



WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY

April 24, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Good afternoon!

Our students have been working very hard on the Spring MAP testing. We are proud of their hard work! Next week our 7th grade class is taking the practice High School Placement Test. The practice HSPT will give our 7th graders experience with what to expect when they take the test in the 8th grade.

SUS Race for Education is this Friday. The weather is looking great, so we are excited to be back outside this year! Please see the Race for Education section below for more information.

SUS Field Day is next week. Please make sure that you read the Field Day information sent to your email on Monday. Field Day takes place at Belmont Park. Students may arrive between 8:00-8:30 a.m. All students must be picked up no later than 12:45 p.m. Parents please make sure to check your child out with your teacher. All volunteers are required to be Virtus approved. Parents who would like to visit must have a Raptor badge from the school. Please come to the office before next Friday to complete the Raptor information. We are unable to Raptor anyone at the field.

Thank you,
Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Marinaro

PAY-IT LINKS

NEW May Special Lunch

On Wednesday, May 15th we will have our May Special Lunch. **Orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 2nd.** No later orders will be accepted. Please use this form to place your order:

UPDATES & REMINDERS

THIS FRIDAY Race for Education

Please be reminded that our Race for Education is scheduled for this, Friday, April 26th.

- Participants can be out of uniform – Shorts, of an appropriate length are permitted this year and please wear tennis shoes. However, please be mindful of the weather when making a decision about dress.
- Water bottles are allowed. Please send a water bottle marked with your child's name so that he/she can take it outside while he/she runs.
- As long as we are outside, parents are invited to come and watch. Please park in the church lot, but leave at least 5-6 spaces open near the church office for the office staff and visitors. If there is precipitation, the decision may be made to hold activities in the gym. If this is the case, there will not be room for parents to attend. Only those previously scheduled to work will be allowed in the building.
- Pizza Lunch - All students will have a pizza lunch on Friday, April 26th to thank everyone for their participation in this year's Race for Education.

The Race day schedule is as follows:

- Grades PK - K - Race from 8:30 - 9:15
- Grades 1-2 - Race from 9:30 - 10:25
- Grades 3-4 - Race from 10:35 - 11:35
- Grades 5-6 - Race from 11:45 - 12:45
- Grades 7-8 - Race from 12:55 - 1:55

THANK YOU TO ALL! We could not do this without your help and support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the RFE committee: stursularfe@gmail.com

NEW Interim Reports

Interim reports will be sent electronically for students in grades 3-8 on Monday, April 29th.

NEW May Devotion

On Wednesday, May 1st, students are invited to bring a flower to school for our our May Devotion program.

NEW High School Placement Test Prep Course

Student Achievement Associates is offering a High school Placement Test Prep Program for **students entering 8th grade**. Please see the flyer linked below for more information:

<https://www.stursula.org/assets/imgs/featured/hspt-prep.png>

REMINDER MAP Testing

Students in grades 2 through 8 will be taking the MAP standardized tests through May 8th. Please see the [calendar](#) on our school website for the schedule. If at all possible, please try not to schedule any appointments for your child during this time period. We appreciate your support!

REMINDER Lucky 1500

The grand prize drawing will be held on May 6th. You may send in cash or check, made payable to St. Ursula School, or you may use this Pay-it link to make payment: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/hL4f2kkJ>.

Unless you have opted out of fundraising, families are responsible for buying or selling a total of four for the school year. If you did not buy/sell the four required tickets, you will be billed for them.

REMINDER BOOST Scholarships

The Maryland State Department of Education is now accepting applications for 2024-25 BOOST scholarship for students in grades K-12. Each year, the BOOST Program grants millions in scholarships to eligible students to attend nonpublic schools. The application deadline is Friday, May 3, 2024. For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER Fathers' Club Meeting

Our next SUFC meeting will be held on Sunday, April 28th at 7 p.m. at Top Hat Sports Bar and Grill in Parkville. Drinks and refreshments will be provided.

NEW Kona Ice

Join us after Field Day on Friday, May 3rd from 12-3 p.m. at Kona Ice on E. Joppa Road for a sweet treat!

KONA ICE

Kona Ice Day For St. Ursula School!



When: Friday, May 3 from 12 to 3 pm

Where: 3326 E. Joppa Rd.

Why: Have fun and help raise money for your school!

**Present this flyer or show your phone and Kona Ice will give
back 20 percent of the sales!**



Kona Ice | p.443.652.2600 | e. elmore@kona-ice.com | kona-ice.com | follow us on Facebook

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Please be reminded that families who opted in to service hours, must have their 25 hours completed by April 30th. There are only a few opportunities left to get your hours. If you have not had your service hour card recorded by the office, please send it in with your child.

NEW May & June Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in May & June. Volunteers are needed from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each day. 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. If you have any questions feel free to contact Laurie Currens at 410-665-3533.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-49307937-lunch>

REMINDER Paper Donations

We are now accepting paper donations for service hours. Three reams of 8 1/2x 11 paper will earn 1 service hour.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

NEW Catholic High Summer Workshops

Join Catholic High for a summer of fun! We are offering a number of summer workshops in STEM, Visual and Performing Arts, Sports, and HSPT Prep for rising middle school students and 9th graders. For more information and to register, please visit:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSccRKcG_OYHqgn1zJn7_RR29NvE2pYFgkDY4oXHCXpfFdHRJQ/viewform

REMINDER Calvert Hall Football Camp

Calvert Hall is offering a weeklong youth camp for ages 6-14 in both June and July. This is not tackle football, just skills and drills! For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://calverthall.myschoolapp.com/page/event-detail?siteId=1732&ssl=1@ister=3583>

REMINDER Mercy High School Summer Camps

This year, Mercy is hosting basketball, volleyball, dance, field hockey, cheer, lacrosse, and soccer camps. Camps are open to girls entering grades 6-9 in fall 2024. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.mercyhighschool.com/a-magical-summer-at-mercy>

A LETTER FROM FATHER JASON



4/24/2024

Dear Parents,

As we stand on the threshold of a momentous occasion in the spiritual lives of our youngest parishioners, I am filled with profound gratitude for your unwavering dedication to nurturing the faith of your children. The upcoming celebrations of First Holy Communion is not just a milestone; it is a testament to the depth of your commitment and the power of love in action.

In the midst of busy lives, it can be all too easy to overlook the significance of these Sacred moments. Yet, as we prepare to witness our children receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time, we are reminded of the sacred duty parents have to cultivate a vibrant Faith within your families. Your willingness to walk alongside your children on their journey of faith speaks volumes about the depth of your love and devotion.

The road to First Communion is not always smooth, and it requires sacrifices from both parents and children alike. Time spent practicing prayers, Sundays dedicated to attending Mass as a family, and the countless small moments of guidance and encouragement – these are the building blocks of a strong and resilient faith. Your willingness to make these sacrifices for the sake of your children's spiritual growth is truly inspiring.

As we gather to celebrate this joyous occasion in the weeks ahead, let us take a moment to reflect on the profound impact of your dedication. Your commitment to fostering a faith-filled home environment is shaping the hearts and minds of future generations of believers. May the grace of this sacrament strengthen and sustain your families as you continue to journey together in faith.

I want to assure you that not only do the faculty and staff at St. Ursula School walk with you on this journey of faith, but I, too, stand beside you. Together, we form a community united in our love for God and our commitment to passing on the richness of our Catholic faith to the next generation.

With heartfelt gratitude
and prayers,

PARISH NEWS



**EXPERIENCING THE SACRAMENTS TOGETHER
STRENGTHENS FAMILY BONDS IN FAITH**

Join your St. Ursula Family for Mass:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Join us this Sunday for **"Donut Days"** after the 9am Mass and CLOW during the 11am Mass!

Wedding Anniversary Blessing - If you celebrate your wedding anniversary in May and would like to receive a blessing at our 9am Mass on May 5th, please call the Parish Office by next Tuesday, April 30th!

Please join us for our **May Crowning** on Sunday, May 12th after the 11am Mass, outside around the Blessed Mother statue. 1st Communicants are encouraged to wear their beautiful dresses and handsome suits! All are invited to bring flowers to place around Mary as well!

We would like to wish Fr. Jason a very Happy Birthday today!!!

REMINDER Vacation Bible School

Registration is now open for participants and volunteers! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/stursulaparkville>

REMINDER Summer Service

Summer service will be June 15th through June 21st, June 29th, and August 7th through 11th! This is great opportunity for high school and Confirmation service hours!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMUn5legaHPihVaHRkquhFff0F3aeDeUH8DYRKxSS2QhnRzw/viewform>

A promotional poster for the 'Walk for Life 2024' event. The poster features a purple background with white and pink floral decorations at the top. The text reads: 'Join us for Pregnancy Center North's 7th Annual Walk for Life', 'Walk for THEM BOTH', 'Saturday, May 11 • Walk for Life 2024', and 'Pregnancy Center North'. It also includes the check-in time (8:30 AM) and location (Cathedral of Mary Our Queen). A QR code is located in the bottom left corner. The background of the poster shows a close-up of hands holding a small object.

**Join us for Pregnancy Center North's
7th Annual Walk for Life**

Walk for THEM **BOTH**

Saturday, May 11 • Walk for Life 2024

 Pregnancy Center North

Check-in: 8:30 AM • Location: Cathedral of Mary Our Queen

St. Ursula will be joining many other local churches to Walk for Life! This family-friendly event will include a short walk on the Cathedral grounds, light refreshments, kids' games, fun prizes and more.



We are asking our parishioners to consider becoming sponsored walkers to help support this pro-life pregnancy center. Brochures will be available starting next weekend or scan the QR code to donate or sign up to walk for the St. Ursula team!

For more information, contact our church champion, Liz Walz, at ajwalz1@verizon.net.



DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

2:55 pm	Group 1: A - Dr	SUS Lot
3:05 pm	Group 2: Du - Sc	SJ Lot
3:15pm	Group 3: Se - Z	SUS Lot



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