

January 27, 2025

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 Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

I feel incredibly blessed to serve as your principal, and I thank you for choosing our wonderful school. I'm excited for the week ahead, filled with fun activities and opportunities to celebrate what makes our school so special. Please be sure to review the events highlighted below under "Catholic Schools Week" to stay informed.

A note about today's Buddy Lunch:

This year, we've made a change to the event by introducing three lunch periods. Please make sure to follow the lunch schedule assigned to your child, based on their last name. Remember, there is no school hot lunch today—your child's buddy should be bringing them a special lunch.

This week also marks a personal milestone for me—25 years as a Catholic school teacher and administrator. I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving in this incredible vocation.

The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week, as chosen by the National Catholic Educators Association, is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." This theme perfectly reflects our journey in 2025 as we prepare to transition to our beautiful new school building a few miles down the road. It is our faith and the strength of our community that will guide us through this exciting new chapter.

Thank you for being part of our Catholic school family. May the prayers of Saint Bernadette and Saint Joan of Arc guide us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katie Selden

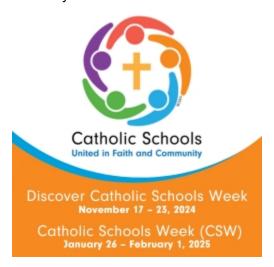
Principal

Registration for '25-'26

Registration for the '25-'26 school year at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School is underway for our current families. Information was sent to you via email last Wednesday. The deadline for preferred re-enrollment of current preschool-7 students who are going into grades preschool-8 is February 21. After this date, current families are not guaranteed a spot for next school year. Completion of online registration plus payment of the \$150 registration fee are required to secure a spot. If you are not returning to Lourdes/St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, please notify Mrs. Wermes (katherine.wermes@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us).

Catholic Schools Week: January 27-31

Catholic Schools Week is our annual celebration of being a Catholic school! Please see the events and special out-of-uniform days we have scheduled.



ESA Parents: Please read

Tuition amounts for the second semester have been uploaded to Odyssey. Please log in to your account and approve the tuition. It should only take a few minutes. Then the State of Iowa will be able to pay Scott County Catholic Schools (SCCS) for your students' tuition. This needs to be done by January 31, 2025. So, do this important step as soon as you are able. If you have any questions, please call the SCCS Business Office office at (563) 326-5313 and they will be happy to help.

Lunch Menu Changes

Monday: NO hot lunch (Buddy Lunch)

Tuesday: Main entree has changed to mac n cheese

Children's Choir

Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Choir: Sing to God this Easter! Join us for our first rehearsal with light refreshments to follow. Sunday, February 9th after the 10:30 AM Mass in the choir loft. For more information, contact Grant Lenz: bettlourdesmusic@diodav.org

After School Care Schedule Change

Friday, January 31

Friday January 31st After School Care will close at 4:30pm due to CEW preparations.

NO SCHOOL REMINDER Monday, February 3

There will be NO SCHOOL next Monday, February 3. This is a professional learning day for the teachers. NO SCHOOL for preschool, preK or K-8.

Starry Night! 33 days from today!

Join us for an unforgettable evening at **Starry Night 2025** — a night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising to support Lourdes Catholic School! *Your presence will make a meaningful difference as we raise money for essential school needs, enhancing our children's learning experiences and providing additional resources for teachers and staff to elevate Catholic education.

* Event Details:

• **Date:** March 1st, 2025

Suggested Dress Code: Cocktail Attire

• Location: At the Stardust 218 Iowa St. Davenport

Your generous contributions will help meet these critical needs:

- St. Joan of Arc T-shirts for every student (for Field Day and Spiritwear Days)
- New Middle School sports jerseys and cheerleading uniforms
- Tables and Chairs for school-wide events at St. Joan of Arc
- Replenishing the Field Trip Fund
- Supporting the arts (annual play and music department)
- High-quality soccer goals for the new school
- Home & School hosted events and annual budget

Reserve your tickets and even book a room at the Blackhawk Hotel today by visiting https://onecau.se/starry2025. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a lasting impact and have a lot of fun with fellow Lourdes Catholic School supporters! Let's come together to support Lourdes Catholic School and continue the tradition of excellence in Faith and Academics. Your donation will help make it all possible!



Starry Night Auction Items

Interested in donating auction items for the Starry Night fundraiser? To help make the fundraiser a success, we are on the lookout for auction items such as gift cards or an experience (tickets to an event, lessons for an activity, etc.) These items are always popular. Drop off items at the front office our contact LcsTarryNight@gmail.com

Items are needed by February 18 (preferable sooner to list on the auction site). Many thanks!

Starry Night Raffle Ticket Sales

If you would like to help sell Starry Night raffle tickets after the Masses at OLOL and SJV, please sign-up.

Starry Night Sponsors needed!

Thank you so much for your support of Lourdes Starry Night, the primary fundraiser for Lourdes Catholic School. We are so excited for all the new adventures 2025 will bring and look forward to moving into our new school, St Joan of Arc Catholic School. Moving into a new space is certain to bring new needs so we are hopeful you will continue your support! Attached is information regarding this year's event, which will be held on Saturday, March 1st in downtown Davenport, At The Stardust. We hope you join us for food, fun and fellowship and consider supporting the event financially once again. For more information, visit our event website at: https://onecau.se/_85ane1

Your support makes a world of difference in enhancing our children's experiences and expanding learning opportunities at our Catholic school!

We truly appreciate your consideration,

Jennifer Foley & Betsy Flaherty Lourdes Starry Night Co-Chairs

Career Fair

The Annual <u>Career Fair</u> is scheduled for Friday, March 7. Please consider participating to help our students.

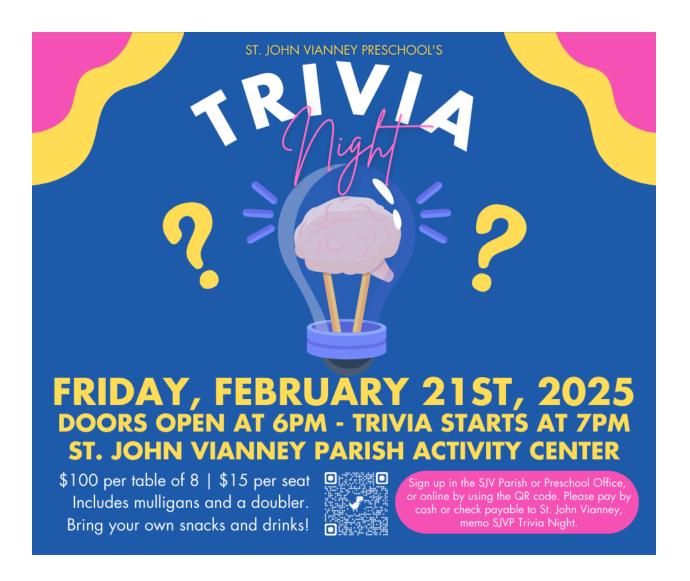
Library Volunteers

January Sign-Up is ready! Happy Reading! ~Mrs. Emerle: erindunn78@gmail.com

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

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

SJV Preschool Trivia Night



Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday this week to Gregory (gr.2), Olivia (gr. 2), Amelia (gr. 4), Aria (gr. 4), Jack (gr. 8), Macy (gr.6), Mrs. Miller, Mrs. C

Weekly update from Assumption High School

School Calendar

School Calendar 24-25

Parish Information

- Our Lady of Lourdes
- St. John Vianney
- St. Joan of Arc Foundation

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to choose Catholic Schools

We offer an education that We provide combines Catholic a safe and faith and teachings welcoming with academic environment We cultivate a excellence. for all. We partner with faculty and staff parents in the of people who are faith formation of dedicated, caring their children. and effective. We have a 99 percent We set high high school standards graduation for student achievement rate. 85 percent and help them of our graduates go to college. succeed. We provide We prepare a balanced students to Catholic Schools academic be productive United in Faith and Community curriculum that citizens and integrates faith, future leaders. culture and life. We emphasize We use technology moral development effectively and self-discipline. to enhance We teach education. We instill in children respect students the of self and value of service others. to others. NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION NCEA.org/csw