



December 2, 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,

As we light the first candle on our Advent wreaths this week, we are reminded of the hope that fills this sacred season. It is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, both in the joy of Christmas and in the daily ways He calls us to live as His disciples.

In our school community, we are embracing this season with prayer, service, and reflection. May this Advent journey bring your family moments of peace and togetherness as we wait in joyful hope for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Please join me in praying for our 2nd graders as they receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this Wednesday evening. Our middle school students will attend a speaker at Assumption High School Thursday morning. Information about Chris Stefanick and his message can be found at <https://reallifecatholic.com/>. Finally, the busy week rounds out as the 1st and 2nd graders will attend the dress rehearsal for "Godspell" at Assumption High School on Friday morning.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to Catholic education. May the prayers of Saint Bernadette and Saint Joan of Arc guide and bless us all.

Sincerely,

***Mrs. Katie Selden***

Principal

**[Christmas Greenery available!](#)**

Scout Troop 199 and 1199 have some extra greenery up for sale. Text Kris Girskis (563-505-7946) if you are interested in purchasing. 1 each of the following still available for sale: 25 inch wreath, Voyager wreath, Itasca wreath, Door swag, Centerpiece

## 2024 Boy Scout Troop 199/1199 Greenery

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### Decorated Balsam Fir Wreath

One of our most popular items, the Balsam Fir Wreath is made from fresh, fragrant and long-lasting Northern Balsam Fir. Decorations include 3 white tipped pine cones with 4 red holly berries per cone for 25 inch wreaths and 5 larger cones and holly berries for 36 inch wreaths.

**25 inch - \$30.00**

**36 inch - \$45.00**

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### Premier Wreath – Voyageur

The 25 inch Voyageur Wreath is made from a balsam fir and white cedar base. It's decorated with natural pine cones with attached berries, red crab apples and a red and gold metallic bow.

**\$42.00**

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### Premier Wreath – Itasca

The 25 inch Itasca Wreath is made from a balsam fir and white cedar base. It's decorated with 3 clusters of white-tipped cones and red crab apples, along with a festive plaid bow.

**\$42.00**

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### Balsam Door Swag

Door swags are charming additions to your home during the holiday season. The Balsam Door Swag is made with a balsam fir base, with white cedar and red pine layered on top of the base. Decorations consist of 2 white-tipped pine cones and a velvet waterproof bow. The Balsam Door Swag is about 24-26 inches long.

**\$30.00**

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### Holiday Centerpiece

The elegant Holiday Centerpiece is made with a long-lasting fir base and mixed greens in a high-quality basket. The greens are set in a floral oasis that can be watered for continuous enjoyment throughout the holiday season.

**\$40.00**

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[St. Nick's Shop](#)

If you would like to volunteer to help out at St. Nick's Shop, please click on the [link](#).

Below is the schedule of when classes are shopping. Please remember to send your students' shopping form and \$2 per gift (no tax), cash or check written to SCCS. If you've misplaced your shopping form, [here](#) it is. Please note, participating in St. Nicks' Shop is 100% optional. If students would prefer to shop with parents at home, or this process sounds overwhelming for them, we understand. Also, the number of people your student shops for is up to you - do not feel obligated to fill all the lines on the form- this is about experiencing the joy of giving in whatever way suits your student!

**Monday**

Mrs. Miller  
Mrs. Ewing  
Ms. Richards  
Mr. Goldsberry

**Tuesday**

Mrs. Heck  
Mr. McAnally  
Mrs. Holmes  
Ms. Rogers  
Mrs. Camarena

**Wednesday**

Mrs. Behnke  
Mrs. Little  
Mrs. Hayes

**Thursday**

Mrs. Gustafson AM  
Ms. VanLandschoot  
Mrs. Gustafson PM  
Ms. Snyder

**Friday**

Ms. Sieren

**Concerts and Programs**

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|---|--------------------|---------|--------|
| ★ K-8 Christmas Program                                     | Wednesday, Dec. 18 | 10am    | Gym    |
| <b>(wear Sunday Best for K-5; and uniforms for Gr. 6-8)</b> |                    |         |        |
| ★ Preschool/PreK Christmas Program                          | Friday, Dec. 20    | 10:30am | Church |

**Family Movie Night!**

**Friday, December 13th**

Join Home & School in the Gym for a MOVIE NIGHT on Friday, December 13th showing *Charlie Brown Christmas* and *Elf*. All students and families are invited to this free event! Bring your own snacks, drinks and blankets!

**LCS Mitten Tree in the Library**

As the Holidays approach we are grateful for all the blessings God has given us. Please help our children give back to the community by decorating our Mitten Tree for those less fortunate than us. Throughout November and December Lourdes Catholic School Library will be collecting new or gently used GLOVES, MITTENS, SCARVES & HATS (children and adults). Last day of collection will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Basketball**

Below is a link to a signup genius for volunteers to work the concession stand during game nights. If you are available, please sign up to help. [Lourdes: Admission/Concessions Girls Basketball](#)

### **Backpacks with Snacks**

The Cub Scouts need help filling Backpacks with Snacks for students in our community! See the attached flier for items needed from your student's grade. Please bring food items to school by Friday, December 13th. Thank you for supporting the Backpack with Snacks program!

### **Angel Tree**

The Outreach Committee has been diligently preparing angel tags and compiling a list of families and individuals from Lourdes Parish and individuals in our community who need our support this year. Angel tags will be available for pickup in the Gathering Space after each service on November 23 and 24. Please return the unwrapped gifts to the Gathering Space with the tag attached and, if possible, with wrapping supplies. You can drop off the gifts on November 30-December 1 or December 7-8. All gifts need to be returned by December 8 by 5PM Mass. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting our Parish families and community this year. For any questions, please contact Katelyn Darling at 319-415-8990 or [katelyn@katelyndarling.com](mailto:katelyn@katelyndarling.com). Monetary donations are also appreciated and can be placed in the "Neighbors in Need Box" located in the Gathering Space. Please label these donations as "Angel Tree." Thank you for your generosity and support!

### **St. Joan of Arc Foundation**

@sjafdn's profile on [Instagram](#)  
[St. Joan of Arc Foundation](#) website



SJA QRCode for donating:



**RaiseRight—EASY fundraising!!**

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**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



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[https://btfe.smart.link/c2jdidfkw?referral\\_code=E8LR2FTD](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jdidfkw?referral_code=E8LR2FTD)

### **Facebook**

You are invited to follow the school Facebook page! Regular updates include pictures from school, reminders about events, etc. Click [here](#).

### **Tuition, Fees, Lunch Payments**

Checks for tuition, fees or lunch accounts should be made out to SCCS (Scott County Catholic Schools)

### **Library Volunteers**

[December sign-up](#) Happy Reading! ~Mrs. Emerle: [erindunn78@gmail.com](mailto:erindunn78@gmail.com)

### **Lunchroom, Recess Volunteers**

To view our other volunteer needs and sign-up options for recess, lunch, morning greeters, and library [here](#)!

### **Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)**

Wednesdays 6:16-7:45 in the LCS Gym: Dec. 11; Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 5, 10; March 12, 26; April 9

### **Band**

Mrs. Freemyer will start her maternity leave on Wednesday this week. Band and lessons will continue with the usual schedule during the school day while she is on leave.

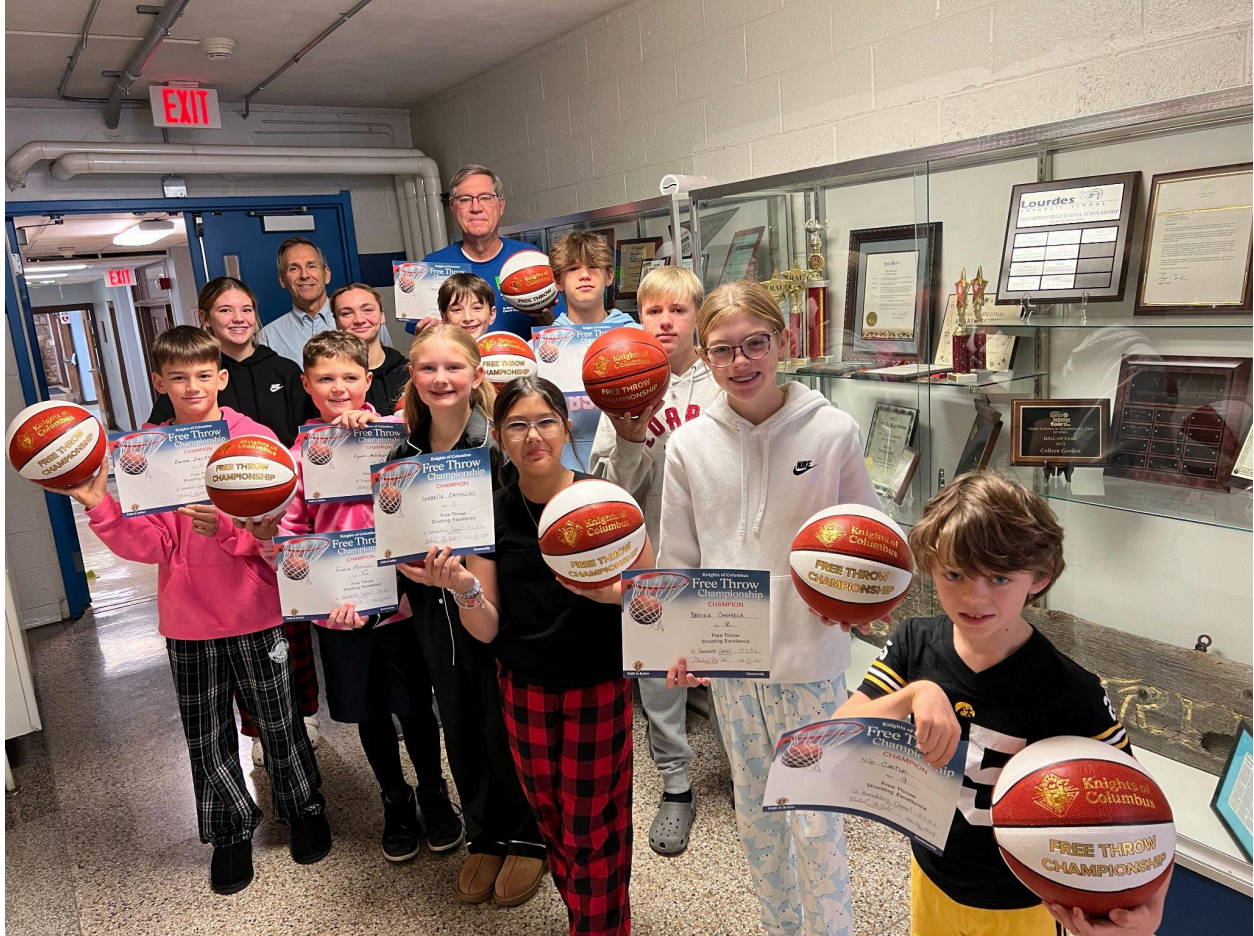
### **Choir**

Choir is on hold until Mrs. Freemyer returns. Please consider joining the Christmas Eve Children's Choir (see below).

### **Christmas Eve Children's Choir**

A Children's Choir is being put together for the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass. If you have a child who is interested in singing, please contact Grant Lenz: [bettlourdesmusic@diodav.org](mailto:bettlourdesmusic@diodav.org)

### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 2024 Winners**



**Age**

14  
13  
12  
11  
10  
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**Boys**

Cameron F.  
Colton M.  
Greyson H.  
Owen S.  
Egan P.  
Nile C.

**Girls**

Ellamae M.  
Rachel M.  
Brenna C.  
Anabella C.  
Grace M.  
Harper B.

**Birthdays this week**

Happy Birthday this week to: Israel N (preschool), Teagan G (6th grade), Rowan H (4th grade), Ms. Snyder (Kindergarten)

**Assumption Sports and Activities**

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

**School Calendar**

- [School Calendar 24-25](#)

**Parish Bulletins and Information**

- [Our Lady of Lourdes](#)
- [St. John Vianney](#)
- [St. Joan of Arc Foundation](#)