



March 31, 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,

The sense of rejoicing we experienced at Mass yesterday carries us forward as we journey towards Holy Week. As we move closer to Good Friday, we reflect on the growing opposition Jesus faced and the depth of His sacrifice. This week, our Lenten journey continues with the Sacrament of Reconciliation tomorrow, Mass on Wednesday, and the Stations of the Cross on Thursday. May this sacred time draw us closer to Christ and strengthen our faith as a school community.

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

8th Grade Graduation

Mark your calendars!

Thursday, May 29

6pm

Choir

Resumes Wednesday, April 9

NO After School Care this Friday!

There will be NO After School Care Friday April 4th due to the OLOL & SJV Fish Fry.

Campaign Committee Update

With spring break behind us and the start of the 4th quarter, our exciting transition to SJA is quickly approaching! All families recently received a letter from the campaign committee requesting that all families prayerfully consider making a pledge by April 15th. Every pledge or donation, no matter the size, will make a difference, and bring us closer to achieving our goal. Currently, we have 35% of our families engaged in these efforts, and we are striving for 100% participation to show we are in this together! We are truly grateful for all of the support from our LCS families and our parish communities. If you have any questions or concerns, please see the attached letter with our contact information. THANK YOU!!!



[**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.

Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness



Congratulations to the students and teachers nominated for showing the fruit of faithfulness: Olivia K, Ellie N, Wade N, Mikey R, Niko F, Audrey R, Caroline S, Hayley J, Kate S, Sayler M, Serephia C, Emmitt P, Isabella R, Storm M, Paige G, Annie S, Charlie K, Hudson C, Phillip W, Ellis C, Matias Z, Milo R, Nick D, Alex S, Isla N, Rhylee C, Logan K, Elsie M, Alex W, Izzy G, Faith H, Sophia F, James P, Kellen W, Nicholas C, Brayden G, Andrew S, Drew K, Makayla M, Joseph C, Matt F, Zoe J, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Torres, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Glick, Mrs. Behnke

Spring Book Fair

Spring Book Fair is this week in the Lourdes library. Classes will be stopping by to make wishlists and shop later in the week. (Preschool and PreK may have different plans) If you would like to create an eWallet so your student can shop the fair without having to carry cash, go to the link <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lourdescatholicschool>

If you would like to volunteer to help out at the Fair, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAAAB2BA6F49-55630832-spring#/>

The Book Fair will be OPEN during the Fish Fry on Friday, in case you'd like to shop with your student!

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 this 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: April 9

[Birthdays this week](#)

Happy Birthday this week Ariana (gr. 1), Elena (gr. 7), Andrew (gr.7), Nash (gr. 3), Nicholas (gr. 5), Noah (gr. 5), Eleanor (preschool), Daniel (gr. 1), Olivia (Kindergarten)

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

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- [School Calendar 24-25](#)

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