

Civic Responsibility

Linda Duman, parents, and eight students from the school addressed the Linn County Board of Commissioners at their September 13, 2022 meeting and shared their concerns about the mega chicken factory farm. The 38-acre factory chicken farm would raise 4.5 million chickens per year. If approved it will be located a half-mile from Lourdes School and the Lourdes Catholic Church. In March students also attended a public hearing on SB 85 that would set regulatory rules on the placement of large poultry farms. One student testified in person before the Natural Resource committee and one student via Zoom.



Lourdes YouTube Video Link



Career Day

The Lourdes staff organized a career day for the students. Nine parents presented their careers with interactive displays that included videos, slideshows, and physical products. The careers presented were: Marine Construction, Nursing, Logging, Industrial refrigeration, Journalism, Steam-fitters, Union/pipefitting, Teaching, Cyber-security, and Police/Sheriff's Department.

Memorial Gifts

- Leo & Anna Voltin from Dorothy Palmer
- Ben & MaryAnn Silbernagel from Judith Boni
- Clement & Jeanette Lulay from Mary & Dean Gescher

Site to Remember

School web site (with access to school weather station):
www.lourdes.k12.or.us

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Alums in the News

Macy Silbernagel: Graduated from Lourdes in June 2019. In her Senior year she received the Stayton Rotarian Student of the month and graduated as the Regis Salutatorian in June 2023. She received the Stayton Road Runners and Stayton Telephone Scholarships. In the fall she will attend Linn-Benton Community College majoring in Agricultural Business.

Laura Bjornstedt: Graduated from Lourdes in June 2019. In her Senior year she received the Stayton Rotarian student of the month and graduated from Stayton Union as the Valedictorian in June 2023. She received many awards, one being the Academic All-League Scholar Athlete Award. She will be attending Utah State University majoring in Math Education and has been awarded \$47,000 in scholarships.

Allie Hanna Graduated from Lourdes in June 2012 and from Stayton High in 2016 as a valedictorian. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor's of Science in Philosophy and a minor in legal studies. In May 2023 she graduated summa cum laude from Willamette Law School. She received a full-ride to Willamette and earned the highest GPA in the entire school every semester in attendance.

Allie has worked for the Federal Public Defender since January, and has received an offer to work there temporarily with the potential to stay on long-term. She wrote the following thank you to our school: *"I couldn't have done this without Lourdes. The education you provided me at Lourdes equipped me to write, speak in public, and argue persuasively--all skills I use daily in law. I genuinely mean this when I say it, I did not receive the quality and in-depth grammar/sentence structure lessons you provided with anywhere else: not in high school, not in undergrad, and not even in law school. Without you pushing us to become more comfortable speaking in public...I likely would not have found myself in the courtroom today."*

Staff Update

Karen Van Vlack came to Lourdes in 2021-2022 as a primary teacher assistant. In 2022-2023 she was a part-time primary teacher and is looking forward to that role again for 23-24. Her OR Teacher's Certificate includes: Elementary Education K-8, BS, ESOL / Bilingual Endorsement and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. She's very happy to be working in a small school with a low teacher to student ratio.



Sarah Gonzalez will be returning to the primary classroom for her second year of job sharing with Karen Van Vlack. The 2023-2024 school year will mark Sarah's 6th year as an educator. She completed her Bachelor's Degree at WOU and her MAT through WGU. During her first 3 years in teaching, Sarah worked for Hermiston School District in Eastern Oregon where she taught 6th grade ELA, Social Studies, and Science. She grew up in Stayton and is happy to be back in the area with her husband, Alonso, and 2 year-old daughter, Gabriela.



Maria Gutierrez is an assistant in the primary room. She immigrated to the United States as a teenager and later earned her GED and took ESOL and child development classes at Chemeketa Community College. She loves hearing students' stories and what they have to say.

