

October 1, 2015

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have completed almost 6 weeks of school already and we are already at the mid trimester point. So much has happened in these past weeks culminating in our visit by Fr. Jack Lombardi and the Pilgrims on their way to see Pope Francis in Philadelphia. It meant so much to the students and staff to be involved this momentous occasion when Pope Francis visited our country. We hope you saw us on the news or on the Catholic Review Facebook page.

In conjunction with our visit by the Pilgrims, the school and the church have been collecting new and gently used shoes. These shoes will be sent overseas to countries where shoes are a luxury. As of one week ago we had filled 10 large bags with donated shoes. The last day to bring in donations to the school is tomorrow, October 2. All the bags will be collected and sent downtown next week. Thank you for your generosity.

It has been noted that some parents are dropping off their children well before the 7:45 bell. This is dangerous! There is no adult supervision then. Please abide by the 7:45 drop off. With the weather changing we don't want students outside in bad weather nor do we want them in harm's way.

Parking, especially at dismissal, has become an issue. Please do not park on Manns Ave. This is a courtesy we try to extend to our neighbors. It is also a safety issue that arises when cars exit Manns Ave. onto Harford Road. Also St. John's allows us to use their parking lot with the understanding that no one will park in the first row of parking spaces or near the church. Yet we have had some people parking there. Please read the handbook pages 10-11 for further detail. *Also please tell whoever is picking up your child about the dismissal procedures.*

Also effective immediately we request that no dogs be brought onto the grounds at arrival or dismissal. There are students who are allergic to dogs and/or scared of dogs. Also when the children are dismissed they tend to go over to see the dogs instead of going straight to their parents/cars.

As of Monday, October 12, all students are to be attired in the winter uniform. The information regarding what constitutes the winter uniform may be found in the Handbook pages 16-17.

If you have not designated St. Ursula to be the school recipient at Target, Giant (01634), and Office Depot (70047107), you may find the information regarding signing up on the school's website. We greatly appreciate your donations through your purchases.

The most exciting part of this letter was saved for the end: The Harvest Festival! Next week will be a very busy time at St. Ursula. The students will visit the Harvest Festival at assigned times on Thursday during the school day. The Festival will be open to all 5:00-10:00 on Friday, October 9th and Saturday, October 10th. The committee welcomes all those willing to volunteer in any manner. Please remember, however, to volunteer, you must have completed the Shield the Vulnerable training. Hope to see you one of the two nights or even both nights!

God is good,

Debbie Glinowiecki
Principal

