



August 26, 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,

We are off to a great start at school this morning. It is hot outside, but we are very comfortable inside our building. The students will not go to outdoor recess on the blacktop today due to the heat. Our K, 2nd, 4th graders will enjoy “Big Toy” and the comfortable shade that space offers. Please note the menu changes for school lunch this week as we have a broken freezer and therefore, have only 1 freezer for our use until the part arrives.

This past weekend our Home and School sponsored a couple activities to help welcome everyone to the new school year. Thank you to our incredible volunteers for hosting “Popsicles in the Park” and the “Back to School Picnic”. We have a wonderful community and I am glad we could spend time together outside of school having fun!

The excitement for our new school continues to grow as we are signing the beam that will be part of the school structure. Some of you signed the beam at the picnic yesterday and the students will sign with their classes today. On the way to the picnic yesterday I took some pictures of the building. It’s incredible how quickly this is being built!





Please keep all of those involved in the planning, design and construction of our new school in your prayers.

Thank you for choosing Catholic education.
Saint Bernadette and Saint Joan, pray for us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katie Selden
Principal

[Popsicles in the Park](#)

Our new families to Lourdes in Preschool and Pre-K enjoyed the opportunity to continue conversations about our school community!





[Girls in Aviation Day](#)

Attached please find a flier for the Quad Cities International Airport, along with John Deere and Elliott Aviation, Girls in Aviation Day event on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to distribute. Families may sign-up to attend by using the QR code within the flier.

[SJV Pet Ministry](#)

My name is Kim McCool and I coordinate the St. Francis of Assisi Pet Ministry. We will be announcing a new scholarship program for kiddos ages 12-17 to encourage them to become therapy dog handlers with their pups. We would love it if some of your students would be interested in participating in the program. I'm attaching a document that tells you a little about it. Here's the timeline of the rollout:

Announcement in SJV & OLOL bulletins 9/7-8

9/9 - 10/05 - accepting applications

10/6- 10/20 - staggered interviews

10/21 - 12/15 - complete 6 week obedience training (extra padding for holidays)

after 12/15 - depending when the 6 weeks of training is completed and if they feel they are ready, start to schedule the Canine Good Citizen test and Alliance of Therapy Dogs observed visits.

Preschool and PreK Open House

Friday, August 30

4-6pm

Mrs. Gustafson and Mrs. Robinson will share details during home visits and by email.

Spiritwear

The stores will close Monday, September 2nd. Orders will be back to school by September 24th.

Spirit Wear: https://stores.inksoft.com/lourdes_spirit_wear

Uniforms: https://stores.inksoft.com/lourdes_uniform

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 Spirit Wear 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.

Volunteers NEEDED

A note from Home and School: Our ship is off sailing the big sea of knowledge, but we need YOU, that's right we need some crewmates. Some of you have unique talents that would make our school year more fun and successful. We need navigators, those that want to help our students in the library and watch over our students at lunch and recess. We also need entertainers, those that can bring their special talents to teach a cool new skill like drama club, chess club or variety show planning. Then there are also deckhands, who help in keeping things tidy and assist our front office staff with things such as making copies and other office needs. But that's not all, volunteers are also the cheerleaders on board. They help organize awesome events such as Fundraising Events, Bingo Night or Fall Festival. Without Volunteers, the ship might still sail, but it wouldn't be nearly as fun, exciting or full of adventure. Please help us by filling out the [Lourdes Volunteer Form](#) to help turn an ordinary school day into an unforgettable adventure. A complete list of [Volunteer Opportunities](#) can help you see the many ways to get involved. If you have questions about volunteering please contact Kristina Katherman (kristina.katherman@gmail.com).

Lunch menu changes

A few changes to the MAIN ENTREE for lunch this week. Sides remain the same as what is listed on the [August Lunch Menu](#).

Monday: Hot dog or Hamburger

Tuesday: No change

Wednesday: Papa Johns Pizza

Thursday: Chef's Choice

Friday: No change

Birthdays this week

- Monday, August 26 - *Happy Birthday, Mrs. Ewing! Happy Birthday to Grey (last Friday!) in 2nd grade!*
- Tuesday, August 27 - *Happy Birthday, Mrs. Beth Rogers! Happy Birthday to Genevieve in 3rd grade and Klenam is 1st grade and Drew in preschool*
- Wednesday, August 28 - *Happy Birthday to Jurnee in Kindergarten*
- Friday, August 30 - *Happy Birthday to Iona in 4th grade and Ben in preschool*

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

Cub Scouts

JOIN CUB SCOUTS!

If you are interested in joining Cub Scouts at Lourdes and have not yet signed up, please click on the link below to register online. Email Kristine Girsakis if you have any questions.

kriseanderson@hotmail.com If you have already signed up, you will be getting a welcome email and schedule, shortly. Existing Pack 199 Cub Scouts do not need to do anything at this time.

First meeting is September 3rd at 6:30.

<https://beascout.scouting.org/list/?zip=52722&program%5B%5D=pack&unitID=206316>

2024-2025 Lourdes Catholic School Available positions

Current job postings below

- 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)

Parish Updates

[Our Lady of Lourdes](#)

[St. John Vianney](#)

[Assumption Sports and Activities](#)

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