



May 20, 2024

*Lord God, by the mystery of Pentecost, make us holy. Pour out in our hearts and our lives the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our Helper, who helps us live good lives. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord*

Dear Lourdes Families,

Welcome to the final full week of school before summer. The weekend weather was a wonderful introduction to what lies ahead. FAST test scores will be coming home in your child's backpack this week and the 4th Quarter Report Cards, with ISASP test results (grades 3 and up), will be mailed on June 4.

#### **[A Note from Morgan](#)**

The Davis Family has some exciting news to share! After much discernment and prayer, I have accepted a position with the marketing team at Ave Maria University in Florida, so my family and I will be moving in early June! While saying goodbye is never easy, we are filled with excitement for what lies ahead! We trust in God's plan for us as we transition to this new adventure of serving at a remarkable Catholic university. Our time here at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church & School has been filled with many blessings and we will carry the memories and friendships with us always. My last day here will be June 14th, so we still have plenty of time together! For those interested, Ave Maria University offers a vibrant Catholic culture with strong academics and a dynamic community. The university has been recognized for a number of years by the Cardinal Newman Society for its steadfast commitment to Catholic orthodoxy and the Magisterium of the Church in areas such as its policies, standards, academics, athletics, faculty hiring, and campus life. Authentic Catholic culture is thriving on campus and it affords students 7 Masses per day, 10 Sunday Masses, daily Confessions, a 24/7 perpetual adoration chapel, spiritual direction, households of faith, and community celebrations for feast days and solemnities. If you want a great college where your faith will be strengthened, then come check out Ave Maria in sunny southwest Florida! My family and I would love to welcome you for a campus visit! I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for welcoming me into your lives and allowing me to be part of your faith journey. The love and warmth of this parish and school community have made it truly feel like home, and I am blessed to have been a part of it.

Please keep my family in your prayers as we embark upon this new chapter, and know that you will remain in our prayers as well. May God continue to bless all of you abundantly! With sincere gratitude, Morgan Davis



### [8th Grade Graduation](#)

Date: Wednesday, May 29th at 6:00 PM

Location: Church

Student Arrival Time: The students need to be in the cafeteria at 5:45 PM

Attire: Students should be in Sunday Best. The boys should wear dress pants and a dress shirt or polo shirt. The girls should wear either dress pants/nice shirt or a dress.

Events: Mass @ 6:00 PM, the graduation portion with diplomas and awards will immediately follow Mass.

Reception: There will be a reception in the gym following the graduation ceremony.

### [7th grade families: Help needed at 8th Grade Graduation!](#)

Hello, 7th grade families-

It is a tradition at LCS for the 7th grade families/students to help plan, set-up, serve, and clean-up after the 8th grade graduation reception in the LCS gym. Andrea Reilly and I will be coordinating efforts for this year's reception.

**GRADUATION DATE:** Wednesday, May 29th

**SET-UP:** 2:30 PM-3:30 PM - LCS Gym

**SERVE:** 6:30-8 PM - LCS Gym (Graduation is at 6PM and the reception will immediately follow in the gym around 7PM).

**CLEAN-UP:** 7:45 PM - end time is dependent upon when people leave the reception that evening.

Please view the sign-up - if you are able to donate an item and/or your time, that would be great. Thank you for your support! I can't believe we almost have 8th graders!

[LCS 8th Grade Graduation Reception | Volunteer/Donate](#)

Please reach out with any questions.

Thanks!

Jenny Grobstich & Andrea Reilly

### **[Uniform Skirts ON SALE!!](#)**

Right now, we have any in stock uniform pants, shorts, polos are \$10.00, they must call 309-342-2867 for availability. This is not available online. Also, parents can order the plaid skirts and jumpers on our website, at regular price: [www.mother-goosebumps.myshopify.com](http://www.mother-goosebumps.myshopify.com)

### **[Starry Night Specials this week!](#)**

We are doing lots of special Starry Night celebrations schoolwide this week! All homerooms will get an 'extra' recess, Friday is a N.U.T. day, and also on Friday we will have a special pizza lunch. Teachers will take the pizza orders (Papa Johns and a gluten free option is available) with the students.

### **[Drinks at drop-off](#)**

I'd like to ask that students finish breakfast and drinks before they are dropped off to school. Please do not send your child with a special Starbucks or Atomic drink to school at drop off.

### **[SCCS Job Posting](#)**

#### **Scott County Catholic Schools Job Opening: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Scott County Catholic Schools is currently seeking a dynamic, strategic, and mission-focused Director of Finance to serve as a collaborative member of the leadership team. Reporting to the President, the Finance Director oversees and manages all aspects of Scott County Catholic Schools' fiscal administration and accounting processes to ensure financial stability, long-term sustainability, and ethical stewardship of organizational resources.

For immediate consideration, please send a cover letter detailing specific interest in and knowledge of Scott County Catholic Schools and a resume to [nikki.gartner@sccsiowa.org](mailto:nikki.gartner@sccsiowa.org).

### **[Box Tops for Education](#)**

Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way to support Lourdes Catholic School. Here's how you can help: (1) **[Download the Box Tops for Education app](#)** and sign up using referral code E8LR2FTD for our school to earn Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt. (2) **Scan your receipts** with the Box Tops app within 14 days of purchase. You'll earn money for LCS with every Box Tops product you buy. (3) **Refer your friends**, family and other parents in the school to download the app. You can invite them through the app and you'll get Bonus Box Tops for our school with each referral that successfully scans their first receipt!

### ['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!!!!](#)

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of an underwater scene. The word "SCUBA" is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters (S: yellow, C: blue, U: orange, B: purple, A: orange) that appear to be made of coral or sponge. Below the letters, the phrase "diving into friendship with God" is written in a white, curved font. The scene is filled with various sea creatures: a red seahorse in the top left, a purple jellyfish in the bottom left, a grey shark in the bottom right, and several small yellow fish. There are also colorful coral reefs, starfish, and bubbles floating around. The background is a teal, textured water surface. At the bottom of the illustration, the text "REGISTER NOW FOR VBS!" is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below that, the dates and times "July 8 - 11th (9:00 am - 12:00pm)" and the age range "Open to Pre-K 3 year-olds thru 4th grade" are written in a teal color.

**REGISTER NOW  
FOR VBS!**

July 8 - 11th (9:00 am - 12:00pm)  
Open to Pre-K 3 year-olds thru  
4th grade

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!

***Click the links below to register:***

**[Register Your Child as a Participant](#)**

**[Register as an Adult or Teen Volunteer](#)**

### **[Classroom Request](#)**

Classroom Request forms are available in the school office. They must be turned in to the school office by May 24, 2024 (THIS FRIDAY!). 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lifting for the current 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Cross Country 2024-2025**

There will be an informational meeting on Monday, May 20th for any student interested in joining the AHS Cross Country Team for the 2024-2025 school year. Please plan to meet in the cafeteria at 6:30 pm.

### **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](#).

### **'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>

**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**

**Substitute Teachers NEEDED!**  
**Substitute Authorization Course ~ Summer Flyer**

Course# 202558, Section# 318775

June 8-9, 2024

This course is designed to meet the requirements for the Substitute Authorization Program. Receiving a Substitute Authorization will allow an individual who holds an associate's degree or

higher or has completed 60 semester hours through a regionally accredited institution to substitute in grades PK-12 for no more than ten consecutive days in a thirty-day period in one job assignment for a regularly assigned teacher who is absent, except in the driver's education classroom. An individual who holds a paraeducator certificate without an associate's degree and completes the Substitute Authorization course will be authorized to substitute only in the special education classroom to which they are assigned.

1 Licensure Renewal Credit

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

### **[Volunteer Opportunities and Sign-ups](#)**

- ★ Field Day Donations [sign-up](#)
- ★ Middle School Service Learning Opportunities [sign-up](#)
- ★ Morning Greeter Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ Lunch Recess Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ May Library Volunteer [sign-up](#)
- ★ **8th Grade Graduation donation**

### **[School Calendar](#)**

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

Thank you for choosing and supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Selden