



August 12, 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 marks the start of teacher meetings as we prepare to welcome the start of the school year. I am excited to join our new teachers in Iowa City for a Diocesan Inservice all day. Please pray for our teachers and staff as they begin the transition back to school.

Tonight is the first Home and School Meeting of the year. The Home & School coordinates volunteers, fundraising activities, and events for our school. We want every Preschool – 8th-grade family to feel welcomed into this amazing community, and we will provide opportunities for parents and families to build relationships throughout this school year too. You can get involved by attending Home & School Meetings. If you are interested, please join us at 6pm tonight in the school library.

The New Family Information Night is the first event that the Home and School coordinates. More information is below, but if you have students in grades K-8 and your family is new to Lourdes, then please attend. This is a great chance to help you get to know our great school.

A reminder to you as you begin preparations for the upcoming school year, please take note of the [Dress Code](#) and the [School Supplies](#) lists. If you placed an order with the “1st Day” company, your child’s school supplies will be ready and waiting for them in their classroom.

Important calendars for your reference:

[K-8 School Calendar](#) (First day of school is Friday, August 23rd)

[PreK Calendar](#) (First day of school is Tuesday, September 3)

[3-Day Preschool Calendar](#) (First Day of school is Monday, September 9)

[2-Day Preschool Calendar](#) (First Day of school is Tuesday, September 10)

[St. Joan of Arc Catholic School](#)

Please keep the construction team in your prayers as they work to build our new school. Here is a picture taken last Friday. The large structure on the right is the school gym.



[Thank you from the Groepper Family](#)

I wanted to send a note of thanks to the families at Lourdes. As some of you may know, our youngest child Charlie was badly burned in a fireworks accident on July 5th. He is home now and is continuing to recover. During this unexpected and tumultuous time we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our fellow Lourdes families. From the moment I entered into the emergency room, we've had support from members of the Lourdes community, and that continues up to today. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your compassion and, most importantly, your prayers. The health and happiness of Charlie is a testament to the power of prayer and Jesus's love for His children.

Our most humble thanks to you all.

The Groepper Family

Joe, Elysa , Lucas , Elliot , Lindy and Charlie

[Opus Honor Choir, Grades 6, 7, 8](#)

A note from Mrs. Freemyer:

Dear 6-8th Grade Parents, Lourdes, along with the other SCCS schools, would like to offer an opportunity for singers in 6th-8th grades to prepare and audition for the Iowa Choral Directors Association's Middle School Honor Choir, OPUS.

Dr. Trevor Loes, Assumption High School Choral Director, will be directing FREE Opus audition workshops next week.

Details:

What: FREE Opus workshops

Why: To introduce Opus music to interested students, and to help them prepare for the audition process

When: Monday, August 12th AND Tuesday, August 13th.

Refresher workshop on Wednesday, August 28th 3:15- 4:15.

Come to one workshop, or ALL:)

9:00-10:30 6th grade students

10:30-12:00 7th and 8th grade boys

1:00-2:30 7th and 8th grade girls

Where: Assumption High School Choir Room (lower entrance, behind the auditorium)

Opus is a time-honored tradition for Iowa Choral students. Accepted singers will participate in a day long workshop on Thursday, November 21st, in Ames. The workshop will culminate in a beautiful evening concert to which their family may attend. It is an honor to be accepted, and will be a great learning experience.

Accepted students and their families would be responsible for a \$45 registration fee, which also covers lunch, and for transportation to and from the event. Mrs. Freemyer may or may not be able to attend depending on baby Freemyer's arrival!

The audition is completed by submitting recordings of the students singing, unaccompanied.

Recordings must be submitted by September 27th. Mrs. Freemyer will assist in the recordings.

Please RSVP for the workshops at this link.

[RSVP](#)

Students do not have to attend the workshops to audition, but they will be helpful and fun! Come to one or both!

[Unpack the Backpack](#)



LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

UNPACK THE BACKPACK

AUGUST 22, 2024
4-6PM

DROP OFF SCHOOL SUPPLIES*, MEET THE TEACHERS, FIND THE CLASSROOMS, AND GET READY FOR SCHOOL. SWING BY THE GYM TO PICK UP UNIFORM ORDERS AND SPIRIT WEAR, LEARN ABOUT ACTIVITIES, PAY FEES, DROP OFF FORMS, AND LEARN ABOUT WAYS FOR PARENTS TO VOLUNTEER AND GET INVOLVED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

*ORDERS FROM FIRST DAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE CLASSROOMS.

Unpack the Backpack is for all school families with students in grades Kindergarten thru 8th grade. There will be a smaller Open House for our Preschool and PreK Families closer to the start of their school year. Stay tuned for updates from the preschool and preK teachers, Mrs. Gustafson and Mrs. Robinson.

[New Family Night](#)



LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME

**NEW
FAMILY
NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14
6-7PM**

LOURDES GYMNASIUM

**COME LEARN ABOUT OUR
SCHOOL'S VALUES, POLICIES,
PROTOCOLS, PROGRAMS,
RESOURCES, AND EVENTS.**

Uniforms and SPIRITWEAR

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 have introduced SJA uniform and spiritwear. For the upcoming school year, both Lourdes and SJA uniform and spiritwear may be worn. Please see the [Dress Code](#) for details.

All shoes worn to school must velcro or tie. The 'bungee' closure is not part of the dress code and these shoes are not allowed. Slip-on tennis shoes are not allowed. This is the same requirement as last school year.

The new Spiritwear and uniform items for St. Joan of Arc have the school logo in designated places. You will notice in the new SJA items that are available that the following guidelines are in effect:

LEFT CHEST decoration (logo) = uniform approved, can be worn any day.

FULL FRONT decoration (logo) = spirit wear, can be worn on Fridays only.

Used Uniform (and Spiritwear!) Sale

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. You may stop in at school during business hours to shop. The New Family Night and Unpack the Backpack are other times you can shop these items.

Physicals

A note from Dr. Frega, a Lourdes parent: I hope that you are having a nice summer! I wanted to offer my practice's services for Lourdes families. I run an integrative medical clinic, Ideal Health and Wellness. I have a medical doctor and two family practice nurse practitioners who are available to do school physicals. We will be offering extended hours on Tuesday, August 6 and Tuesday, August 20 until 6 pm for Lourdes families. We also have mental health services with two therapists who specialize in children's psychology.



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL & SPORTS PHYSICALS

It's time to schedule your child's back-to-school and sports physicals. Our physicals ensure that there are no underlying health issues that might interfere with participation before extracurricular activities begin.

Call us or go online to schedule your child's physical!



MEET OUR TEAM!

MOST MAJOR INSURANCES ACCEPTED!



NICOLE EUSTACE, MD



MARISSA FORTUNA, ARNP



RACHAL ROSSI, ARNP

Tuition

Questions about billing or tuition should be directed to Scott County Catholic Schools. **Martha Korneisel** is the Finance Director of Scott County Catholic Schools. Her direct number is (563) 326-5313 x223

Back to School Picnic

A poster for a 'Back to School Picnic' at Lourdes Catholic School. The background is a light-colored brick wall. The text is in blue and red. At the bottom right, there is a red and black illustration of a charcoal grill with its lid open.

LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES,
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 | 12:30PM - 3:30PM

Forest Grove Park Shelter
6000 Forest Grove Dr, Bettendorf, IA 52722

We invite all current LCS families for food and fellowship to kick off the new school year!

Bring your chairs, cooler and a dish to share. Knights of Columbus will be grilling Hamburgers and Hotdogs again this year!

RSVP [HERE](#)

RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4A929A4FAC34-50423417-lourdes>

Immunizations and Physicals

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

PreK and Preschool Students: Physicals were due August 1 to Ms. Huiskamp. Please email Ms. Huiskamp if you have any questions: lorrie.huiskamp@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us

Birth Certificates and Baptismal Certificates

NEW STUDENTS: Birth Certificates and Baptismal Certificates are due before school starts to Mrs. Wermes. Please email Mrs. Wermes if you have any questions:

katherine.wermes@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us

2024-2025 Lourdes Catholic School Available positions

Current job postings below

- Reading Interventionist
Must have Iowa certification in K-6 Teacher Elementary Classroom. K-8 Reading Endorsement preferred.
- Long-term Music Teacher Substitute: December-April
Must have Iowa or Illinois Teaching License or Substitute Authorization. K-8 Music Endorsement preferred.
- Substitute (Guest) Classroom Teacher
 - [Guest teacher](#)
 - [Substitute Authorization](#) information

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

School Office Hours

Starting today, the school office will resume regular business hours, 8am-4pm. Please call ahead before you come to school this week and next as there will be times that the office may be closed due to back to school staff meetings.

Parish Updates

[Our Lady of Lourdes](#)
[St. John Vianney](#)

Assumption Sports and Activities

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

The next Principal's Post will be distributed August 19th. Thank you for choosing Lourdes and for supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katie Selden
Principal