



April 15, 2024

You are richly blessed when you walk trustingly with Jesus through the routines of your day. Amen.

Dear Lourdes Families,

What a beautiful weekend we had! A foreshadow of the summer days ahead. Over the course of the last 2 weeks, I spoke at each mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and SJV. It was exciting to share the enrollment news with our community. In case you missed it, our K-8 enrollment ended last year at 205 students, we currently sit at 254 students and we have 300 students already registered for next year. This is exciting news! This means we are hiring 2 additional teacher aides, plus 2 homeroom teachers. Due to retirements, we are looking for a new librarian and another elementary teacher. SCCS has approved the request to hire an additional Reading Interventionist. Long story, short: our community is growing and changing.

Which leads to a change I am not excited to write about. Fr. Ben shared with the students last week that he has been reassigned and will be leaving us effective July 1. We will miss his daily presence in our school and are so grateful for the love he has invested in our community. More details about a special going away celebration in May will be forthcoming.

[Transportation Reimbursement](#)

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT THIS!!!! If your child is a car rider, and your family lives within an Iowa school district's boundaries, you are eligible for transportation reimbursement. Please complete the form found [here](#).

[Band Concert](#)

A note from Mrs. Freemyer: We are so excited for our upcoming band and choir concert on **April 25th at 6pm!** We hope that you will be able to come enjoy an evening of the fine arts and support our music students. The band and choir have worked so hard, and it's sure to be a wonderful night full of music making! The concert should be around an hour in length. Both band and choir will be performing at this concert. All student musicians should plan to check into the library no later than 5:45 in order to warm up their voices and instruments.

Concert dress will be black pants with a black top. The students asked if a pop of color would be ok, and I think that would be great!

Dresses and skirts are not allowed. If a student is not in concert uniform at the concert, they will not be allowed to participate in the performance.

Please contact me prior to the concert if you have any questions about the performance or attendance. We can't wait to see you!

Scrip Update

The Scrip revenue from March totaled \$281, with 18 families participating. Thank you!

ISASP Testing

Starting today, Monday, April 15, we will be participating in the annual assessments for our students, grade 3 and up.

ISASP Test [information](#) is linked to help you understand the assessment. The test is given at different times of the day, according to each grade level. Attendance is important so if you have an appointment for your child I encourage you to contact their homeroom teacher to find out if the appointment conflicts with scheduled testing time.

Summer Care

2024 Lourdes Summer Registration

Enrollment is open for Lourdes Summer child care program. Our summer program is open from Monday - Friday, 7am-5:30pm, unless noted otherwise. During the summer the children will enjoy plenty of outdoor activities, sprinkler days, as well as field trips. Please forward your completed registration forms to [Beth Giese](#) or the school office.

ESA Update

With an eye toward the next school year, many of our families are looking forward to enrolling (or re-enrolling) their students' in Education Savings Accounts (ESAs). Our latest information indicates that the first opportunity to sign up will be at 8 am on April 16th. We expect a few changes to the process - which may simplify the enrollment process. Once we are able to confirm the details, we'll follow up with another email, so stay tuned!

Classroom Request

Our teachers work very hard to create a positive learning environment in their classrooms. A contributing factor to the learning environment is the mix of students in the classroom. A team consisting of teachers, support staff, and the principal meet to carefully, and thoughtfully, assign students to the homeroom that they, as professionals, feel is best suited to meet a student's needs. We ask that you please trust the professionalism of the team, and how well the teachers know the students in their homerooms. The Team splits existing classes based on academic needs, group dynamics, student interactions (positive/negative), peer relationships (positive/negative), class numbers, gender mix, siblings.

Requests for a particular teacher or separation from a particular student should be few. It is important to give clear, detailed reasons for this request.

Classroom Request forms are available in the school office starting today. Forms must be turned in to the school office by May 24, 2024. Emails, personal conversations, and phone messages will not serve as a formal request and will not be considered.

[Voweletics Tutoring 4th Quarter and Summer Sessions](#)

Fourth Quarter AND Summer Sessions registration is now open. Each session runs for seven weeks. The 4th quarter sessions begin April 2nd (prorated based upon individual starting date) and summer sessions begin the week of June 11th. The link below contains information regarding the skill focus and the various assistance provided for all sessions. It also includes all the meeting dates and times.

Fourth Quarter AND Summer Sessions (Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade)

<https://voweletics.squarespace.com>

[Assumption Scholarships](#)

[DUE TODAY](#)

There are several scholarships available for students who plan to attend Assumption. Applications are due today. Here is the [information](#).

[Assumption's Annual Fundraiser: April KNIGHT](#)

Please see the [link](#) for information about Assumption High School's April KNIGHT. Grade school families are welcomed to attend this fun evening!

[Assumption Sports and Activities](#)

[Softball Tryouts](#)

Tryouts for 2024 Assumption softball will be held on April 29th, April 30th, and May 1st from 5:00-8:00 pm. Please meet at the softball field at the St. Vincent's Center Athletic Complex

[Boys Basketball Camp](#)

[Registration Information](#)

Rising Knights Football Camp

[Registration Information](#)

Baseball Tryouts

[Information here](#)

[AHS Future Knights Track Program](#)

Please join us this April for the AHS Future Knights Track program!

Who: All 3rd-8th grade students

Where: AHS Track - 1020 W. Central Park Ave. Davenport, IA

When: Practices will take place Sundays from 12:00-1:15 PM and Wednesdays from 3:15-4:30 PM throughout April. Unable to attend all practices? That is ok! Join us when it works with your schedule.

Track Meet: An end of season track meet will take place on 4/28 for all Future Knight participants at 12 PM.

How to Register: Complete the attached form and mail to: Assumption High School c/o Tim O'Neill 1020 W. Central Park Ave. Davenport, IA 52804 OR register in person at the first practice on Wednesday, 4/3.

-AHS Track & Field Coaching Staff

8th Grade Lifting for Current 8th Graders

My name is Nate Gilbraith, I am the new Head Football Coach at Assumption High School. Starting in April and going through May, I am offering 8th Grade Lifting for the current 8th Graders, for both boys and girls. This will take place Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM. More information is attached to this note.

'24-'25 Registration

If you still need to pay registration fees for the 2024-2025 school year, please click on this link: <https://bngn.blackbaud.school/?id=c00dxz45rwk>

2024-2025 Lourdes Catholic School Available positions

I shared our continued growing enrollment numbers at Starry Night. This continues to be a very exciting time for our community! We will be adding a 1st grade homeroom and another homeroom to the middle school team. Mrs. Rouse, our school librarian, has made the decision to retire and she will be missed greatly. Please see our current job postings below:

Elementary Classroom Teacher

Must have Iowa certification and K-6 Teacher Elementary Classroom endorsement.

Middle School/Grade 6 Classroom Teacher for ELA and Math

Must have Iowa certification and either K-6 Teacher Elementary Classroom endorsement or K-8 English/Language Arts Endorsement

Teacher's Aide

BA, BS, AA or AAS degree or 60 hours of post-secondary credit leading to a degree required; Paraeducator Certification preferred

Librarian

BA or BS in education-related fields preferred. Prior library experience and education-related experience preferred.

Reading/Math Interventionist

Must have Iowa certification and Reading Endorsement and preferred to have experience or degree in special education

Applicants should email resume and letter of interest to Mrs. Katie Selden, Principal (katie.selden@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us)

Volunteer Opportunities and Sign-ups

- ★ Middle School Service Learning Opportunities [sign-up](#)
- ★ Morning Greeter Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Lunch Recess Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ April Library Volunteer [sign-up](#)

Thank you for supporting Catholic education.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Selden

Schedule

Monday, April 15

ISASP Testing

8:00 Monday Teacher Mtg.

3:30 M/S Team Mtg.

4:00 Core Planning Team Mtg at SJV (Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Lawrence)

Tuesday, April 16

ISASP Testing

9-12 6th Grade to Assumption

1:00 Tour for '24-'25 Kindergarten

Wednesday, April 17

ISASP Testing

8:05 Teacher Prayer

9am Mass

2:30 Early Release

Thursday, April 18

ISASP Testing

8:00 Rosary Club

4:00 Tour

Friday, April 19

ISASP Testing

3:30-4:30 Chess Club