



April 9, 2024

Dear Lourdes Families,

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.
Amen.*



Good morning and welcome to the start of our school week, even though it is Tuesday. Yesterday was an incredibly productive day for the teachers. As shared last week, the K-5 Teachers were participating in LETRS training from 8am-3pm. The Middle School and Specials Teachers were participating in SBAR (Standards Based Assessment and Reporting) training from 8am-3pm. Everyone did have the option to break to step outside to see the eclipse, but otherwise it was an intense day of professional development. What dedicated educators we have at Lourdes!

ISASP Testing

Starting 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 Sports](#)

[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.

Community Service Project

On Friday, April 12, the third graders will be going on a field trip to Iowa City. This will be an amazing experience for your child. We will be delivering pull-tabs and supplies to the Ronald McDonald House. We have collected pull-tabs throughout the school year. The tabs are turned in to be recycled and are worth approximately \$.50 per pound. Since this is the third graders' main community service project, we are asking each student to either bring in some supplies that are needed at the Ronald McDonald House or donate money that will be used to purchase Scrip gift cards for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. A "Wish List" of items that are always needed is on the back of this letter. You may bring in any of these items, and we will deliver them. This year we are also doing an "optional" donation to the Child Life Specialists at the University of Iowa Hospital. Our own Ben Nelson spent many days at the Stead Family Children's Hospital this fall. On his birthday they brought him gifts and sang to him. You can go to this site, go to the "Child Wish List" and order items from Amazon or you can purchase gifts and Mrs. Nelson will take them to the children's hospital.

<https://uihc.org/childrens/services/child-life>

Transportation Reimbursement

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](#).

Moe's Fundraising



It's Taco Tuesday! If you ordered a taco kit, they will be ready for pickup starting at 3:00 in the Gathering Space at church.

'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 choosing and supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Selden

Schedule

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 "Monday" Teacher Mtg.

6:00 School Advisory Board Mtg.

Wednesday, April 10

8:05 Teacher Prayer

9am Mass

6:00 Home and School Board Mtg.

Thursday, April 11

8:00 IEP Mtg.

8:00 Rosary Club

Friday, April 12

Grade 3 Iowa City Field Trip

9:00 SCCS Principals Mtg. (zoom)

10-12 Officer Jacobson with m/s students

1:30 Tour (Mrs. Selden)

3:30-5 Brownies