

Lourdes Home & School Meeting Minutes - January  
(1/13/25)

Location: Mrs. Heck's Classroom

**Attendees:**

<b>2024/2025 Home &amp; School Board</b>		<b>Teachers/Staff</b>	
President: Julie Rosales	X	Katie Selden	x
President - Elect: Andrea Reilly	X	Danielle Behnke	x
Ex-Officio: Melissa Nelson			
Secretary: Stephanie Larson	X		
Treasurer: Marie Morlok	X		
Treasurer - Elect: Eric Norberg			
Room Parent Coordinator: Cassandra Berneking	X		
Newsletter: Alison Meier	X		
Volunteer Co-Chairs: Kristina Katherman		<b>Community/Committee Chairs</b>	
Volunteer Co-Chairs: TBD/OPEN POSITION		Lisa Nauman	X
Hospitality Coordinators: Ashley Ramos	X	Carol Green	X
Hospitality Coordinators: Erin Crigger			
Hospitality Coordinators: Mercedes Nelson			
Hospitality Coordinators: Melissa Zumdome			
Hospitality Coordinators: Emily Bintz	X		
Hospitality Coordinators: Chloe Castle	X		
New Family Ambassadors: Bronya Conner	X		
New Family Ambassadors: Becky Burke	X		
New Family Ambassadors: Conor Flaherty			
Starry Night: Jen Foley	X		
Starry Night Elect: Betsy Flaherty	X		

Meeting called to order: 6:03 pm

January Agenda

[2025-01 Agenda .docx](#)

Approval for the January meeting minutes can be found here:

[January 2025 Approval of Minutes](#)

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome
2. Committee Reports
  - New Family Ambassadors
    - Looking ahead to the first semester at SJA and pre-planning.

- We may need to provide some additional planning as existing families will likely even need some support with the changes as we're all going to be new to the building and there may be some different things to consider.
- Once registration opens to the public we'll have a better idea of what to expect and how much we'll need to scale up for new family ambassadors next year.
- Some of our beginning of the school year events may need to be given deeper consideration based on enrollment and how the calendar falls for the 2025-26 school year. Ex. School picnic, Unpack the backpack date due to the weekend.
- We have a nice side deck from the beginning of the school year that we'll need to tweak a few things (ex. Drop off procedures) too but it's got great content for what we need to think about for next year's new families.

#### Hospitality

- 1/17 - End of 2nd quarter teacher treat and lunch will be mini charcuterie boxes that are gluten free and there will be a vegetarian option as well. (\*There is a need on Fridays even outside of lent for vegetarian offerings.)
- Catholic Schools week buddy lunch coming up... more details below.

#### Newsletter

- Main theme will be catholic schools week, and the newsletter will go out tomorrow.
- New this year for catholic schools week is a Sunday Luncheon.
- Buddy Lunch sign up tab included on the newsletter to recruit volunteers.

#### Room Parents

- Handling the teacher luncheon on Friday 1/31 from 11a-1pm, the teacher chooses their slot.
- We had a room parent reach out about lack of parent participation, there was a group discussion about a Room Parent Support Fund specifically for classroom parties and the recommendation of a meeting to reduce confusion next school year. (Support Fund would be for if a classroom is struggling to get party support... Script is still going to be the encouraged holiday gift next year and birthday and end of the year gifts should be funded by the classroom parents with the Room Parent to decide and deliver based on classroom contributions they receive.)

#### Treasurer Report

- Looking good, nothing out of the ordinary.
- Moved some things around for Catholic Schools Week Family Luncheon.
- At the next teachers meeting please remind all teachers of the **March 1st deadline for allotment.**

- Field Trips - Is there a line item from Starry Night and what is the total amount we are anticipating for field trips this school year? (Circa 21, Putnam Museum Movie, and Nahant Marsh)

#### Starry Nights Fundraiser

- Saturday, March 1st, 2024  
@ the Stardust - 218 Iowa St Davenport event runs until 9pm.
- There is a block of rooms set up at Blackhawk Hotel and there will be an after gathering at Last Picture House.
- Website up and running, please buy your tickets!
- Everyone is welcome to participate, more support needed please!
- Silent Auction items are a big focus and there will be a meeting about silent auction items at Logo Pro tomorrow night at 6pm.
- Live Auction items we're also open to new ideas and thoughts.
- Raffle tickets went out, please sell your raffle tickets!
- Car for auction we would like to let SJA Foundation handle it, too many questions and concerns about how to go about this through Starry Night.
- Next Meeting 1/15 at 6pm at Jen's house.

### 3. School Reports

#### Principal's Report - Mrs. Selden

- New Catholic Identity Committee to start meeting mid-February to discuss how we will celebrate weekly mass, reconciliation, etc at the new school. We'll submit the suggestions from parishioners, parents, and teachers to the priests for final decisions.
- Registration in 9 days for existing families and for new families on February 10th.
- 2nd quarter ends Friday... half way through the year!

#### Teacher's Report - Mrs. Behnke

- Thank You for the snacks this week and also for Christmas Script gifts for the teachers.
- Catholic Schools week planning and preparing.
- Starry Night Teacher Experiences are being considered for auction items.
- Will give the reminder about teacher allotments.
- Looking at wish lists for Starry Nights because of the transition to the new school a lot of teachers don't know what they'll want or need so will there be a flat fund or do we need a list or can it be a combination? We'd like to do a combination because some know they need key items.
- Feedback and changes for 1st Day of school supplies lists... brands and quantities.

### 4. Upcoming Events & Activities Recap

### **Catholic Schools Week - Community and Family Bingo Night - Friday 1/24**

- Flyers going out tomorrow. There is a sign up mostly so we have an idea of how many tables and chairs to set up but it's a free event we do ask each family to bring 2 inexpensive gift items for the prize table they can be \$5-\$10 gift cards, re-gifts from Christmas, etc.
- Middle School will be doing concession stands and there is a set up in one cause for the middle school to sell Pizzas as well.
- We will also have bingo daubers available for purchase as well.

### **Catholic Schools Week - Parish Sunday Luncheon - 1/26**

- First ever but hopefully will become an annual tradition, usually we just wear uniforms to mass to celebrate but this year we'll have a Luncheon at Lourdes cafeteria as well!
- Advertised in the school newsletter and in both parish bulletins.
- We'll either create a loop or use the Starry Night Presentation to play in the background.
- We're having materials printed showing the religious items for SJA like the stained glass windows, stations of the cross, statues etc.
- 2nd graders will lead a prayer, 3rd graders will do Saint Presentations, 5th graders will speak to Why I Love Lourdes, Student Council to speak, and Middle Schoolers will volunteer some service hours.
- Knights of Columbus are helping too!
- Free will donation lunch of spaghetti red or alfredo sauce, salad, and bread.
- Consideration was given to having 2 luncheons one at each parish and we decided maybe next year. For this year we only have the bandwidth for one and with the kids speaking the cafeteria at Lourdes would be most ideal.

### **Catholic Schools Week - Buddy Lunch - 1/27**

- 3 Lunches this year so a very quick turnaround... nix fundraising.
- Idea for next year is to have a buddy sign up for "thanks for inviting me candy gram."
- SJA loop and presence to speak to Grandparents and family friends about donations and needs.

Daily Events for Catholic Schools Week will be sent out this week as well.

#### 5. Upcoming Meetings at 6pm

- Feb. 10
- Mar. 10
- Apr. 7
- May 12

Meeting ended at 7:25 pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Larson  
Secretary

