

## Unique Features

- **Blended classes** throughout K-8 enable children to move up or down the curriculum levels according to each child's ability.
- **Daily peer interaction:**
  - **Academics**—Students of various ages work together. This encourages each to stretch and grow, developing qualities of cooperation and respect. One-on-one peer tutoring is a prominent feature throughout the day.
  - **Athletics**— Students work together to practice the basic physical skills. Their daily games encourage all to meet their athletic potential and develop sportsman qualities.
- **Daily Communication:** Because of the proximity of families to school, parents bring their children each day...therefore, parents and teachers have an opportunity for daily communication.
- **Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences** have 100% participation, with over 50% of the conferences having both parents in attendance.
- **Computerized Library Catalog** with a web resource connection. Library is expanded and has titles for the entire family.
- **Foreign Languages** are taught weekly.
- **Transportation**—Because of our location, rural families can transport students to school as an alternative to busing.

## Alumni

- 98% of the eighth graders have graduated from a 4 year high school and 2% have completed their GED.
- 62% are currently attending or have graduated from a 4 year college or university.
- 13% have graduated from a community college or joined the military.
- Currently alumni are pursuing Ph.D. 's in biochemistry, chemistry, nuclear physics, and marine biology.

## History

- Lourdes School is located in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, approximately 25 miles southeast of Salem, Oregon.
- The community in which it lies is primarily a logging and agricultural area.
- The community supports the school by donating time, skills, and talents to make the school program successful.
- Average enrollment is 40-50 students housed in a four room school.
- Assessment scores have consistently been above the state average.



LOURDES  
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—Founded in 1899—

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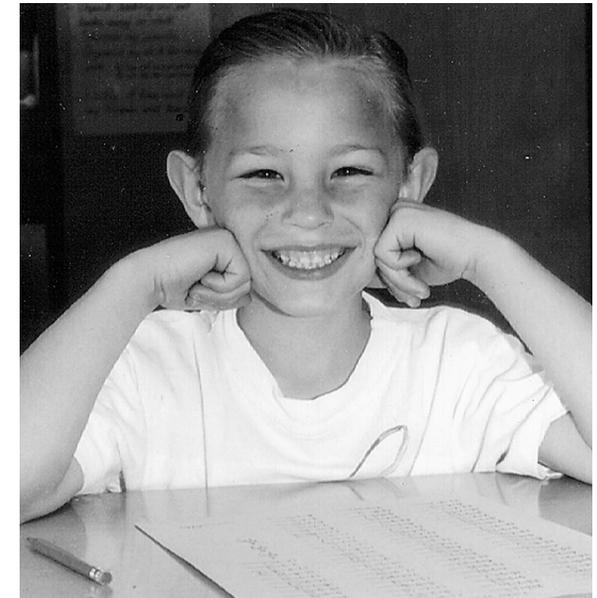
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# LOURDES Public Charter SCHOOL

*An Educational Choice  
1 through 8*



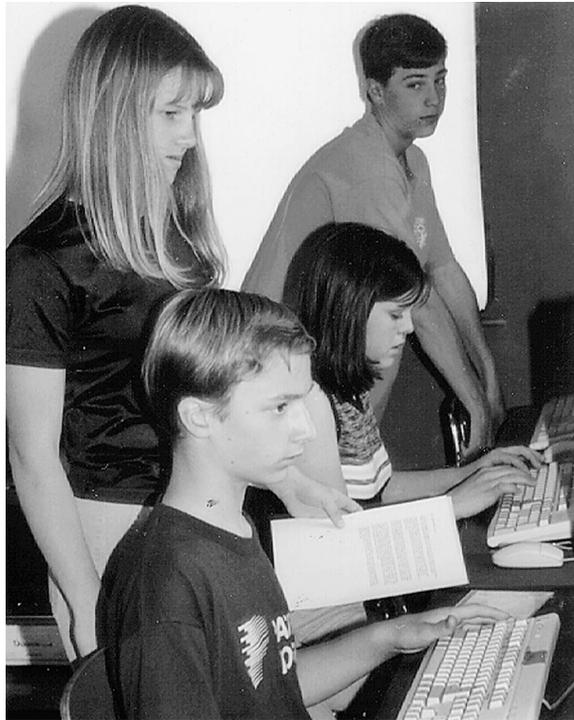
*Offering a tradition of  
excellence since 1899 in education,  
academic achievement, integration  
of social and personal communication  
skills, and respect toward all.*

## *“Not One Way for All Learners...The Right Way For Each*

### **Goals and Standards**

We believe that every child has special talents and potential, and it is the responsibility of the school, the family, and the community to support, encourage and nurture each student. We expect each student to commit to and to be active and responsible in the learning process.

We believe that all students can meet or exceed the 21st century standards. The blended, non-graded class structure of Lourdes School meets the individual needs of all students but is especially helpful in personalizing the instructional program for advanced students and/or students having difficulties meeting educational standards. Lourdes School requires strong parental commitment and involvement in each child's educational plan. Signed parental contracts will be given prior to enrollment in the school.



### **Faculty**

Staff members offer individualized help to students.

The faculty and assistants take an active, caring interest in each student's education and function as teacher, advisor, mentor, coach, and role model.

Volunteers are an integral part of the total Lourdes program.

In addition to the parents, many community members share their experiences and talents with students.

Corporate sponsors, business mentors, and volunteers are welcomed.

### **Fine Arts**

#### **• Winter and Spring Musicals**

The performing arts program culminates in two all-school musicals.

#### **• Art**

Art inspires the student to create, express and appreciate the aesthetic beauty in various art forms.

#### **• Social Interrelationships**

Students learn and experience etiquette and respect for others. As we progress through 21st century, the children will be armed with the knowledge of manners, self-discipline, ethics, values, and morals that will enable them to be contributing members of society.

### **Curriculum**

Lourdes School endeavors to assist each student to develop their talents and meet their potential through a strong program of basic skills and critical thinking. As they succeed in the academics, they will also grow in the aesthetic, social, emotional and civic areas.

While students are given a firm foundation in the basic skills, they will also focus on the scientific method, mathematical reasoning and problem solving, the fine arts, foreign language, science technology, and interpersonal skills.

Through Personalized Individual Education (PIE), each child has a curriculum and goals that meet his or her needs and talents.

