



March 24, 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,

Good morning, and welcome back to school! I hope you had a restful Spring Break and are ready to dive back into your routines.

This week marks the end of the 3rd Quarter. **K-8** will dismiss at **1:30 PM on Friday** to allow teachers time to prepare Report Cards. **3-Day Preschool** will be in session Friday morning, but there will be **no morning or afternoon PreK** that day.

At the heart of Catholic social teaching lies a simple yet profound mission: to make the actions and words of Jesus present in our world today, transforming and uplifting society in light of the Gospel. This Lent, I invite you to join us in supporting our Lenten Service Project with Tapestry Farms—details are provided below.

May this Lenten season 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 part of Lourdes Catholic School. May the prayers of Saint Bernadette and Saint Joan of Arc continue to guide and bless us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katie Selden
Principal

[Tapestry Farms Service Project](#)
[Lenten Service Project](#)

The “Love Your Neighbor” Project

Join our school community as we partner with Tapestry Farms to welcome refugees. For the Lenten Season, we will come together in learning and action to create the “Love Your Neighbor”

Project. A packet will be sent home in your child's backpack on March 25. All families are encouraged to use this packet to explore:

- Who is a refugee?
- What does the Church teach about refugees?
- How does Tapestry Farms invest in refugees in our community?
- What items can I bring to school to support refugees?
- How can I talk to my child about refugees?
- What projects can our family do at home to spread hospitality to refugees?
- How can I connect more with Tapestry Farms?
- What books can my family read about the refugee experience?

Throughout the Lenten Season, your family can put the "Love Your Neighbor" Project into action by:

- Giving food, toiletries, or household supplies
- Making affirmation cards for refugees resettling in the QC
- Creating art that represents the Tapestry Farms community

Everything can be sent to school in your child's backpack or dropped at the front office. Email rebecca@tapestryfarms.org with any questions or thoughts.

Carlos Acutis

Carlo Acutis will be canonized on April 27, 2025! In case you are unfamiliar with him, he will be the first teenage Millennial saint! Carlo died on October 12, 2006 at the age of 15 and was buried in Assisi in his Nikes. During his lifetime, he led his family and many others to God.

He is most known for his website: <http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html>

highlighting Eucharistic miracles throughout history. A statue of St. Carlo will be placed in our new school! In honor of Carlo Acutis' canonization, the NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) attendees will be selling [these](#) T-shirts to honor the occasion. [The shirts can be worn as spiritwear on Friday, April 25.](#) Help us to honor and celebrate this young man of God.m Saint Carlo Acutis, PRAY FOR US!

Track and Field

Please see the attachment regarding the Assumption High School Youth Track Program.

8th Grade Knight Power

Please see the attachment regarding the Assumption High School 8th grade Weight Lifting Program.

Uniform Reminder

Davenport Grade School Plaid



I'd appreciate it if you could take a moment to check your daughter's skirt or jumper to make sure it meets the **dress code**—skirts and jumpers should be **no shorter than 2 inches above the knee**. If her skirt or jumper is too short, we kindly ask that you either let the hem down or consider purchasing a larger size to keep things within dress code. I know it may feel like the school year is winding down, but we still have over 50 days to go! When I speak with students about their skirts being too short, a common response I hear is, *"My parents don't want to buy another one because there isn't much school left."* I completely understand—I have three daughters and know how this goes with adjusting hems as they grow. To make things as easy as possible, I'm including a [link](#) where you can quickly purchase a new skirt if needed. And here's a little perspective—even at full price, the cost breaks down to less than \$1 a day for the rest of the school year. Thank you so much for your help and understanding—I truly appreciate your support in keeping our school community looking its best!

[Spring Book Fair Volunteers NEEDED!](#)

[Book Fair Volunteer Sign-up](#)

[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: campshalomia.org Questions? Email- campshalom@gmail.com

Lourdes Summer Program Registration OPEN

Registration for the [2025 Lourdes Summer Program](#) is NOW OPEN! Completed registration forms can be submitted in an envelope marked "Summer care" to the school office, Little Lancer Center or by email to Beth Giese.

Job Postings for 25-26 School Year

K-8 Music Teacher: Must have Iowa certification 144 (K-8 Music)

Grade 5 Elementary Classroom Teacher: Must have Iowa certification and K-6 Teacher Elementary Classroom endorsement

Preschool Classroom Teacher: Must have Iowa certification 100 (PK-3 Teacher, Regular Education/Special Education) or PK-3 Teacher or Iowa certification 106 (PK-3)

Teacher's Aide for grades K and 1: BA, BS, AA or AAS degree or 60 hours of post-secondary credit leading to a degree required; Paraeducator Certification preferred

Lenten Fish Fry!

Mark your calendars for the next one which is scheduled at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, April 4 from 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!

25-26 Classroom Requests

Our teachers work very hard to create a positive learning environment in their classrooms. A big contributing factor to the learning environment is the mix of students in the classroom. A team consisting of teachers, support staff, and the principal meet to carefully, and thoughtfully, assign students to the homeroom that they, as professionals, feel is best suited to meet a student's needs. We ask that you please trust the professionalism of the team, and how well the teachers know the students in their homerooms. The Team splits existing classes based on academic needs, group dynamics, student interactions (positive/negative), peer relationships (positive/negative), class numbers, gender mix, siblings.

Requests for a particular teacher or separation from a particular student should be few. It is important to give clear, detailed reasons for this request.

Forms are available in the front office and are due back by June 4. Class lists will be shared at Unpack the Backpack in August.

Library Volunteers

March sign-up! Happy Reading! ~Mrs. Emerle: erindunn78@gmail.com

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

Wednesdays 6:16-7:45 in the LCS Gym: March 26; April 9

Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday this week Ronan (gr. 6), Otis (Kindergarten), Molly (Kindergarten), Rose (preK), Ros (preK), Grace (gr. 8)

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

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