



June 24, 2024

*St. Joan of Arc, help us to be fearless and strong in our faith. May we listen to the will of God. Help us to be courageous in our mission to defend the teachings of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, just like you.  
Amen.*

Dear Lourdes Catholic School Families,

Today, we honor Father Jason as he commemorates his 24th anniversary as a priest. Looking ahead, we anticipate celebrating Father Ben this coming weekend as he prepares for his final days here before moving. Let us remain steadfast in our prayers for our priests, their unwavering dedication, and their love for our children and the school community.

There are a few items I'd like to draw your attention to in this week's note. Be sure to read about the updated dress code, the used uniform sale and important ESA information.

The next Principal's Post will be distributed July 15.

Thank you for choosing Lourdes and for supporting Catholic education.  
Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Selden

### **[Fr. Ben's Final Weekend at Lourdes](#)**

Fr. Ben has been such an integral part of our school family since he was assigned here July of 2022, please assist in showing him that we will miss him and wish him well!

We would love school families to volunteer and serve cookies, brownies and water after Masses. *If you can volunteer Saturday, June 29th at 5pm mass, or Sunday, June 30th after 8am or 10:30am mass. Please email Mrs. Wermes ([katherine.wermes@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:katherine.wermes@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us))*

### **[Girl Scout Project](#)**

Congratulations to Maddie K., who completed her Girl Scout Bronze Project and gifted it to our school! Maddie designed, built and painted this beautiful bench. Thank you, Maddie—and congratulations!



### [Updated Dress Code](#)

New Dress Code [here](#). I have highlighted the changes in yellow to ease understanding. Thank you to our Building Leadership Team and School Advisory Board for their assistance in developing our plan for transitioning to St. Joan of Arc. This is the final school year that Lourdes Catholic School logos, sweatshirts, spiritwear will be worn. When we move to St. Joan of Arc we will only wear SJA logos, sweatshirts, spiritwear. To ease the transition, we will introduce SJA uniform and spiritwear in August 2024. Stay tuned for ordering opportunities and information.

### [Used Uniform Sale](#)

As we prepare to move, we have uncovered boxes upon boxes of used uniforms. Ms. Huiskamp went through the items and prepared the items for easy viewing and purchase in the school library over the summer. Starting today, you may stop in between 8 and noon, M-F to purchase used uniforms. Prices are \$1/item and \$5/jumper or skirt. Cash accepted or checks made payable to SCCS. All proceeds go back to the school in the Home and School account.



### [Immunizations and Physicals](#)

NEW STUDENTS: Immunizations are due August 1 to Ms. Huiskamp.

PreK and Preschool: Physicals are due August 1 to Ms. Huiskamp. Please email Ms.

Huiskamp if you have any questions: [lorrie.huiskamp@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:lorrie.huiskamp@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us)

### [1st Day of School Supplies](#) [Order Before the Deadline!](#)

Parents, it's time to buy your 1st Day School Supplies for Lourdes Catholic. It's important you order your supplies before July 1st. Start the school year with the exact supplies your teacher requested, and give your child the confidence they need to conquer next year! [Order now.](#)

### [ESA for 2024-2025](#)



**Sign in and complete this as the income qualifications are changed to allow more than last year. If you have any questions, or need a computer to complete this process, don't hesitate to reach out to the school office! For the majority of people this should only take around 5 minutes to complete—and it's DUE THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 30.** If you have any questions, visit the [website](#) or call 515-368-9564. Iowa's Students First Education Savings Account (ESA) application for the 2024-25 school year is open and available in your [Odyssey Portal](#) beginning at 8:00 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. **Applications are REQUIRED to be completed ANNUALLY to verify student eligibility through confirmation of Iowa residency.** Please review additional information below.

- *Returning ESA Participants:*
  - Annual applications are required to verify Iowa residency.

- Students that received an ESA in the 2023-24 school year are not subject to income requirements to determine ESA eligibility for the 2024-25 school year.
- **New ESA Participants:**
  - Students that **did not** attend an Iowa accredited nonpublic school in the prior year are not subject to income requirements.
  - Students that **did** attend an Iowa accredited nonpublic school in the prior year but did not receive an ESA are subject to income requirements based on 400% of poverty level.
    - Income eligibility requirements by household size are available on the [Students First ESA web page](#) under the [questions and answers](#) section.
  - Only one ESA application is necessary per family.
    - Siblings may be added to the application of a current participant.
- **Application Information**
  - Applications are available in English and Spanish.
  - **Deadline:** Applications will be accepted until **Sunday, June 30, 2024** at 11:59 pm.
  - **NEW:** Immediately following application approval, students will be able to select their school of choice. Once selected, the school will be able to see the student in their Odyssey dashboard.
  - Additional 2024-25 program details and deadlines will be communicated upon application approval.

### [St. Joan of Arc Foundation](#)

**AVAILABLE NOW:** St. Joan of Arc Foundation May 29th groundbreaking livestream and photo gallery. Watch it here: [News \(sjafdn.org\)](#). **UNDER CONSTRUCTION:** The St. Joan of Arc Foundation is working with eCatholic to upgrade our website. Stay tuned for the transformation! Thank you for continuing to make your pledge payments and donations! We couldn't do it without you! Campaign pledges are being accepted now. To learn how you can help SJAF, please contact us at 563-343-2641.



### [2024-2025 Lourdes Catholic School Available positions](#)

Current job postings below- if you know anyone who may be interested, send them our way!

#### **Spanish Teacher, K-8**

Must have Iowa certification and K-8 Spanish endorsement.

#### **Elementary Classroom Teacher, grade 5**

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–Grade K**

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](mailto:katie.selden@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us))

**Summer Office Hours**

We plan to have the school office open 9-12 each weekday this summer. I would recommend calling ahead before you come to school just to be sure we are here. There will be times here and there that we may be closed due to different projects or meetings.

**Assumption Sports and Activities**

★ Weekly [update](#) from **Assumption High School**

**DON'T MISS THE**  
**DEADLINE**  
**FINAL DAYS!**



**Order By:**  
**July 1st**

