



# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Weekly School News

*From the desk of  
Principal Chris Uptmor*

I would like to thank everyone who attended the annual Our Lady of Lourdes Dinner-Auction on April 1.

The “Havana Nights” evening had a “Fund an Item” goal of raising \$20,000 for security and technology improvements, and that was exceeded in less than 10 minutes.

We are so grateful the generosity of our school and parish communities and look forward to doing more for our students. Thank you!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 10, Penance Service, grades 2-8, church
- April 12, Living Stations of the Cross, 1:45 p.m., church
- April 12, Decatur Catholic schools’ Modern Woodmen speech contest, 4 p.m., school
- April 13, 11:30 a.m. dismissal for Easter break
- April 14-17, Easter break, NO SCHOOL



**DECATUR :** The school’s Scholastic Bowl team has been practicing regularly for its meets and is preparing for the IESA Regional Tournament on April 26.

## Scholastic Bowl team buzzes in

**K**nowing the answer is usually just half the battle for a Scholastic Bowl team.

When to call time, overcoming the pressure or buzzing in first can sometimes tip the scales of knowledge in your team’s favor.

The OLOL Scholastic Bowl team is younger this year with as many fifth-graders as the rest of the junior high combined and a total of about 17 students.

They have been practicing regularly for several weeks and competed at a few meets to get that crucial experience before the IESA Regional Tournament on April 26. the start of the

postseason.

The team is sponsored and coached by Miss Jennifer Kater, the school’s music teacher, and Mr. Matt Barker, the junior high social studies teacher.

While the team is well-balanced on all its subjects, Miss Kater said, they have worked hard to build experience, as even many of the junior high students are new to the team this year.

Miss Kater said she is looking forward to watching this group continue to grow.

“It’s been fun. They’re learning, and I’m learning how much smarter these kids are than me some days,” she said. “We go out and do our best and then

try to do better the next time.”

Miss Kater and Mr. Barker both participated in Scholastic Bowl when they were in school, and their positive experiences are something they want to share.

“It’s nice to see them grow and mature, and say they remember those answers from something they learn in class,” Mr. Barker said. “They’re finding the things they learn aren’t random, but things they can use throughout their lives.”

For now, getting the kids to speak their what’s in the minds is the focus.

“Educated guesses do help, too,” Mr. Barker said with a smile