

Principal's Post
January 17, 2024

Dear Lourdes Families,

I am very happy to be back to school today. It's wonderful to have everyone back to routine and back to learning!

And we have officially entered the second half of the school year. Report cards for the 2nd Quarter will be sent home tomorrow.

Today we welcome 2 student teachers from St. Ambrose University, Ms. Phung in 3rd grade and Ms. VanLandschoot in Kindergarten.

Our Home and School has been busy planning our annual fundraiser, Starry Night. Please read below for additional information. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun evening to raise money for our school. Over the next several weeks I will highlight what this fundraiser has directly supported our students.

Starry Night!

A note from our Home and School: 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.

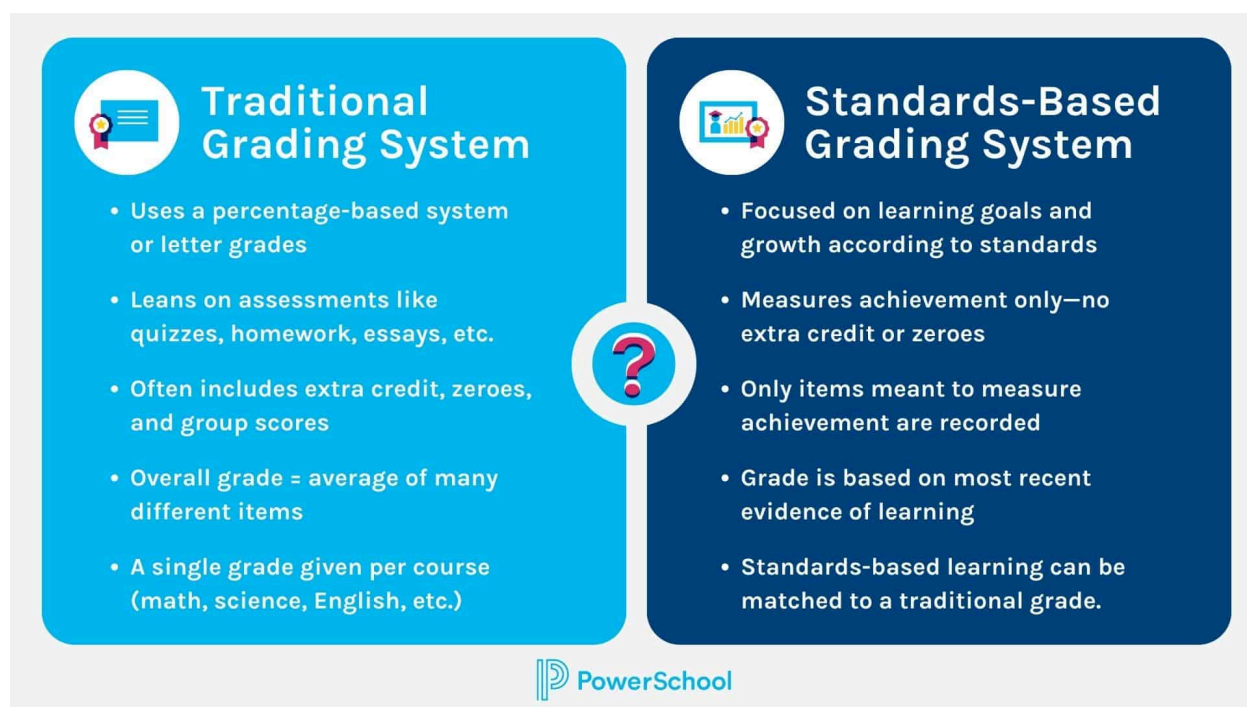
Below is a picture of the new risers that were purchased with funds from 2023 Starry Night.



Report Cards and Standards Based Grading

I shared earlier this school year the transition we have made to using a standards-referenced report card. Tomorrow the 2nd Quarter Report Cards will be sent home so I'd like to review the previous communication regarding this shift. [Parent Letter 1](#) and [Parent Letter 2](#) were shared ahead of the Report Card after the 1st Quarter. What you will see with the reporting of scores for Quarter 2 is the same as what was reported in Quarter 1. We still are not using the report card to the fullest extent due to the alignment that is taking place between teacher training and curricular work.

The biggest take away with the movement from traditional grading to standards-based grading is the long term look and focus on progression throughout the school year. The image below can also summarize key takeaways with the change.



Volunteer Opportunities and Sign-ups

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

Catholic Schools Week 2024!

The Catholic School Week Committee and Home and School are busy planning an exciting week at the end of this month when we celebrate being a CATHOLIC school! Stay tuned for more information. As for now, it is my hope we can get lots of LCS families signed up to wear uniforms and spiritwear to attend mass the weekend the celebration week launches. Please consider signing up to represent Lourdes: Catholic Schools Week Mass [sign-up](#)

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Doors open at 5:30 pm
Bingo will start at 6:00 pm in the gym

Come when you can...play for as long as you can, flexible fun for the family!

BYOP: BRING YOUR OWN PRIZE: SUGGESTED VALUE OF \$10 (1 PER FAMILY)

BYOS/D: BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND DRINKS.

This event is free of charge and open to all Lourdes families.

Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee will be held during the school day on Friday, February 9 for grades 1-8. Students 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.

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

Wednesday, January 17

8:00	"Monday" Teacher Mtg.
9:00	All School Mass
10:00	Tour (Mrs. Selden)
11:30	Tour (Mrs. Selden)
1:00	SJoA A/V Planning Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)
2:30	K-8 Early Release (LETRS Kick-Off)
3:30	Student Teacher Mtg. (Mrs. Selden)
6:30	8th Grade Parent Mtg. at Assumption

Thursday, January 18

- 8:00 IEP Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Drexler, Mrs. M. Johnson, Mrs. Behnke)
- 9-2 Diocesan Administrator's Mtg by Zoom (Mrs. Selden)
- 4-8 Hosting Boys Basketball

Friday, January 19

- 8:00 Rosary Club (Mrs. Ewing)
- 10:30 IEP Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Meisenbach)
- 2:00 Tour (Mrs. Selden)
- 3:30-5 Brownies Mtg.
- 4-5 6th grade basketball practice

