



September 3, 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,

I hope you had a relaxing Labor Day Weekend. Today we welcome our PreK students (4 year olds) to school. We pray for the young children and their families as they start this new adventure! For the older students, the first days of school are behind us and we look forward to settling into routine this week. Today I will go to the construction site to watch the beam we all signed as it is placed into the framing of the school building. I will share pictures next week. St. Joan of Arc, please pray for us.



There are many things I love about our community and over the weekend when I stopped at school to take care of a few things, I was greeted at the front door with fall mums in

the planter. Thank you to the landscaping angel who planted this surprise. I am reminded constantly of the love and thoughtfulness that are the foundation of our school community.

Mark your calendars for next week as I would like to invite all of our K-8 parents to school for Open House. We will start in the gym with a presentation before taking time to rotate between classrooms to visit homerooms where your children spend their days. Middle School families will have Open House Monday, September 9th at 6pm. K-5 families will have an Open House on Tuesday, September 10th at 6pm.

Please read the notes below and make note of the Wellness Policy for treats in the classroom. We are also looking for volunteers to be Room Parents in several classes.

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

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katie Selden
Principal

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

All 6th, 7th, 8th graders are welcome!
Wednesdays 6:16-7:45 in the LCS Gym
Sept. 11, 25
Oct. 9, 23
Nov. 6, 20
Dec. 11
Jan. 8, 22
Feb. 5, 10
March 12, 26
April 9

Wellness Policy

Thank you for your help with following the guidelines outlined in the Lourdes Catholic School Wellness Policy when it comes to making plans for birthday treats. Certain classrooms have allergy restrictions to follow as well, so please look for more information from your child's teacher.

[Lourdes Catholic School Wellness Policy](#)
[Healthy Kids Act](#)

Room Parents NEEDED!

Parents we need your help! We are looking for Room Parents for the following classes:

Mrs. Behnke
Mrs. Holmes
Ms. Sieren
Mr. Goldsberry
Ms. Richards
Mrs. Heck
Mr. Hintze

Mrs. Ewing

Please email Mrs. Berneking if you are interested: cassandraberneking@gmail.com

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.

Alumni tours:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0D4DA4A929A4FAC34-50969305-volunteers>

Desserts:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0D4DA4A929A4FAC34-50842884-desserts>

Notes from Mrs. Freemeyer

5th-8th Grade Choir- Please read!

With our growing enrollment and fantastic participation in band and choir, my schedule has gotten really tight this year! **Choir has been moved to after school on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 2:30-3:15 because of this.** Choir will now be able to focus on more repertoire, honor choirs, and concert programming as well!

Another shift is how our school choir will participate in the school mass on Wednesdays. We will have a schedule of 2 singers per week that will help lead our worship songs and mass parts in the choir loft. The rest of the school choir will sit with their classes during mass. In order to sing on the microphones, students will need to come to a special cantor workshop on September 4th at 3:15 in the choir loft. (Right after choir that day!) The new Our Lady of Lourdes Church music director Grant Lenz will be leading this workshop! I'm not sure when we will be able to offer another class, so please make every effort to be there if your child is interested in cantoring! If you are not able to make it, please let me know and I will see what I can do!

5th- 8th grade Band

5th Grade

Beginning band is starting soon! Returning Lourdes students were tested on instruments last year. If you have not already done so, please head to West music in Davenport and arrange instrument rental! West will drop off school instruments in a few weeks, and then band Classes will start! New Lourdes students are still highly encouraged to participate in our band program as well- we would love to have you! I can test your student during school and let you know what instrument worked out for them- then the process at West music is the same to rent whichever instrument your student has chosen. Please email me with your students name if you're interested in having me test them, and I'll get it done ASAP!

6-8th Grade band

6-8th grade band will start tomorrow! Students should have their instruments in working condition and a pencil.

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).

School Lunch

Please see the attached menu for the lunch menu for this week.

Birthdays this week

- Monday, September 2 - *Happy Birthday, Madalyn M in 2nd grade, Lucas L in Kindergarten, and Isabella H in preK*
- Saturday, September 7 - *Happy Birthday to Joseph C and Taylor C in 8th grade and to Sie' Ayre in 1st grade*

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 tonight—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**
- **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

