



Principal's Post
January 29, 2024

Dear Lourdes Families,

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we call to mind the true mission of Catholic education and its goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Lourdes was established 104 years ago and we are proud to provide faith-based education with great teachers, a compassionate environment and strong community. We are awesome now and we will only be better as we grow! Thank you for choosing Catholic education!

THANK YOU for helping kick-off Catholic Schools Week by participating in all 7 masses this past weekend. Countless parishioners shared with me how much they enjoyed seeing the students as greeters and readers. Thank you!

We have a fun week ahead. I hope to see many of you today at Buddy Lunch, Mass on Wednesday at 9am, Mass on Thursday at Assumption (9:35) and several times in between.

Almighty Father, You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people. As a Teacher, he has given us the prime example of the importance of education. As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength. Thank you for the many sisters, brothers, priests, and laypeople who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic schools. Thank you for the teachers and administrators who sustain our schools today. Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education in their daily lives. Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education. Bless Lourdes Catholic School and the many people who advance our mission. May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service of others. May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers. Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom. May our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it. Fill our hearts with gladness. May we always turn to you in times of need. Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others. May we show them your unceasing love through our actions. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us. St. John Neumann, pray for us. St. Bernadette, pray for

*us. St. Joan of Arc, pray for us.
Amen.*

Catholic Schools Week 2024!



The Catholic School Week Committee and Home and School have planned a great week of [CSW fun](#)! Please pay attention to the theme of each day and what that means for the dress code. It's not too late to volunteer with today's [Buddy Lunch](#). If you are able to help, please do!

'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. Mrs. Wermes resent the email again Friday evening. 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. A week from today registration will begin and I don't want any of our current families to lose their spot. The registration fees and tuition information will be shared next Monday, February 6.

Starry Night!

Starry Night is 5 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 computers for our students? Our computer lab and Chromebook carts have been possible due to money raised during the Starry Night. Thank you!





Attention Scouts!

Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls

(A note from Mr. Girskis) Next Sunday Feb 4th at 8am is Scout Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes. All Scouts are welcome to attend this special mass for scouting. Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls are welcome. The scouts help with all aspects of mass and those who earned special awards will be recognized. Thank you for helping share this information!

https://www.facebook.com/events/2576853269147387/?active_tab=discussion

Below are some photos of last years mass at OLOL. Thanks! Brian Girskis





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](#)

Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee will be held during the school day on Friday, February 9 for grades 1-8. Lists went home a couple weeks ago 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.

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 29

Spiritwear

8:00 Teacher Mtg.
9:20 Buddy Lunch set-up will begin
11:30-12:50 Buddy Lunch
3:30 M/S Team Mtg.

Tuesday, January 30

Favorite Sports Team–NUT Day Rules Apply for bottoms

8:00 Rosary Club
1:05 Dodgeball
4-5 6th grade Basketball Practice
5-6 8th grade Basketball Practice

Wednesday, January 31

Dress in red, white, blue or camo. NUT Day Rules Apply for bottoms

9:00 All School Mass
2:30 Early Out: Committee Mtgs, LETRS prep, storage clean-out
3:40 RoundUp Mtgs (preK, preschool, K)

Thursday, February 1

Regular School Uniform today

8:50 Busses should be arriving to load for AHS
9:35 District Mass at Assumption (gr. 2-8)
4-5 8th Grade Basketball Practice
5-6 7th Grade Basketball Practice
6-7 Holy Hour for Families

Friday, February 2

NUT Day for February!

11:30-1 Teacher Luncheon
4:00 CEW set-up begins

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