '24-'25 school year. Please complete this [a.s.a.p.](#) As we plan for our growing community, I can't stress enough how important it is you secure your spot before this opens to the general public and interested new families. Within the next couple of weeks, the registration fees and complete online registration will be due. Keep your eyes open for communication on these next steps. You may also hold-the-spot/pre-register preschool-8th grade siblings of your current Lourdes/St. John Vianney student(s), even if they do not attend Lourdes this year.

SCRIP Results

I'm excited to share more details about the successful SCRIP campaign in November and December! For the months of November and December, SCRIP made the following profits for our Home and School: November **\$935.21** and December **\$1,431.64**.

During the promotion period (11/24-12/19), we had participation from **74** families and staff. Please continue to participate! This is a very easy way to raise money for our school.

Yearbooks!

<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01109599>

CEW (Christian Experience Weekend)

Build a Christian community. Our Christian Experience Weekend is not your typical silent retreat, but rather a shared Christian experience! Come join us for a weekend of talks, discussions, prayer services, Mass and also time for reflection, good food and fun! We all need companions for the journey and this is an opportunity to build relationships with others who are also learning and growing in their relationship with Christ. [Information](#) and [Registration](#).

Catholic Schools Week 2024!



The Catholic School Week Committee and Home and School are busy planning an exciting week (next week! January 27-Feb. 2) when we celebrate being a CATHOLIC school! Please plan to wear uniforms and spiritwear to attend mass this coming weekend. Please consider signing up to represent Lourdes: Catholic Schools Week Mass [sign-up](#) SJV is looking for help Jan. 27 (4:30) and Jan. 28 (8:30 and 11) as we celebrate CSW. They have asked students wearing uniforms to assist as readers, gift bearers, greeters, and to assist with the collection. Please [signup!](#)

Starry Night!

Starry Night is 6 weeks away! Mark your calendars for March 2, 2024! You are invited for an evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising for the needs of Lourdes Catholic School. Your contributions at Starry Night enhance our children's experiences and learning opportunities, as well as provide teachers and staff additional resources to heighten the quality of Catholic education for our students. Cocktail attire suggested. To purchase tickets or donate go to; <https://onecau.se/starry2024> or contact Megan Stopulous and Jen Foley at LCSSTARRYNIGHT@gmail.com or 563-650-7918. This is a great night for the adults in our school community to have fun together as we raise funds to support our students and their learning.

Starry Night Raffle Tickets

Starry Night Raffle tickets are going home with your students today! Raffle tickets are a big way we raise funds for Starry Night, the signature fundraiser for Lourdes Catholic School, which directly benefits our students with things like new computers, song books for Mass, and risers for music performances. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. On March 2nd, at Starry Night, 5 winners will be drawn for a \$200 SCRIP Visa gift card. Instructions for selling the tickets are included on the letter (also attached).

For our students, there are some incentives!! The families selling the most raffle tickets will receive:

1st Place Winner: \$100 in any Scrip Card

2nd Place Winner: \$75 in any Scrip Card

All other sales of raffle tickets will be entered into a drawing, equivalent to the number of tickets sold, and the one winner will earn \$50 on any Scrip Card!

Additionally we will have some ALL SCHOOL incentives!

1,500 Raffle Tickets Sold - NUT Day! (Preschool/Prek bring a stuffie)

3,000 Raffle Tickets Sold - Extra Recess

6,000 Raffle Tickets Sold - Delivery Pizza for Lunch

8,000 Raffle Tickets Sold - Mrs Selden will allow the top selling class and two top sellers to cover her in Silly String!!

Remember to save the date (March 2nd) and get your tickets to this fun community event! Visit: <https://onecau.se/starry2024> for more details!!

Did you know that Home and School helps to fund field trips for our students? Below are pictures of the Middle School Field Trip this past fall—a team building day at Camp Shalom. This day was made possible due to money raised during the 2023 Starry Night.









Volunteer Opportunities and Sign-ups

- ★ Buddy Lunch Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Middle School Service Learning Opportunities [sign-up](#)
- ★ January Library Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Morning Greeter Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Lunch Recess Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Catholic Schools Week Mass [sign-up](#)



Fruit of the Spirit Patience

(Kindergarten) Addie L, Cameron T, Ari H, Ginny H, Danny G, Addison C

(Grade 1) Serephia C, Sophia G, Grey S

(Grade 2) Harper B, Liam S, Will W, Teresa M

(Grade 3) Adelle H, Lucas F, Avery C, Daniel T,

(Grade 4) Logan K, Camden Z

(Grade 5) Izzy G, Harrison S, Maddie K, JB L,

(Grade 6) Bronwyn H, Lucia H, Elena R, Gavin H

(Grade 7) Lilliana G, Jack G, Rachel M, Emily H, Eli L

(Grade 8) Lane P, Isla F, Hadley E

Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee will be held during the school day on Friday, February 9 for grades 1-8. Lists went home last week and if your child is interested in participating they should study the words. The 1st place winner at the middle school level will qualify for the regional spelling competition.

Voweletics Tutoring

The 3rd quarter tutoring registration is now open for reading and writing. The sessions will run for 7-weeks, ending just prior to spring break. NOTE: Two new sessions have been added for Wednesdays. Here is a complete list of sessions available:

Kindergarteners Wednesdays: 3:45 - 4:45 from January 24th - March 6th

1st Graders Tuesdays: 3:45-4:45 from January 23rd - March 5th

 Wednesdays: 4:45-5:45 from January 24th - March 6th

2nd Graders Tuesdays: 4:45-5:45 from January 23rd - March 5th

Tutoring Registration Link for Students in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd Grade:

<https://voweletics.squarespace.com/3rd-quarter-2024>. The link contains all the information regarding the skill focus and the various assistance provided for all sessions.

Family BINGO

Mark your calendars for this VERY popular (and quick to sell-out) event!

Please see the flier below for more information.

★ <https://my.onecause.com/event/organizations/69a8d2a7-0e0b-49a5-86f0-28300f64d16c/events/vevt:614e2802-29d4-4431-ba67-c8aebc51085d/home/story>

★ <https://onecau.se/lcsbingo>

Summary of Date Changes

Please see the updated [calendar](#)

Feb. 2 NO After School Care (CEW setup)

March 22 NO After School Care (Lent Fish Fry)

April 8 K-8 NO SCHOOL; Regular session for preschool and preK, LLL

April 26 Regular school day for preschool, preK, K-8

May 6 K-8 NO SCHOOL: Regular session for preschool and preK, LLL

Thank you for supporting our Catholic school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Selden

Schedule for the Week

Monday, January 22

~~8:00 Teacher Mtg.~~

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

2-Hour Late Start

10:00 Teacher Mtg.

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

3:30 M/S Team Mtg.

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 Rosary Club (Mrs. Ewing)

9-11 Mom's Morning at SJV

10:30 PD mtg with AEA (Mrs. Selden)

3:30 New Teacher Mtg. with Mrs. Miller (Mrs. Selden)
4:00 SJoA Core Planning Team Mtg. at SJV (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)
4-5 6th grade basketball practice
5-6 8th grade basketball practice

Wednesday, January 24

8:05 Teacher Prayer
9:00 All School Mass
2:30 K-8 Early Release (BLT, LETRS prep, Storage Project)
6:15-7:45 Youth Group

Thursday, January 25

Honor Choir Makeup Day!

8:00 IEP Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. M. Johnson)
12:00 Tour for '24-'25 PreK (Mrs. Selden)
3:30 Kindergarten RoundUp Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Little, Ms. Snyder)
4-5 6th grade basketball practice
5-6 7th grade basketball practice
6-7 8th grade basketball practice

Friday, January 26

8:00 Rosary Club (Mrs. Ewing)
3:30 New Teacher Mtg with Mrs. Hayes (Mrs. Selden)
5-6:30 Pinewood Derby set-up

Saturday, January 27

4:30 CSW Mass at SJV
5:00 CSW Mass at OLOL

Sunday, January 28

8:30am, 11am CSW Mass at SJV
8:00am, 10:30am, 5pm CSW Mass at OLOL

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