

May 27, 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 Families,

Happy Memorial Day! Happy almost-summer! And Happy Groundbreaking for our new school!

The prayer above is our “new prayer” (as we have been referring to it) that your child(ren) may have mentioned. We have added it to our morning prayers. We already feel St. Joan’s presence in our community.

Before we start our summer vacation, we have several special events this week. I’ve tried to organize our events by day, for your convenience:

Monday, May 27

- ★ NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 28

- ★ Regular school day and uniform.
- ★ Lunch is COOK’S CHOICE.

Wednesday, May 29

- ★ Regular school uniform
- ★ Hot lunch option will be a sack lunch of a ham or turkey sandwich with a choice of chips, a fruit cup and a vegetable side.
- ★ Special Events:
 - 9:00 Mass
 - 10:30 Groundbreaking Ceremony
 - 8th Grade Clap out 2:20

- 8th Grade Graduation is at 6pm with a reception to follow.

Thursday, May 30

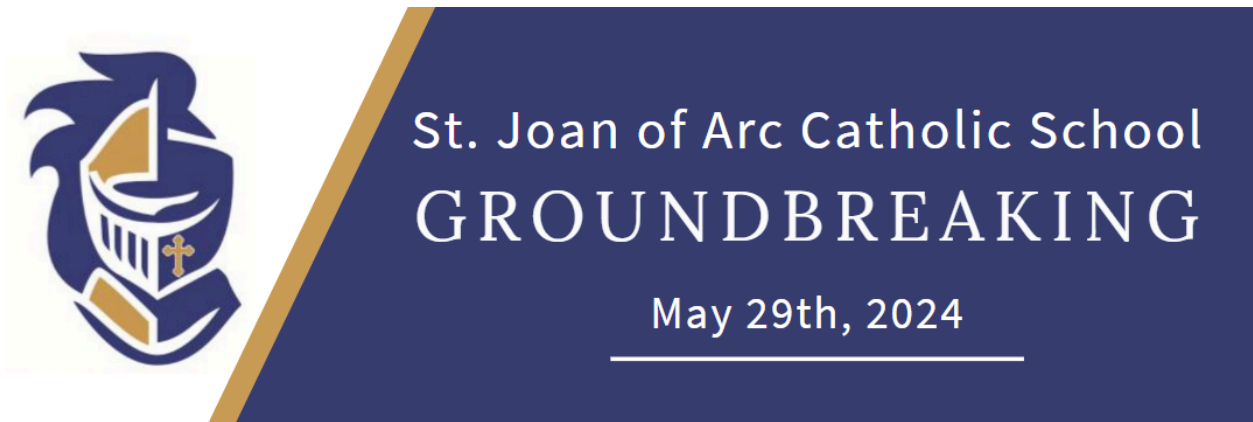
- ★ Field Day (wear your Field Day tshirt + [NUT Day](#) bottoms and athletic shoes)
- ★ Pizza lunch (pizza, carrots, cookie and apple slices/cuties)

Friday, May 31

- ★ Regular school uniform/Spiritwear.
- ★ Special Events:
 - 9:00 Mass
 - Ice Cream under the Giving Tree with Father Ben
 - 11:30am Early Out

St. Joan of Arc Catholic School Groundbreaking
May 29th

10:30am at the site of the new St. Joan of Arc Catholic School



St. Joan of Arc Foundation invites you to watch the **LIVESTREAM**

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

[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!!!!](#)



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](#)

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>

[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-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)

[School Calendar](#)

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

Thank you for choosing and supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Selden