

March 3, 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,

As we prepare to enter the sacred season of Lent this coming week, I invite all of us—students, parents, and staff—to embrace this time as an opportunity for spiritual renewal. Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, calling us to deepen our relationship with Christ and reflect on His ultimate sacrifice for us.

At school, we will begin our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday Mass, reminding us of our call to repentance and conversion. Throughout these 40 days, students will have opportunities for prayer, acts of service, and moments of reflection to help them grow in faith and compassion. I encourage families to journey together by attending Mass, setting aside time for prayer, and finding ways to serve others in love.

May this Lent be a time of grace and transformation for us all. Let us walk with Christ, with open hearts, ready to receive His mercy and share His love.

Thank you for being a part of Lourdes Catholic School and St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. May the prayers of Saint Bernadette and Saint Joan of Arc continue to guide and bless us.

Sincerely, *Mrs. Katie Selden* Principal

Conferences Sign-up

K-8 Spring Conferences are NEXT WEEK on Tuesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 13! Please click on the link below to sign up for your conference(s). <u>Middle School Conference Sign-Up</u> <u>Mr. McAnally's Conference Sign-Up</u> <u>Ms. Sieren's Conference Sign-Up</u> <u>Mrs. Holmes' Conference Sign-Up</u> Ms. Rogers' Conference Sign-Up

Mrs. Camarena's Conference Sign-Up

Mrs. Hayes' Conference Sign-Up

Mrs. Behnke's Conference Sign-Up

Mrs. Miller's Conference Sign-Up

Ms. Vanlandschoot's Conference Sign-Up

Ms. Snyder's Conference Sign-Up

Mrs. Little's Conference Sign-Up

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Gustafson arrange conferences via email and have already been in contact with their families. *Preschool and PreK Conferences are held on Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 13.*

Mr. Sawyer, Mrs. Glick, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Quick are available during Conferences. If you would like to set-up a conference, please email them.

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Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness





Congratulations to the students and teachers nominated for showing the fruit of GOODNESS during February: Sloane G, Jordan S, Connor G, Jovie C, Reid J, Declan H, Trystan M, Noah M, Jane B, Molly E, Gaby A, Graycen B, Olivia K, Teresa M, Theo B, Nathan K, Julian C, Aria W, Thomas S, Lucas G, Lucas F, Alex S, Amaya C, Egan P, Brayden E, Teagan G, Maggie S, Berkley S, Colette E, Greyson H, Gunner J, Ingrid K, Gavin H, Molly R, Taylor C, Casey A, Addy C, Lilliana G

The Following Teachers have been nominated during the month of February for showing the Fruit of Goodness: Miss Rogers, Mrs. Hines, Mr. Weimer, Mrs. Camarena, Mr. Sawyer

Free Throw WINNERS!

The District 48 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition took place February 8 at Prince of Peace in Clinton. Winners from the Clinton, Eldridge, Davenport and Bettendorf competitions competed. The winners who advanced to regional competition included 2 of our students, Grace (4th grade) and Nile (3rd grade). Congratulations!



Regional Spelling Bee

Casey A, Lourdes 8th Grader, finished 5th overall in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday at Augustana College. He competed against 43 spellers from around the greater Quad Cities area. He advanced into the 5th Round and represented Lourdes Catholic School very well!

Student Council

We have a student council meeting after school today from 3:30-4:00. 5th grade representatives are in charge of snacks and drinks. Students will be reviewing Starry Night rewards, choosing a principal challenge, and planning for stations of the cross. Please pick up your child in front of the Giving Tree at 4:00.

Camp Shalom

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP SHALOM OPEN NOW!

Summer Camp Registration is now open online. Registration can be found by visiting the Camp Shalom website: <u>campshalomia.org</u> Questions? Email- campshalom@gmail.com

Girl Scout Cookies!

Cookie craving calling your name? Answer it at our Girl Scout Cookie Booth! We'll be at school pick-up on March 7th with all the deliciousness you can handle. Cash, checks, AND Venmo accepted! Come get your Thin Mints, Samoas, and more before they're gone!

Girl Scout Meeting

March 7: Dress for the weather and wear those sashes! We are selling cookies during after school pickup and then the girls will warm up and earn a badge. Meeting is from 3:30-4:30 in the library.

Lent Fish Fry!

Mark your calendars! Dinner 1: **SJV** March 7 4pm-7pm Dinner 2: **OLOL** April 4 4pm -7pm The menu includes baked fish, shrimp tacos, fish tacos, grilled cheese and all the sides. Don't forget the desserts made by our parishioners!

<u>Yearbooks</u>

YEARBOOK PHOTOS NEEDED

The yearbook committee is looking for any and all photos for the yearbook! Class parties and events, sports pictures (team photos and action shots), all other clubs and activities too! Please email photos by March 1st to leigh.johnson@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us put grade level and or activity in the title of the email. Thank you!

Career Fair

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

Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC)

See the attached note! Sunday, March 30 and all students grades 6, 7, 8 are invited!

Library Volunteers

March 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: March 12, 26; April 9

Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday last week (I forgot to update the list–I am sorry!) to Benjamin (gr.2), Noah (gr. 6), Emma (preschool), Piper (preK), Kendall (preK), Grace (gr. 4), Sophia (gr. 4), Cooper (gr. 8), Aletheia (gr. 6), Isabella (gr. 2), Cal (preK)

Happy Birthday this week to Izzy (gr.6), Amaya (gr. 4), Tenley (gr. 5), Lucas (gr. 4), Dillon (gr. 1), Avery (preschool), Miles (gr. 7), Wade (gr. K), Ms. Sieren and Mrs. Perreault

• <u>Weekly update</u> from Assumption High School

School Calendar

• School Calendar 24-25

Plan ahead for next week:

K-8 has Early Release (2:30) on Tuesday, March 11, Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 13. No school on Friday, March 14 and we will resume after Spring Break on Monday, March 24.

Preschool and PreK has NO SCHOOL Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 13 due to Conferences. No school on Friday, March 14 and we will resume after Spring Break on Monday, March 14. <u>Early Childhood Calendar</u>

Parish Information

- Our Lady of Lourdes
- <u>St. John Vianney</u>
- St. Joan of Arc Foundation