

May 7, 2024

*For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

*For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Lourdes Families,

Happy May! Can you believe how quickly this school year is flying by? As we step into this speedy month of May, I just wanted to send a quick shoutout to all of you amazing parents. Your support of our school and the learning that is taking place means the world to us! Let's keep the momentum going as we wrap up the year.

And a big shoutout to our fantastic teachers! It's Teacher Appreciation Week this week, and we couldn't be more grateful for their dedication and hard work. Don't forget to show them some love—especially this week! Prayers for our teachers and our families for a month filled with fun, learning, and lots of laughter!

Mini-Musicals
TONIGHT!

A note from Mrs. Freemyer,

Here is some information about the upcoming musicals on May 7th (TONIGHT)! We will be doing drop-off a bit differently than in the past. Dropping students to teachers rooms has been convenient, but I think we have figured out a way that will work better for everyone! On May 7th, PAC doors will open at 5:30. At 5:45, All K-2 students should report to their teachers in the PAC so we can begin lining up for the performance at 6pm. All 3rd through 5th grade students will sit with their families for the first musical. At roughly 6:30, K-2 students will be dismissed from the stage by grade to go sit with their parents. At this time, 3rd-5th will be dismissed to line up with their teachers in the PAC. Once all of the K-2 students are seated, we will line up the 3-5 on the risers and the second musical will begin! All K-2 students will sit with their families during the K-5 musical. K-5 teachers will be here, but not in a supervisory role. Please make sure there is a parent or guardian to sit with during the performances. That way, all of our teachers can enjoy all of their students' hard work! Any student that needs a break from the stage during their performance will be escorted to their parent or guardian. Thank you again, and please feel free to contact me with any questions!
Mrs. Freemyer

[Scrip update](#)

Scrip proceeds from April totaled \$515.83, with 22 families participating. The easiest fundraiser ever! Look how we so easily gave a lot of money back to our school? Thank you!

['24-'25 School Supplies](#)

We have had a big response to this already! The BEST (and most convenient) way to buy school supplies for next year is with our partner, 1st Day School Supplies. *You buy the supplies and get school shopping done, the school gets a portion of the proceeds!* The supplies get shipped to the school prior to next year and they get distributed to your child's classroom so you don't even need to carry them in to Unpack the Backpack. Click [here](#) to order.

[Vacation Bible School!!!!](#)



Get ready to plunge into a thrilling undersea adventure at Scuba VBS! Discover the never-ending love of God in an ocean of faith, friendship, and fun. Kids will explore exciting

Bible stories that come to life beneath the waves and they'll find out what it truly means to be refreshed by the living water of God's love. Join us for a splashing good time!

Save these dates: July 8-11th from 8:30-11:30am

Open to all Pre-k 3 year olds - 4th graders (2023-24 school year)

Registration will open soon!

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.

Classroom Request

Classroom Request forms are available in the school office. They 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.

Assumption Sports and Activities

Boys Basketball Camp

Registration Information

Rising Knights Football Camp

Registration Information

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.

Teacher Appreciation Week is THIS WEEK!



Teacher



APPRECIATION WEEK

With Lourdes Home & School

Monday, May 6 Teacher and Staff Luncheon

Tuesday, May 7 Snack Delivery!

Wednesday, May 8 Teacher and Staff Happy Hour

Thursday, May 9 Students bring in a flower and card for their teacher(s)

Friday, May 10 Signup to bring in a dessert!

Get Involved!

- donate with the Room Parent to give a "night off dinner"
- Bring in flowers and cards on **Thursday**
- Sign up to bring in a dessert on **Friday**



The heart of teacher is truly a SERVANT'S heart...thank you
LCS Families for supporting our teachers!
- Home & School



[ESA](#)

Iowa's Students First Education Savings Account (ESA) application for the 2024-25 school year is open and available NOW in your [Odyssey Portal](#)! **Applications are REQUIRED to be completed ANNUALLY to verify student eligibility through confirmation of Iowa residency.** If you are Iowa residents please complete this ASAP! Don't lose out on funds for this next school year! If you are a parent of a Kindergarten or 1st grade student who resides in Iowa, your child automatically qualifies for the ESA funds, regardless of income. *Make sure if you have been approved, you follow up and choose Lourdes Catholic School so we have the ability to bill your account for next year's tuition.* Please review additional information [here](#).

[First Holy Communion](#)

Congratulations to the 2nd graders who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion over the weekend.





['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>

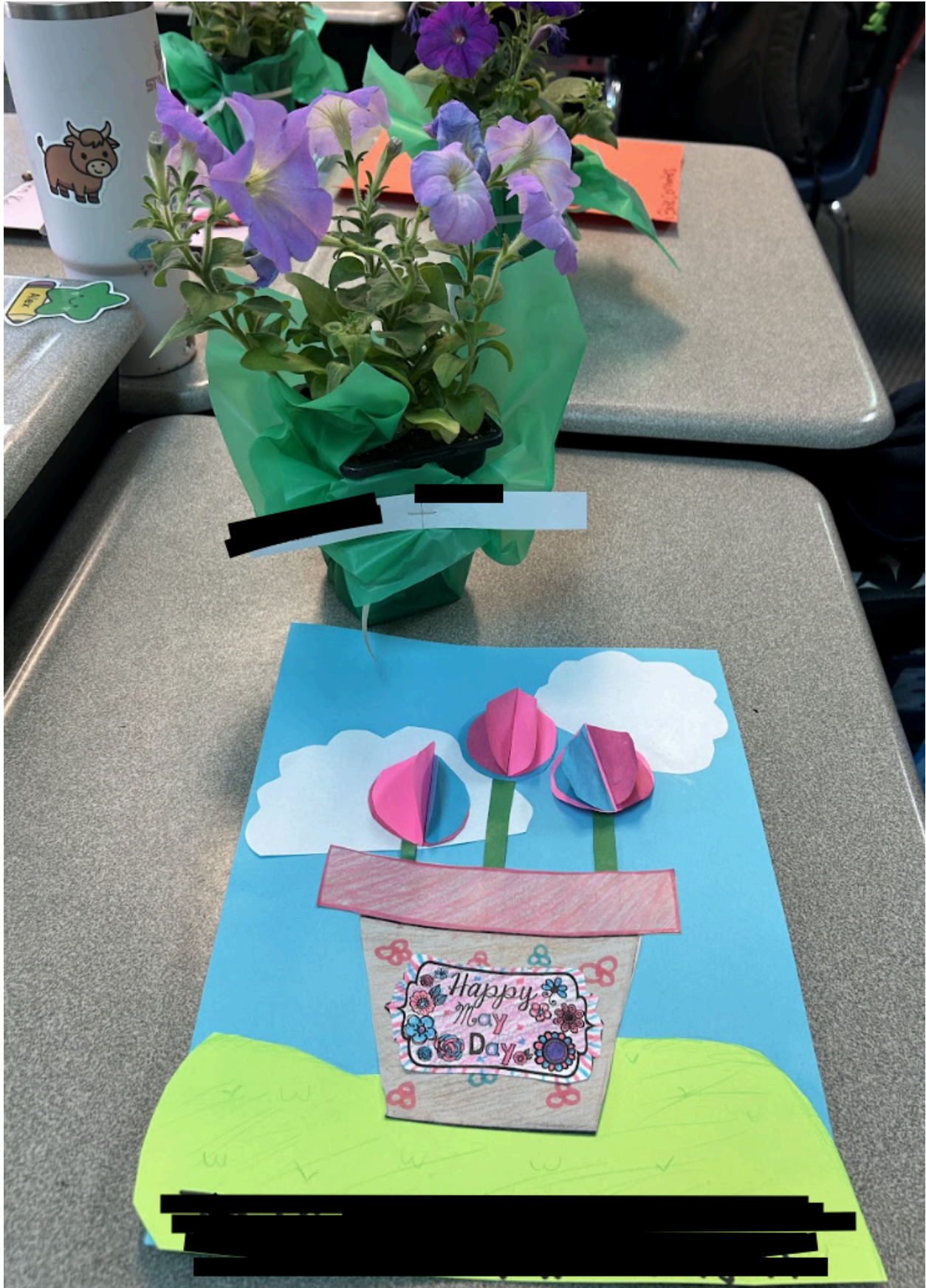
[May Day Baskets](#)

Last week the 5th graders participated in the annual May Basket project to deliver to Lourdes parishioners. What a special way to show love and compassion to members of our community.









St. Joan of Arc Catholic School Groundbreaking
May 29th



You're Invited!
GROUNDBREAKING

Join us as we celebrate the groundbreaking
of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School!

WEDNESDAY MAY 29, 2024
AT 10:30 AM



ST. JOAN OF ARC
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

6900 HOPEWELL AVE. BETTENDORF, IA 52722

2024-2025 Lourdes Catholic School Available positions

Current job postings below:

Spanish Teacher, K-8

Must have Iowa certification and K-8 Spanish endorsement.

Elementary Classroom Teacher, grade 4

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)

[Volunteer Opportunities and Sign-ups](#)

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

[School Calendar](#)

[Link to school calendar\(s\)](#)

Thank you for choosing and supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Selden