



Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekly School News



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1, May Crowning in OLOL, 8:30 a.m. in the church
- May 3, 7th and 8th grade dinner theater, 6 p.m., school gym
- May 6, IESA Class 1 A 7th and 8th grade track and field sectionals at Central A&M Middle School in Assumption
- May 11, eighth-grade graduation 6:30 p.m., church
- May 12, last day of fourth-quarter grading period.
- May 18, Last day of school, 3 p.m. dismissal



For more information about enrolling in OLOL School or to schedule a tour, call Principal Chris Uptmor at 877-4408 or email cuptmor@ololschool.com.



CONGRATULATIONS! Second-graders sit for a picture in front of the altar after First Communion on April 23. The class includes OLOL School and Parish School of Religion children.

Catholic educators lend lessons

Last week was back to the classroom for Principal Chris Uptmor and junior high teachers Mrs. Jenny Brummer and Mrs. Becky Dunscomb.

The three attended the National Catholic Educators Conference from April 18 to 20 at the America Center in St. Louis.

While celebrating the strengths of Catholic education, the conference also addressed the challenges faced by our schools across the nation through professional development semi-

nars. Some topics included current events, technology in the classroom, marketing, student recruiting and retention of staff.

“Just because we have degrees and are in the classroom, we can’t forget that we are lifelong learners,” Mr. Uptmor said. “We go and learn new things to bring back to our students and school the very best education possible.”

One workshop of note was about attracting the best candidates to fill job openings, Mr. Uptmor said.

But one of the challenges of education today is getting a large pool of applicants from which to hire.

It was also an opportunity to meet educators from around the country and pick their brains about best practices.

“The best thing I learned was that those challenges we face here, are faced by schools nationwide. We’re not unique in that regard,” Mr. Uptmor said. “But we are also doing the right things. A conference like this can inspire our school.”