

October 7, 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,

Good morning. I would like to invite you to attend the School Advisory Board Meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. During the meeting, we will hear from the Parish Committee regarding the newly designed parish fee plan, which will help fund our new school. This parish fee will impact all families, so it is important that you are informed about the details. Members of the committee who prepared the plan will be in attendance to help answer questions. Concerns about the impact that a fee could have on our school community have been expressed to the committee and both Fr. Jason and Fr. Rich. As a result, the decision was made this past week that a mandatory fee would only be required of non-Catholic families. For Catholic families, it will be a suggested donation using the same structure as I shared last month. The funding plan still relies significantly on these donations along with any other dedicated fundraising, so a commitment from our families will be crucial to ensuring the success of the project. If there is a shortfall then there will be an increased fee for all students, Catholic and non-Catholic, the following year. Additionally, we will be discussing the next phase of fundraising, set to launch this month, in an effort to re-energize our community's efforts to support St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. Construction is progressing as planned, and we are excited to renew our focus on these important fundraising initiatives. Please keep our community in your prayers during this important time.



Our Catholic identity is truly special. Last Friday, we celebrated one of our cherished traditions, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of the Pets. We extend our thanks to Fr. Rich for blessing our pets during this celebration. Another beautiful tradition we observe in October is gathering as a school to pray the Rosary together each week. Parents are warmly invited to join us. This week's Rosary will be led by the 4th graders from 4A on Thursday at 1:10 p.m.



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

Sincerely, **Mrs. Katie Selden**Principal

School Lunch Accounts

Dear Families:

Last week, on 9/24/24 it was discovered that three days of lunches were inadvertently deleted from our lunch program called EduTrak. Once this was discovered we were able to restore them. The restoration happened on 9/25/24. We apologize for this mistake and have taken steps to ensure that this will not happen again. If you have questions, please call our office at 563-326-5313. Thank you,.

Sincerely,

Martha Korneisel

<u>Updated Lunch Menu</u>

The updated school lunch menu was sent home by email on Friday, is attached to this note and a hard copy will be sent home on Tuesday. Today's hot lunch option is: Chicken Sandwich,

Baby carrots, Baked beans, Applesauce. The "alternate" option is a peanut butter/jelly sandwich or a ham/cheese sandwich.





https://my.onecause.com/event/organizations/69a8d2a7-0e0b-49a5-86f0-28300f64d16c/events/vevt:5b66ad22-8fd3-4e29-9801-8a62d498c87a/home/story.

Trunk or Treat Note to Middle School Parents

A note from Mrs. Heck: Hello Parents, It's time to sign up to help with Trunk-or-Treat. 8th grade is working on the haunted house, and the 7th grade is planning the gym games. We need help at the event to make the night run smoothly. The event is Friday, October 18th. Help is needed before, during, and most definitely after the event. Check times and jobs on the SignUp Genius, and please make sure to stick around for clean up. The students are required to help clean up and parents make it go even faster. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Preschool and PreK Vision Screening

Please return the consent form for your Preschool or PreK child to participate in the vision screening scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday this week. Thank you.

Donuts with Dads Mark your calendars!



Mark your calendars for November 8th! Donuts with Dads will be held before school that morning. More details to come!

RaiseRight—EASY fundraising!!

Fundraising with RaiseRight is easy! Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. Groceries, gas, clothing, home goods, home improvement, or whatever you're spending money on, funnel those dollars through a gift card to raise money for Lourdes. No extra money spent! Download the RaiseRight app on your phone or go to https://www.raiseright.com/enroll to get started. Use enrollment code B35FE9FB1543 when signing up. Contact our program coordinators with questions: Megan Wilkinson at Megan.M.Wilkinson@gmail.com or Ryan Wermes at Ryan.Wermes@gmail.com

Box Tops

Join us in earning money for Lourdes by using the Box Tops app. It's an easy way to make a difference. Download the app, scan your grocery receipts with your phone's camera, and earn money for our school! Plus, use the referral code E8LR2FTD when you sign up and you'll get 25 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2025, while supplies last. Use the link below to download the Box Tops app: https://btfe.smart.link/c2jidifkw?referral_code=E8LR2FTD

Moms Group



Para needed-very part-time

We are looking for an aide to assist a 3rd grade student during ELA for 70 minutes/day. Times are: 10:20-11:30 M,T,Th,F and 1:25-2:30 Wed.

VOLLEYBALL volunteers

We have a few new <u>volunteer spots</u> that need to be filled during the volleyball season. The league has added additional locations to the tournament to ease the burden of the tournament schedule. We are hosting 8th grade tournament games on Oct. 17. We will need volunteers for the concession stand that evening. Also, I will be out of town during our games Tuesday evening, so I will need volunteers to run the scoreboard. Please sign up if you are available.

Library Volunteers

A note from Mrs. Emerle: Thank you for your patience with me getting the October sign-up done. You will notice I have added 2 spots to most of the younger classes, they are quite large this year and we are happy to have ALL the help during those times. Thank you for signing up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48AAAC2BA02-51815215-library#/

Happy Reading! ~Mrs. Emerle: erindunn78@qmail.com

Lunchroom, Recess Volunteers

To view our other volunteer needs and sign-up options for recess, lunch, morning greeters, and library <u>here!</u>

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

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

Sept. 41, 25; Oct. 9, 23; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 11; Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 5, 10; March 12, 26; April 9

Notes from Mrs. Freemeyer

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

Preschool and PreK Reminders

Thank you for your adjustments to procedures! Things were much smoother last week, but we are still adjusting!

Afternoon PreK Drop-off reminders:

- The drop off lane is for a quick drop off. If you want to get your child out and/or walk them in, you must park elsewhere
- No u turns on Mississippi Blvd.
- The drop off lane line begins at the stop sign. Please do not stop in the crosswalk
- When the aides arrive outside to get children out of the car, the line may move up to them. They will be positioned at the stairs. The aides will get the children out of the cars

Afternoon PreK Pick-up reminder:

• PreK is out at 3:20. To help you beat the crowd or get to school age children on time, you may pick your child up between 3:15-3:20 in the school parking lot

Morning Preschool and PreK Drop-off reminders:

- The drop off lane is for a quick drop off. If you want to get your child out and/or walk them in, you must park elsewhere
- No u turns on Mississippi Blvd.
- The drop off lane line begins at the stop sign. Please do not stop in the crosswalk
- When the aides arrive outside to get children out of the car, the line may move up to them. They will be positioned at the stairs. The aides will get the children out of the cars. Please wait for the aides to come to open the doors of your car and get your child out of the car

Morning Preschool and PreK Pick-up reminder:

 Morning classes are out at 11:30. You are welcome to come earlier if you would like, classes will be at the dismissal doors (or playground) by 11:25

Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday to Audrey W (preK), Ellamae M (8th grade), Lucia H (7th grade), Grace B (preK), Ms. Richards. And Happy Belated Birthday last week to Mrs. Heck and Ms. Rogers

2024-2025 Lourdes Catholic School Available positions

Current job postings below

- o ELA Para (70 minutes/day): 10:20-11:30 M,T,Th,F and 1:25-2:30 Wed
- <u>Long-term Music Teacher Substitute: December-April</u>
 Must have Iowa or Illinois Teaching License or Substitute Authorization. K-8
 Music Endorsement preferred.
- o Substitute (Guest) Classroom Teacher
 - Guest teacher
 - <u>Substitute Authorization</u> information—UPDATED courses!! Online and convenient!

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

Parish Bulletins

Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John Vianney

Assumption Sports and Activities

• Weekly Update from Assumption High School

School Calendar

• School Calendar 24-25