



August 27, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

It is with great excitement that we welcome you and your children back for a new school year! As we embark on this journey together, we look forward to creating meaningful learning experiences, building strong relationships rooted in faith, and celebrating the academic, personal, and spiritual growth of every student.

We have had a busy and productive summer at St. Ursula School! We are blessed for the generosity, hard work, and support of our school community as we have made many exciting improvements throughout the building and grounds.

This summer, we have:

- Added new stage curtains, chairs, and tables
- Installed new carpeting in all 1st and 2nd floor classrooms
- Added fresh paint throughout the hallways and 3rd floor classrooms
- Installed new whiteboards and corkboards in the 3rd floor classrooms
- Added new awnings generously donated by the Fathers' Club
- Refreshed the 1st floor of the Convent, thanks to the hard work of our parent volunteers
- Spruced up the Teachers' Lounge with the help of the Mothers' Club
- Enjoyed snacks and drinks throughout the week, generously provided by the Mothers' Club
- Started the week with a wonderful breakfast provided by the PHSA and the Berry family
- Benefited from lawn care and outdoor improvements provided by the Fathers' Club
- Had some amazing dads help carry the very heavy whiteboards and corkboards up to the 3rd floor—we are very grateful for those strong

- arms!
- Had the Mothers' Club clean and organize the kitchen
- We were able to purchase stands for our Chromebook charging stations for grades K-3 through the generosity of the Fathers' Club
- New room signs provided by the Mothers' Club and a new welcome bulletin board in the gym area

We are so grateful to our Fathers' Club, Mothers' Club, PHSA, parent volunteers, and families who gave their time, talents, and resources to help make St. Ursula a better place for our students and staff.

We are excited for all that this year has in store and look forward to a successful, joyful year together!

MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS & STAFF!

Durrell Harris, Assistant Principal

Good day, everyone! My name is Durrell Harris, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal at St. Ursula School! I bring over 19 years of experience in education, having served as a teacher, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, and Building Principal. Alongside Ms. Anderson, I am committed to providing your children with the high-quality education and support they deserve. As you get to know me, you will quickly discover that I am very passionate about education and, most importantly, about ensuring that our students receive the very best educational experience possible. I am extremely excited to meet you all in the coming weeks and look forward to working together to make this a successful and memorable school year. God Bless!

Abby Chavis, 1 Faith

I'm so excited to be joining the St. Ursula community. I've been working in early childhood education for 11 years, and started as a Pre-k teacher and quickly became the director of a daycare. I love traveling to Disney. I'm thrilled to begin this new chapter and looking forward to creating amazing memories with my first grade students!

Patti Latkowsky, 7 Love

I have been blessed to work in Archdiocesan schools for many years, most recently at St. Michael-St. Clement School. I am very happy to be joining the St. Ursula School community and look forward to a wonderful and successful year together. I am an avid fan of the Ravens, Orioles, and Terps, and during football season, I also enjoy managing my Fantasy Football teams.

Alex Lurz, 2 Faith

I am thrilled to join the Saint Ursula School community and return to the classroom! I bring more than 14 years experience in education, including roles as a special education teacher, assistant principal and most recently, a district level-leader supporting early learning programs in Baltimore City. I hold a master's degree in Educational Leadership and I am passionate about creating a classroom where students feel loved, supported, challenged, and excited to learn while growing in their faith. As a Saint Ursula parent myself, I am especially grateful for the opportunity to serve the school community that means so much to my family.

Jessica Murphy, Library & Learning Resource Assistant

Hello SUS Families! My name is Jessie Murphy. I am the new Librarian and Learning Resource Assistant at St. Ursula. This is my sixth year as a Librarian, but my fourteenth in the school system, both private and public. I live on a farm, have a wonderful husband, a son at Calvert Hall, and two huge dogs. I am excited to work with your students and look forward to a great year!

Teresa Sadowski, 4 Love

I recently moved to the area from Northern Virginia, where I taught 5th grade in the Arlington Diocese for 15 years. Prior to teaching, I was a graphic designer and received her BFA from the Maryland Institute, College of Art. I've been married to my husband Tom for 32 years and have 4 grown daughters. I'm a native Baltimorean and I'm excited to be back to the home of the O's!

Jessica Wheat, 5 Faith

Hello! My name is Jessica Wheat and I am very excited to be joining the St. Ursula School Family. I am beginning my 7th year of teaching. After staying at home for four years raising my three children, I am returning to the classroom this year! I previously taught in Baltimore County for six years. I have a Bachelor's degree in Deaf Studies from Towson University and a Masters degree in Elementary and Special Education from Notre Dame of Maryland University. I am pursuing an additional Master's degree in Learning Design and Technology from University of Maryland Global Campus. Besides teaching, I enjoy family time with my husband and three kids ages 7, 5, and 3, hiking, and watching my kids fall in love with their sports.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER Friday, August 28th New Family Orientation

Our new families are invited to join us on Friday, August 28th at 8:00 a.m. in the gym for an orientation.

REMINDER Friday, August 22nd Sneak-a-Peek & Uniform Sale

Join us for Grades K-8 Sneak-a-Peek on Friday, August 28, from 9:15-10:15 a.m.! We welcome families to come for a brief visit to meet your teacher, visit the classroom, and bring school supplies.

Parking is available in the St. Ursula School lot or the back half of St. John's lot. Families may enter through the playground doors. As a reminder, please do not park on the front half of St. John's Lot during school days.

We will have used uniforms as well as some new gym uniforms from Sportsline available for purchase in the gym on Friday during Sneak-a-Peek and at both Back to School Nights the following week. **Please note that these items are cash only.**

NEW Chick-fil-A Spirit Lunch



SPIRIT LUNCH

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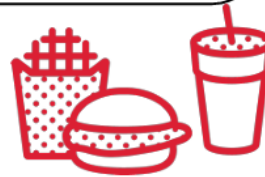
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20% of all designated sales during the event will be donated to your group. Order a 12ct. Nuggets Meal for an extra \$1 bonus donation!

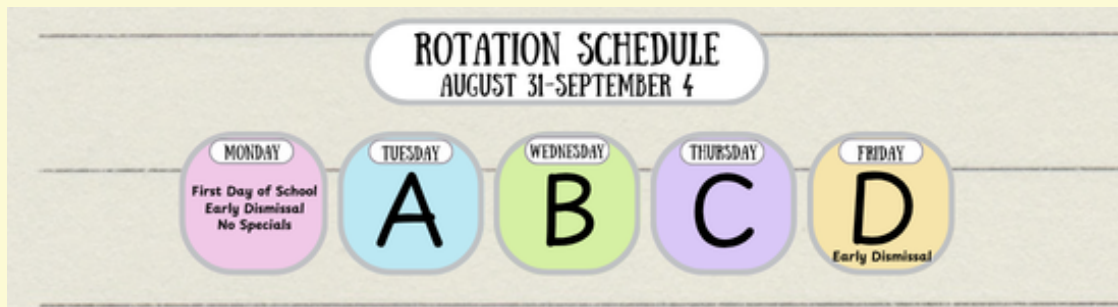
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ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR Aug. 31-Sept. 4



NEW First Week of School Schedule

- Monday, August 31 - First Day of School
 - Arrival is from 7:40 - 8:05 a.m. The doors will close at 8:05 a.m. If you are late, please sign your child in at the Main Office located on Manns Avenue.
 - PK Gradual Entrance - see the email that was sent
 - Dismissal begins at 12:00 p.m. for students in grades K-8. We will follow the schedule below for dismissal:
 - 12:00 p.m. - A-Dr (St. Ursula Lot)
 - 12:00 p.m. - Du-Sc (St. John's Lot)
 - 12:10 p.m. - Se-Z (St. Ursula Lot)
 - There will be no Extended Day on Monday, August 31
- Tuesday, September 1
 - Extended Day begins for students in grades PK-8 who registered.
- Wednesday, September 2
 - Grades K-4 Back to School Night (6:30-8 p.m.)

- St. John's is hosting an event that night, so please park on our lot and the back half of St. John's lot. Overflow parking will be available at the St. Ursula Church lot.
- Thursday, September 3
 - Grades 5-8 Back to School Night (6:30-8 p.m.)
- Friday, September 4
 - Dismissal begins at 12:00 p.m. for all students. We will follow the schedule below for dismissal:
 - 12:00 p.m. - A-Dr (St. Ursula Lot)
 - 12:00 p.m. - Du-Sc (St. John's Lot)
 - 12:10 p.m. - Se-Z (St. Ursula Lot)
 - No afternoon Extended Day.
- Monday, September 7 - School Closed for Labor Day

PAY-IT LINKS

NEW Dollar Days & Birthday Celebrations

We invite students to participate in Dollar Days and Birthday Celebrations. These days are optional.

- Dollar Days: \$1.00 per day (9 total = \$9.00 for the year)
- Birthday Out-of-Uniform Day: \$3.00
- Total per student for the year: \$12.00

Please visit this link for more information and to submit payment:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/tX1WXpHs>. This form will close at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

NEW Student/Parent Handbook

Please see the [Student/Parent Handbook](#) for the 2026-27 school year. We ask you to review the handbook with your child(ren) and to return the signed Honor Code, Chromebook Contract, photo permission form, and the student handbook agreement form by Friday, September 11, 2026, to your child's homeroom teacher. We ask that you complete one form per student. A copy of the most current handbook will also be available on the school [website](#).

NEW Chromebook Carrying Case & Google Classroom

Students in Grades 3 through 8th grade will be receiving 11.6 inch Chromebooks so you will need to supply a carrying case with handles that will fit this size or slightly larger to hold the charger and headphones. We ask that the carrying case have handles and be separate and not part of the bookbag.

Students in Grades K–2 will not be bringing their Chromebooks home. Their devices will remain at school and be used as needed for classroom instruction. Students in Grade 3 will only bring their Chromebooks home occasionally

Please also see [A Parent's Guide to Google Classroom](#).

NEW What's Ahead Wednesday Additional Emails

If there is someone in your family (i.e. step-parent, grandparent, etc.) that you would like to receive our What's Ahead Wednesday emails, please complete this form. **Please note that additional email addresses are not rolled over from year-to-year.** <https://forms.gle/YckJfTtY4Fpiddtcw7>

NEW Uniform Reminders

Uniform requirements for the upcoming school year can be found on the school website: <https://www.stursula.org/resources/uniforms>. Please check the length of hair, skirts, jumpers, and pants.

NEW Summer Reading Tests

Students in grades 4-5 will be tested on the required book on Wednesday, September 9th.

Middle school students will be tested on the required book on Thursday, September 3rd. They should bring their book to school on Tuesday, September 1st.

NEW Walking Permission Form

As a reminder, a signed permission form is required for students walking home. The AOB prefers that students below 6th grade are accompanied by a parent or older sibling. If a student cannot be accompanied by a parent or older sibling, please communicate this information promptly with the school. Please take a moment to complete the [Walking Permission Form](#).

REMINDER Extended Day Registration

Extended Day will begin on Tuesday, August 26th for those who are registered. If your registration is complete, you should have received an email from Mrs. Bollinger or Ms. Riemer and may start on the start date.

If you still need to register, please print and scan, email, or mail the completed forms to the school office in an envelope marked "Extended Day." Please visit <https://www.stursula.org/academics/extended-day> for complete details and the registration packet including the Extended Day handbook. You will be notified when your child(ren) can begin Extended Day. If you have any questions please contact Emma Riemer, Extended Day Director, at eriemer@stursula.org.

REMINDER Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

For arrival and dismissal procedures, including videos, please visit: [Arrival & Dismissal Procedures](#). PK arrival and dismissal will be discussed at Gradual Entrance. Please be reminded that dismissal now begins at 2:45 p.m. The dismissal groups are based on student's last names and are as follows:

- A-Dr: 2:45 SUS Lot
- Du-Sc: 2:45 St. John's Lot
- Se-Z: 2:55 SUS Lot (Please do not arrive before your scheduled time, so we can clear the parking lots.)

Please be reminded that all of the parking lots are not available until 2:00 p.m. If you arrive before this time you will be asked to move your vehicle. Please share this information with whoever is picking up your child.

REMINDER 7th Grade Immunizations

Students entering 7th grade in the fall are required by the State of Maryland to receive Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines before the new school year begins. After your child is immunized, please email the updated immunization report to the nurse at cbauer@stursula.org. These vaccines are required prior to the first day of school, August 25th.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

NEW September Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in September. Please use the Sign-up Genius link below to register for the date(s) you are available. Service hours do apply. All volunteers need to be Virtus approved.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-65434408-lunch>



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