



February 12, 2024

Dear Lourdes Families,

This week we welcome K-8 parents to Parent-Teacher Conferences on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Signup information is below and it's not too late to sign-up. I encourage 100% participation from our families. The time together between parents and teachers is valuable for helping connect about your child's progress. Please note the K-8 EARLY RELEASE for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. PreK has a REGULAR schedule all week. See the schedule at the base of this message.

[Parking Lot](#)

Pick-up is starting to get a little messy. In an effort to avoid any sort of accident, please pull into a parking spot, get out, and walk to pick up your child(ren). For middle school parents, I know this seems silly, but I need you to please follow the directions. Thank you!

Also, you should wait for your child INSIDE the coned safety area. Your child should meet you inside the coned safety area, then you will walk to your car together. If you would like to stay and visit with other families, this is great!! Just please visit under the Giving Tree or inside the coned safety area, not in the parking lot itself. Thank you!

[Reporting an Absence](#)

Communicable Illness: If your child is diagnosed with a communicable illness, please inform the school office to ensure the health and well being of our student body. Schools in Iowa are required to report student absences related to illness to their local health department. All information is kept confidential.

A friendly reminder to parents on the importance of letting the office know when their child is out sick and if they are diagnosed with a communicable illness such as strep, 5ths disease... This is important because we have some immune compromised students and Ms. Huiskamp can give the parents a heads up when we have an illness in their classroom or grade level.

[Fruit of the Spirit Winners](#)

Congratulations to the January Fruit of the Spirit winners for showing KINDNESS:

Emerson W, Hazel S, Delia R, Connor S, Julia C, Dallas F, Ethan W, Isabella R, Graycen B, Lavender W, Henry G, Talon W, Grace G, Thomas S, Rowan H, Henry H, Miguel C, Harlan C,

Shane L, Annie R, Kendall E, Brenna C, Will G, Kellan M, Anabella C, Lucy E, Holly T, Gianna J, Lila D, Cameron F, Grace S, Sean E, Millie G, Gracie L, Em W, Tristan Z, Mrs. Leigh Johnson



[Conferences](#)

Tuesday, February 13 (3-7pm) and Thursday, February 15 (3-7pm) we will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences. Here is the K-5 Parent Teacher Conference [Sign-up](#). Here is the Grades 6-8 Parent Teacher Conference [Sign-up](#).

Preschool and PreK will have Parent-Teacher Conferences in March. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up.

[Ash Wednesday](#)

Please join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday at 9am.

[Valentine's Day](#)

K-8 students will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 13. Classroom parties will be held at the end of the school day. Details specific to your child's classroom will be shared by your child's teacher.

[NO SCHOOL Friday, Feb. 16 or Monday, Feb. 19](#)

Please make note that we are coming up to a long weekend. This Friday, Feb. 16 and Monday, Feb. 19 there will be NO SCHOOL, preschool thru 8th grade and NO Lourdes Little Lancers (LLL).

[‘24-’25 Registration](#)

Registration is underway. If you have not registered for the ‘24-’25 school year, please do so as soon as possible. If you completed the “Hold the Spot” form a couple weeks ago, that was the first step. Now you need to proceed to the next step:

Current/Existing LCS Families

1. Please go to: apply.sccsiowa.org
2. If the student has attended LCS, select ‘Login’.
 - The Parent PowerSchool username and password is used to login to complete the Information Update. If you do not have your login information, contact Miranda Lawrence, miranda.lawrence@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us
 - After logging in, find your child’s name and click “Update” OR click “New Application” for a new student.
3. To pay the non-refundable registration fee:
 - Pay registration fees through your Blackbaud account, under the shopping cart. There will be an item for 24-25 Application Fees.
 - If you wish to pay by check, please make payable to SCCS and ‘24-’25 Application Fee in the memo, and drop-off to LCS

[CEW](#)

There is still room to participate in the Men’s CEW this coming weekend, February 16-18. Click for more [Information](#) and [Registration](#). ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend. I am praying for the growth of our CEW community and that there are dads from our school who will sign-up.

[Yearbooks](#)

Please click [here](#) to order your yearbook. The price goes up next week!

[Starry Night](#)

Starry Night is 3 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](#)

Raffle Sale Opportunity at Mass!

Please sign up to sell raffle tickets at Mass - at both St John Vianney and Lourdes on the weekends of Feb 17-18th and Feb 24-25th. Remember, your family gets credit for all your student's sales! Lets raise some funds for Lourdes! Sign-up [here](#).

Starry Night Raffle 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 used money raised at last year's event to buy new songbooks for mass? Thank you, Starry Night!



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the winners of the Spelling Bee that took place last Friday.



6th-8th grade

1st - Davey

2nd - Sawyer

3rd - Lola



4th-5th grade

1st - Lucas E

2nd - Izzy H

3rd - Cameron



1st-3rd grade

1st - Charlie K

2nd - Amaya C

3rd - Grace C

Family BINGO

Family BINGO night was a big hit!! It was great to see our LCS families come together for an evening of fun! Thank you for coming out and making this event a success! And THANK YOU to the following people:

Parent Volunteers and Event Organizers: Andrea Reilly & Linda Mosher, Dave Reilly, Jon Miller
Teen helpers: Lily G, Sabrina S, Aimee M & Zach M

And THANK YOU to all the awesome families who made light work of cleanup!















Volunteer Opportunities and Sign-ups

- ★ Starry Night Raffle Tickets sales after mass [sign-up](#)
- ★ Middle School Service Learning Opportunities [sign-up](#)
- ★ February Library Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Morning Greeter Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Lunch Recess Volunteer [sign-up](#)

Schedule

Monday, February 12

Teacher and Staff Fat Tuesday Celebration Potluck!

- 8am Teacher Mtg.
- 3:25 M/S Team Mtg.
- 4-8 Hosting Boys Basketball

Tuesday, February 13

Valentine Parties today

- 8:00 Rosary Club

2:30 Early Release

3-7pm Conferences

4-5 Grade 6 Basketball

5-6 Grade 8 Basketball

6pm School Advisory Board Mtg.

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

9am Mass

2:30 Early Release

6pm Home and School Mtg.

Thursday, February 15

2:30 Early Release

3-7pm Conferences

4-5 Grade 6 Basketball

5-6 Grade 8 Basketball

5:30 Grades 7, 8 Parent Mtg.

6:00 Grade 8 Parent Mtg.

Friday, February 16

NO SCHOOL Preschool PreK, K-8

NO Lourdes Little Lancers

Monday, February 19

NO SCHOOL Preschool PreK, K-8

NO Lourdes Little Lancers

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