



September 16, 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,

Thank you for attending Open House last week. It was nice to visit with many parents. The Student Handbook was distributed last week to every school family. Please refer to this handbook if you have any questions regarding important policies.

Tuesday evening this week is the School Advisory Board meeting. The agenda is attached to this email.

The [Pastoral Letter](#) provided by both pastors introduces a new *parish* fee to help fund the construction of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. The One Faith, One Family, One Future capital campaign raised approximately \$17.5M, but the total project cost is estimated at \$38.3M so additional funding is needed to pay the debt. The parish committee responsible for this plan has shared the following details:

- **Tiered Funding Plan for Families with Multiple Students:** A proposal is in place to offer reduced fees for families enrolling multiple children, potentially easing the financial burden for larger families. The approved structure is as follows:
 - 1 student - \$2,250 each
 - 2 students - \$1,950 each (\$3,900 total)
 - 3 students - \$1,650 each (\$4,950 total)
 - 4 students - \$1,350 each (\$5,400 total)
- **Scholarship Fund for Families in Need:** A scholarship program will be implemented to subsidize costs for families who may find the fee challenging, ensuring access to education for all.
- **Adjusted Tithing Contribution Requirement:** The parish's existing tithing contribution will be reduced from \$45 per week to \$25, saving families \$1,000. This adjustment aims to balance the impact of the new parish fee, helping families manage the overall financial changes.

- **Annual Re-Assessment of Tiered Funding Plan:** As additional funds are raised and the school enrollment grows at the new building, the tiers will be evaluated on an annual basis with the hope of reducing the amounts.

The St. Joan of Arc Foundation is also working on additional fundraising efforts as mentioned in the Pastoral Letter. Several school families have expressed interest in helping with these efforts that were not part of the initial campaign and have brought some exciting new ideas to the campaign. We thank everyone who has donated and pray that our amazing community can continue their generosity to support this endeavor. The more funds that are raised will directly help reduce the burden for everyone.

The School Advisory Board (SAB) has been briefed on these initial details and looks forward to receiving more detailed information from the parish committee in October to better guide and support families through this change. Please note that the September SAB meeting will not have a planned in-depth discussion as was mentioned in August. That discussion will be moved to October.

Please continue to pray for those involved in the design and construction of our new school.

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

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katie Selden
Principal

[Para needed—very part-time](#)

We are looking for an aide to assist a 3rd grade student during ELA for 70 minutes/day.

[Grade 1 Aide NEEDED!](#)

We are looking for an aide to join Miss VanLandschoot's classroom. Interested persons please contact Mrs. Selden in the front office.

[Library Volunteers NEEDED!](#)

A note from Mrs. Emerle: I have created a Sign-Up Genius for the month of September and will create a Sign-Up Genius for every month as the year progresses.

I can sign you up on the form ([September sign-up](#)) as I make it, if you have a regular class and time you would like to volunteer. You will still get reminders from Sign-Up if I add you to the form. Email Mrs. Emerle: erindunn78@gmail.com

[Book Fair Volunteers NEEDED!](#)

Please consider volunteering to help at book fair - younger siblings are always welcome to tag along and stay with you at the the book fair. Sign-up [here](#). Please text Kris Girsakis if you have

any last minute changes to your schedule. 563-505-7946 If you would like to see when your child's class is signed up to come down to the fair.

St. Ambrose Spirit Program

For grades K-8. Participants will spend the day with the SAU Spirit program. Each participant will be split by age. During the camp, they will rotate through stations where they will learn a cheer, jumps, and stunts. This will all be performed in the first half of our home football game. They will also learn a short routine to be performed at the halftime of the St. Ambrose University football game that same day!! This clinic is great for all levels of experience! All participants will receive an SAU Spirit t-shirt!

When: Saturday, September 21st

Clinic: 8-11a.m. (SAU Wellness & Recreation Center)

Performance: Cheer first half of the game and perform halftime of the 1p.m. Home Football Game (NEW STADIUM Jack and Pat Stadium)

Cost: \$40 (includes T-shirt and entrance to football game for dancer and 1 adult)

Sign up Here: [FALL SPIRIT CAMP REGISTRATION](#)

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

Wednesdays 6:16-7:45 in the LCS Gym

Sept. 14, 25; Oct. 9, 23; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 11; Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 5, 10; March 12, 26; April 9

School Lunch

The freezer is fixed! We had already planned lunch and sent home the menu for the week before the freezer was fixed on Thursday, so we will stick with our plan for this week. This week's lunch menu was sent home last week, but is also attached to this note.

Fall Festival

A note from Mrs. Wilkinson: Below are the links for all of the OLOL fall festival signups. Any proceeds this year go to the Outreach Committee which supports LCS families through Backpacks with Snacks and Meal Baskets.

Middle school volunteers are welcome for alumni tours and general volunteers. Service hours sheets can be signed by Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Stopulos, or Mrs. Carolyn McFate. If the middle schoolers can't find one of us during the fall festival, I will come in on Monday and sign any that are in the office. Please sign-up for the [Bake Sale](#), [Dessert and Basket Help](#), [Alumni Tours](#), [Setup/Cleanup and Games](#).

Notes from Mrs. Freemeyer

Choir rehearsal dates: Sept 4, 18; Oct. 2, 16; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4 (if Mrs. Freemeyer's new baby isn't here yet)

Volunteers NEEDED

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).

Lourdes Catholic School Cheerleading is BACK!

Hello Parents-I am Mrs. Miller, a first grade teacher. I am excited to bring cheerleading back to Lourdes. My daughter, Amy, is an AHS cheerleader. She is a sophomore and she will be teaching the cheers. We will be cheering for the 6th grade and 7th grade Boys Basketball games during the week at Lourdes and at the 8th grade Boys Basketball games at Assumption on the weekends. I started cheerleading at St. Paul's, so it might be fun to cheer at games there too. Typically there are 5 to 6 girls in a squad, so we can have a few squads. I am hoping to start meeting in October once a week to learn the cheers. It really depends on Amy's cheer practice schedule. If you cannot make a practice or a game it is OK. I will record Amy doing the cheers, so everyone can learn them. Right now we have a lot of students interested so we can cheer at many different events. I hope your child is still interested and is looking forward to a new endeavor and building our Lourdes, soon to be St. Joan of Arc, school spirit! Please email me if you are interested: margaret.miller@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us

I will send out another email soon, to find out what night after school works for your families schedules, so the students can start learning the cheers. I am so excited to bring cheerleading back again!! ~Mrs. Miller

Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday Aiden B (5th grade), Alesza O (preschool), Emery C (preschool), Tatun G (preschool), Liam S (3rd grade), Brooklyn G (Kindergarten), Lydia T (Kindergarten)

2024-2025 Lourdes Catholic School Available positions

Current job postings below

- ELA Para (70 minutes/day)
- Grade 1 Classroom Aide (full-time or part-time job share)
- 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**
- **2024 Fall AHS Cheerleading Clinic**

What: 2024 Fall AHS Cheerleading Clinic

Who: Girls and Boys Grades PreK-8 (Fall '24)

Where: Assumption High School Small Gym When: Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Performance: Friday, Sept. 20th at halftime of the Assumption Varsity Boys Football game vs. Wahlert.

* Arrive by 7:00 pm at the football field entrance – performance at approx. 8 pm

Cost: \$40 (Includes AHS Cheerleading T-shirt and Cheer Bow)

Deadline: Sept. 12th to guarantee T-shirt and bow (not guaranteed for late sign ups) Walk-ins welcome on Sept. 18th

Payment: Due on or before Sept. 12th – Cash or checks payable to: Assumption Cheerleading

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! Contact: Heather Letherman

heatherletherman@gmail.com