



Principal's Post
January 8, 2023

Dear Lourdes Families,

Happy New Year! It was wonderful to welcome everyone back to the building on Thursday. Today is the start of our last week of the 2nd Quarter. We are almost halfway through our school year! **Please note that Friday of this week, K-8 students will release at 11:30am. Preschool and preK will be in session like usual all day Friday. Next Monday, January 15 is a holiday and there is NO SCHOOL for preschool, preK, K-8.**

I have an important announcement about a few changes in our school calendar. Our K-8 teachers will be participating in a statewide reading initiative (LETRS [Science of Reading](#)) which means 2 days of professional development. This is a 2-year initiative and I am excited we were granted spots to participate.

Due to the professional development, there will be NO SCHOOL for the K-8 students on Monday, April 8 and Monday, May 6. I am also putting April 26 back on the calendar as a school day for all students, preschool through grade 8. Please also mark your calendars for NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE on Friday, February 3 (CEW set-up) and Friday, March 22 (Lent Fish Fry). Please see the updated [calendar](#). I will also put a summary at the base of this message.

[Weather Cancellations](#)

Winter is officially arriving this week! A reminder to you regarding school closing, we have a plan to communicate this information to you. Decisions are made as early as possible. Information will be sent by email, placed on news stations, posted on Facebook. Please keep an eye out for important school information. Thank you!

[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](#)

Campaign Update

Please see the update shared this weekend regarding [One Faith One Family One Future](#) campaign.

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 2nd 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.org 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 2nd semester tuition and fees by January 10th.

Summary of Date Changes

Feb. 3	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

Monday, January 8

8:00 Teacher Mtg.
12-2:30 SCCS Admin Mtg. (Mrs. Selden)
3:20 Student Council Mtg.
3:30-4 M/S Team Mtg.
4-5 6th grade Basketball Practice

Tuesday, January 9

8-8:20 Rosary Club
8:00 Preschool Tour (Mrs. Selden)
9-2 Diocesan Admin Mtg. by Zoom (Mrs. Selden)
9-11 Mom's Morning @SJV
10:00 5th Grade Tour (Mrs. Selden)
3:40 Speech IEP (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Meisenbach)
4-5 6th grade Basketball Practice
5-6 8th grade Basketball Practice
6-7 School Advisory Board Mtg. (Mrs. Selden)

Wednesday, January 10

8:05 Teacher Prayer
9:00 All School Mass
2:30 Early Release (AEA PD work + CSW Committee Mtg)
3:30 Kindergarten RoundUp Planning Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Little, Ms. Snyder)
4:45 Mtg. at St. Ambrose (Mrs. Selden)
6-7 Home and School Board Mtg. (Mrs. Selden)
6:15-7:45 Youth Group

Thursday, January 11

2-3:30 Scott County Principals Mtg (Mrs. Selden)
3:30 Building Leadership Team Mtg. (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Heck, Mrs. Mesick, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Behnke)
4-8pm Hosting Boys Basketball games

Friday, January 12

8:00 Rosary Club (Mrs. Ewing)
9:00 iReady Pilot Planning Mtg. (Mrs. Selden)
10:00 '24-'25 Preschool Tour (Mrs. Selden)
11:30 K-8 Early Release
Afternoon PreK in-session as usual

Monday, January 15

NO SCHOOL, preschool, PreK, K-8



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