



November 2, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you!!! Thank you for making the Harvest Festival such a success. Thank you to all who volunteered hours, cakes, and support. Thank you to the Fathers' Club for two highly successful fundraisers: Chick-fil-A calendars and Fruit Sale. Thank you to all who helped or participated in the Trunk or Treat. Thank you for supporting Children to Children. Finally thank you for all your prayers and intercessions which continue to make St. Ursula such a great school community.

Mid-term has passed. Again, all parents in grades 3 through 8 are encouraged to check their child(ren)'s progress regularly through PowerSchool. No one should be surprised when the trimester ends and progress reports are given. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the teacher. She/he will be happy to confer with you.

November continues to be a month packed with activities. We are in the midst of the Can-Do Contest. As stated in the flier, this is a contest among the surrounding Catholic schools in our area to determine which school brings in the largest number of canned goods. All those donated at St. Ursula will go to our St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Bank. The contest will end here on November 17th so they can be distributed to families in need prior to Thanksgiving.

Our Fall Open House will be held on Friday, November 10th from 8:30 to 11:00. If you know of any family who may be interested in joining our school community, please let them know about this event. They will be able to actually see our students in their learning environment.

The night of November 10th will be our first Family Bingo Night. Fliers are included in the Wednesday eblasts. The doors will open at 6:00 and the first game begins at 7:00. New prizes are on the agenda!

Vision and hearing screenings will take place the week of November 13th. All students in PreK, 1st grade, 4th grade, 8th grade, and new kindergarten students will be screened.

On November 16th St. Ursula School, along with St. Joseph's Fullerton and Immaculate Heart of Mary, will sponsor a movie for parents, Screenagers. This documentary presents awareness, issues, and suggestions prevalent in today's youth regarding the use of technology. I had the opportunity to view this at Loyola University in the spring and thought parents might want to participate in this thought provoking documentary. There are limited numbers of seats since we are including two other schools with approximately 200 seats per school. Final details will be forthcoming in the next week.

Mothers' Club Ladies Night Out will be held on Friday, November 17th. Again, see the eblast fliers for more information for this ladies' event.

Our very exciting Grandparents' Day will be held on Monday, November 20th. The exact schedule will be forthcoming very soon. Please let your grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. know they will not be able to park on the St. John's lot. St. John's will be having an event that morning and parking will not be allowed by St. Ursula visitors. However, Archbishop Curley HS has graciously volunteered their shuttle buses again this year. Visitors are encouraged to park on the church lot and ride the shuttle to school which will drop them off right at the door.

Effective November 1st, the Archdiocese is no longer using the Shield the Vulnerable program. Instead new volunteers will need to register on Virtus. This program is very similar to Shield. It is accessible on our website as well as the Archdiocesan website. If you have registered on Shield you do not need to do anything until you are sent an email from the Virtus program.

The school will be moving to a new online pay program, Pay-It. This is similar to Paypal but works through our already safe and secure FACTS system. You will be able to pay for milk orders, field trips, lunches, etc. using this safe online system. It is our goal to have this in effect by January 1, 2018.

Please remember, for those who use St. John's parking lot, this is a courtesy to use their lot so please be mindful of their guests who may also be using the lot. Also, when arriving in the afternoon, please slow down when entering their lot as there may be people walking in the areas we use.

As we all sit down to give thanks on Thanksgiving, I will be giving thanks for all of you and especially for your treasured gifts: your children.

God bless,

Debbie Glinowiecki

Principal