

New Family FAQs



Welcome new Lourdes Lancers Families! We know that you have lots of questions, we hope to cover many of them here, but if we don't answer yours, remember no question is too large or too small, just ask your buddy family or email [Vikki Pynenburg](mailto:Vikki.Pynenburg).

UNIFORM

Are used uniforms available and if so, when can we try the uniform on?

Yes, we have many sizes and styles available! Contact the [school office](#) or see the Messenger newsletter when the used uniform cupboard is open. Used uniforms are free.

Where do I buy school uniforms from?

You can purchase new uniform from [Dennis Uniform](#) in Portland. K-5 girl's plaid and Middle School girl's skorts must be purchased through Dennis Uniform. Other uniform pieces may be purchased elsewhere if they match Dennis for style and color.

Do preschoolers wear a uniform?

No, they wear free dress each day. Choose clothing/shoes that allow for active and safe play. Preschool families can choose to purchase a Little Blessings t-shirt at the [Spirit Store](#).

What is spirit day?

Usually it is once a month when students (and teachers) wear their Lourdes Lancer spirit shirt, generally with jeans. The spirit shirt can be purchased at the [Spirit Store](#).

What kind of shoes do students wear?

Ones they can run around in!

SEE THE UNIFORM GUIDELINES HANDOUT FOR DETAILS.

LUNCHES

Is hot lunch available every day?

Hot lunches will likely be available 3 days a week starting mid-September through May. See the Messenger newsletter for details. Milk is also available a la carte in half or full year increments.

What should I pack for lunch?

Sandwich, fruit, yogurt, cheese crackers, granola bars, ... please check your child's classroom allergy requirements to protect those with food sensitivities or severe food allergies. Additionally, please check with your homeroom teacher for microwave availability before sending items that need heating.

Don't forget a water bottle!

MISCELLANEOUS

When is the first day of school?

Wednesday, September 1st, it's a half day, so it will end at noon.

What should I do if my child is sick?

Contact the [school office email](#) or phone 360.696.2301 and have them excused.

Who do I contact for school sports-related questions?

Joe Braunstein is our P.E. teacher and CYO Athletic Director.

Can I join my child at school Masses?

Pre-COVID 19, yes. During COVID-19 please follow all parish and school rules.

What is scrip?

Using a gift card to pay for your everyday items instead of cash or a credit card. Each gift card has a rebate that goes directly to Our Lady of Lourdes when you buy the card at face value.

Contact [Marcela Mahoney](#) with any questions.

SEE THE SCRIP INFORMATION SHEET FOR DETAILS.

What's the best way to find out what's happening?

Read the weekly Messenger newsletter emailed on Sunday evenings, and follow us on your favorite social media.

Is extended care available?

Yes! Details are coming soon.

What's a buddy family and how do I know who my buddy family is?

A buddy family is a current school family who is available to answer questions and be supportive during your first year at Our Lady of Lourdes School. They can remind you of events, explain some of the pastimes, and be a familiar face. Your buddy family will contact you over the summer and welcome you to the Lourdes community. Look out for the Buddy Family Google spreadsheet with details of your buddy family.

FAMILY STEWARDSHIP

Do I need to volunteer?

We hope all families become actively involved in working with school-

- minimum of 30 hours of volunteer time per family per year

- 15 hours for single parents

... unless opted-out and paid out

Are there committees I can join?

There are many opportunities to participate including PTO, committees, events, helping teachers and more. See the weekly Messenger newsletter for the stewardship sign-up sheet.

SEE THE FAMILY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS

COMMUNICATION

Is there a school family directory?

Yes! You can locate the school directory in your parent portal.

Is there a place to find information about my child's classmates and/or their families?

One of the stewardship roles is being a room parent. The room parent typically shares email addresses with the class.

Do classes have social media pages to organize outside of school activities or get-togethers?

It is up to the families to organise activities out of school.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP*

*Please note that during COVID-19, these regular drop off and pick up times and procedures may be different to those mentioned below.

What time does school start?

School opens at 8am with classroom activities beginning at 8:15am.

What times does school end?

School ends at 3:05pm with the exception of half day preschool which ends at 11:15am.

Where do I park my car?

You can choose to either -

- *Park your vehicle in the parking lot off NW Franklin Street, or*
- *Drop off and pick up your K-8 student(s) by driving up the one way road on Daniels Street.*