



March 25, 2024

Dear Lourdes Families,

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? When evildoers come at me to devour my flesh, My foes and my enemies themselves stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear; Though war be waged upon me, even then will I trust. I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.



We are closing out the 3rd Quarter this week for our K-8 students and busy preparing for report cards to be sent home next week. Please make note that K-8 students have an EARLY RELEASE on Thursday this week. We also have NO SCHOOL Friday (Good Friday) and Monday (Easter Monday). I pray that your family has a beautiful Easter.

[Starry Night](#)

We sold \$7055 in raffle ticket sales! Pictured below are the winners for selling the most raffle tickets: the Wermes family, the Rosales family, the Camarena family and the Guidici family.

Thank you to everyone who participated! We earned a special school NUT day, an extra recess and pizza delivery—all of which we will celebrate in May.



[Battle of the Books](#)

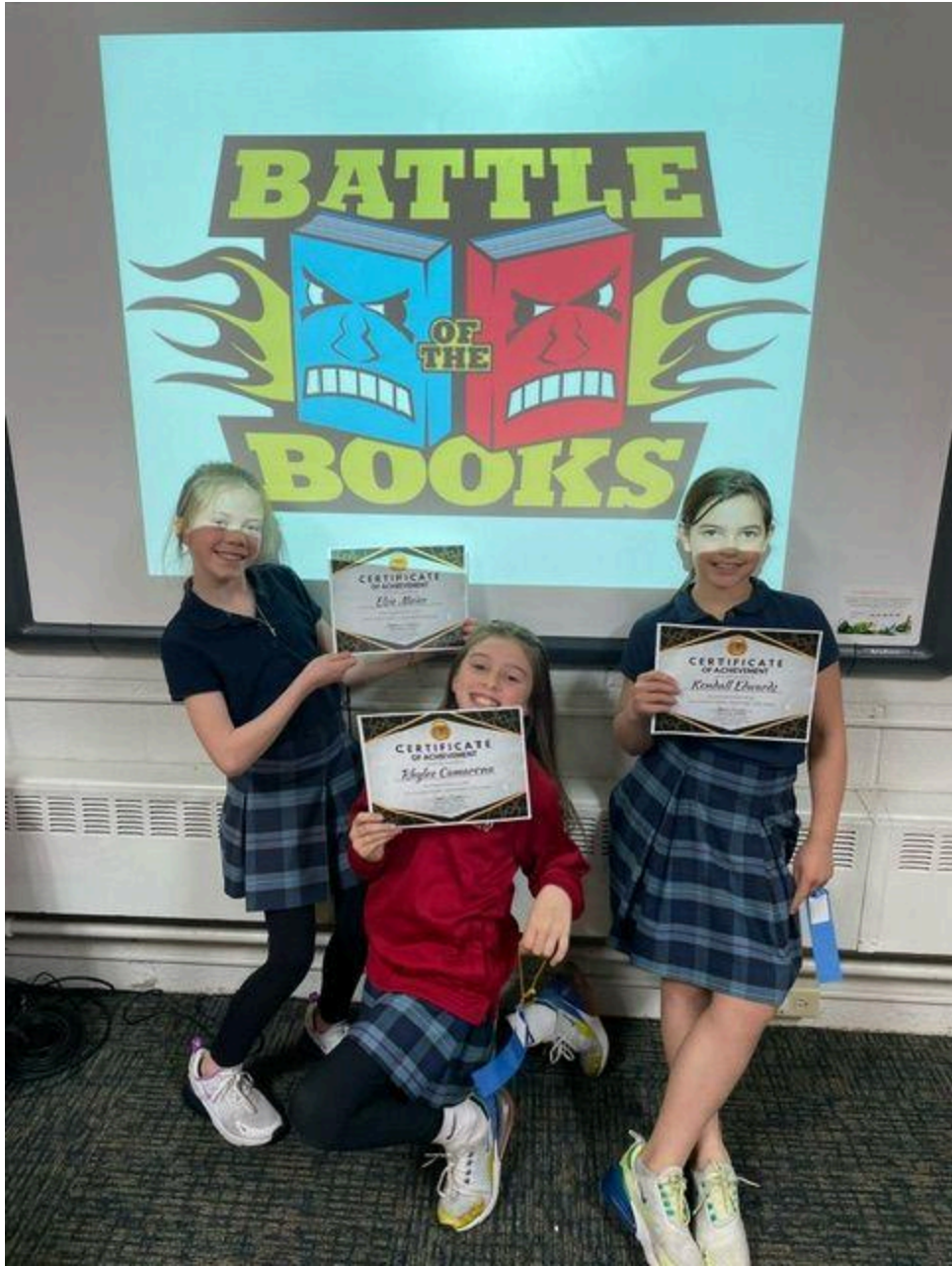
Congratulations to “The Stanleys” team:

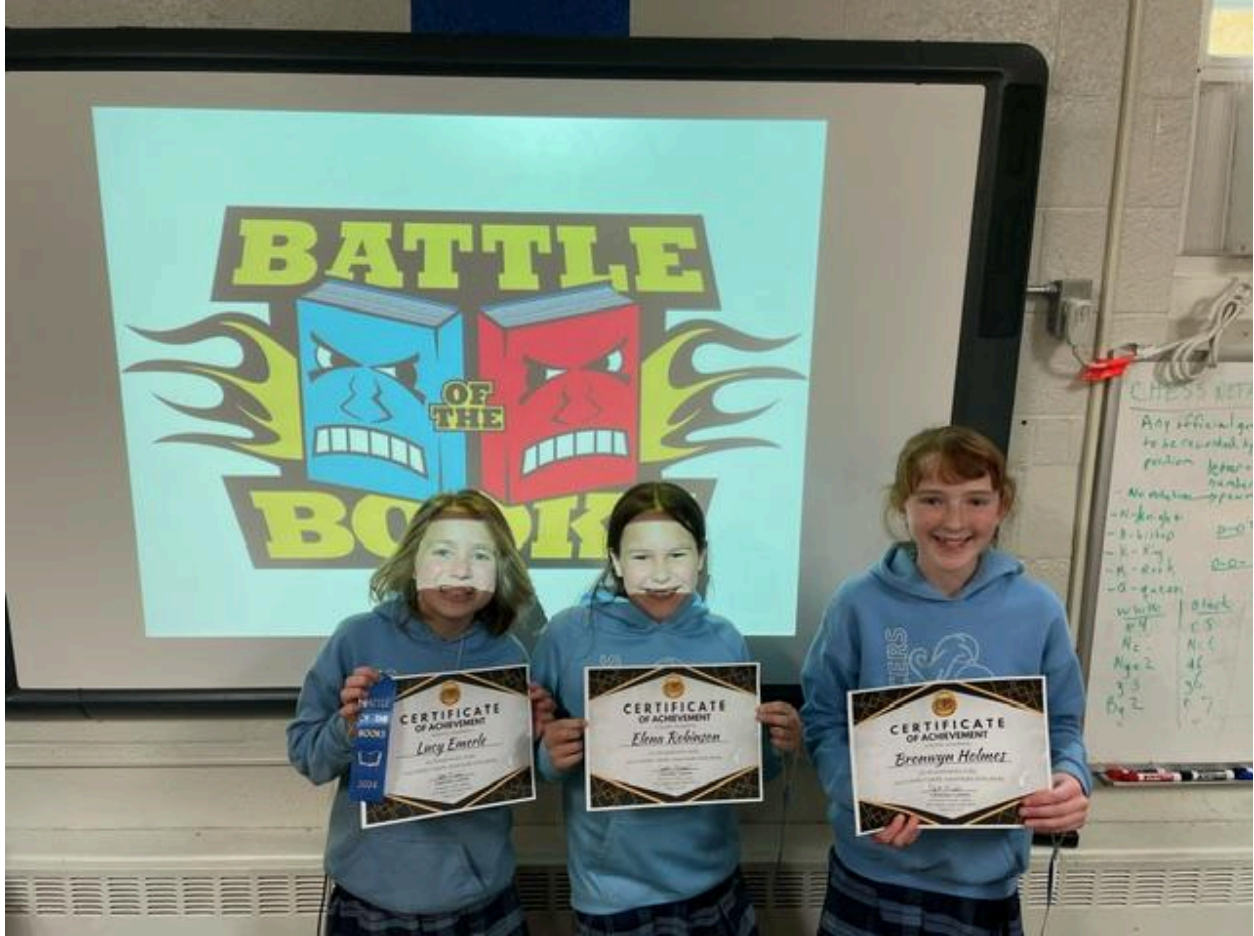
Sophia Fernas, Hannah Howell, Colette Enes & Brenna Camarena on their 1st Place win in the Lourdes Battle of the Books yesterday. They will move on and compete in the Regional Battle of the Books on April 6th at the Davenport Eastern Library. Wish them luck!

Our 2nd Place winners were the “Rapid Readers II” team:

Bronwyn Holmes, Lucy Emerle & Elena Robinson. Congratulations to all the participants and thank you for all your hard work, good sportsmanship and enthusiasm!







CHESS NOTES

Any official go to see... section

No rook → pawn

No knight → pawn

No bishop → pawn

No king → pawn

No queen → pawn

white	black
K	K
Q	Q
R	R
B	B
N	N
P	P



[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>

Iowa Catholic Youth Conference

Yesterday several of our students participated in the Iowa Catholic Youth Conference in Iowa City. A big thank you to teachers and staff, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Camarena and parishioners Mr. Andes, Mr. Camarena, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McDermott for accompanying the students.

Sessions included interactive breakouts on experiences and struggles in life; 'falling' as Jesus fell and how we can move forward; being present in the story of Christ and so on. Another highlight was the Scally Brothers Band from Ohio. I have seen some fun videos of the students enjoying the concert.



[Scrip Update](#)

Scrip rebate revenue for last month (February) was \$353.31, with 20 families participating. Thank you!

['24-'25 Registration](#)

If you still need to pay registration fees for the 2024-2025 school year, please click on this link: <https://bnqn.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:

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.

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

[IMPORTANT ESA Update](#)

We have received several questions about an email (see screenshot below) sent by the Dept. of Education on Friday of last week. Parents of children currently receiving ESA funds received this email. You do not need to do anything or to worry. Our students participate in the required state and federal testing starting in grade 3. This testing is ISASP, previously known as "ITEDS" or "ITBS". Thank you!

Students First Education Savings Account

March 22, 2024

Required Assessments

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As we continue to implement our initial year of the ESA system, we want to remind all parents and guardians of the assessment requirements. Students using ESA funds and attending nonpublic schools are required to participate in the same federal and state required assessments as students attending public school. [Iowa Code section 257.11B](#) states,

Each pupil participating in the education savings account program is required to take all applicable state and federally required student assessments and the results of those assessments shall be provided to the pupil's parents or guardians and reported to the department of education.

Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) is Iowa's statewide annual accountability assessment. ISASP is a required assessment. Many nonpublic schools have partnered with Iowa Testing to provide ISASP testing for ESA students during the school day. It will be your responsibility to ensure that your child is present and completes the required assessment. You may want to contact your child's school to obtain the ISASP testing schedule, if you haven't received it already.

- Iowa Department of Education

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[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

The School Advisory Board approved the K-8 2024-2025 School Calendar. The calendar is attached to this email.

[Volunteer Opportunities and Sign-ups](#)

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

Thank you for choosing and supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Selden

Schedule

Monday, March 25

8:00 Teacher Mtg.
3:30 M/S Team Mtg.

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 Rosary Club
9:45-11 Reconciliation, grades 2-8

Wednesday, March 27

8:05 Teacher Prayer

9am Mass
2:30 K-8 Early Release

Thursday, March 28

8:00 Rosary Club
10:30 Living Stations
11:30 K-8 Early Release

Friday, March 29

No School: Good Friday

Monday, April 1

No School: Easter Monday

Holy Week SCHEDULE



Monday (March 25th)

Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Holy Thursday (March 28th)

6:30 pm Mass



Good Friday (March 29th)

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday (March 30th)

8:30 pm Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday (March 31st)

8:00 am & 10:30 am Mass