



December 7, 2017

Dear Parents,

As stated last month, we have so much to be thankful for at St. Ursula. The unbelievable turnout for Grandparents' Day may be added to that list. We had 693 grandparents and special visitors spend the morning. Thanks to all visitors and the wonderful PHSA committee members who helped facilitate this wonderful event.

Our Halloween collection for the Archdiocese of Puerto Rico netted \$650. Also the Can-Do Drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Society resulted in 1635 cans being donated to the pantry. Our families again showed how we consistently serve Christ.

If you need to pick up your child early, please notify the office in the morning. That way they can help facilitate getting your child ready and classes won't need to be interrupted with calls. We understand that emergencies do happen and we will continue to act accordingly when that happens. Also if you have been buzzed in, I know it is awkward, but for the safety of all, do not hold the door open for others who may have just arrived. We would rather each person buzz in separately so we can question individuals who are not recognized.

We have begun our new PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program in November. Students are rewarded with a "shield" if an adult sees them *Always being polite, Being respectful, and/or Communicating effectively*. After putting their name on the shield, the shields are placed in a container. At the end of each month, two names are drawn from each container. The first name drawn is read on the announcements, given a certificate, and placed on the PBIS bulletin board in the primary hall for the month. The second name drawn is invited to a breakfast (donuts and juice) one morning. This will continue up to and through June.

Conference Day is tomorrow. Dismissal is 12:10. Hopefully, you have been successful signing up using the Sign-up Genius program. If you need to see a teacher and there are no more openings, please send the teacher an email. They will try to accommodate you prior to the Christmas break.

Our Winter Arts Festival will be held on Monday, December 11 beginning at 6:30. The Chorus and Bands will entertain all beginning at 7:00. All are welcome to join the festivities. The school children will honor Fr. Steve on December 18th at an afternoon assembly. At this time, PHSA donations will be presented to Fr. Steve.

Finally, December 21st is an early dismissal. Students will be invited to wear Christmas pajamas or Christmas attire in place of school uniforms on this day as a special Christmas treat.

At this time of year when you are looking to make end of year donations, please consider St. Ursula School's newly created endowment fund or tuition assistance. Tax receipts will be provided. Thank you for your consideration.

In January we will be starting a new on-line payment program called "Pay It." More details will be forthcoming in the new year.

On behalf of the entire staff and faculty, I wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

God bless,

Debbie Glinowiecki

Principal