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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Hello St. Ursula Families,

As we get further into the school year, we will begin our safety drills. It is important that we continue to practice emergency preparedness throughout the school year. Tomorrow, Thursday, September 14th we will have our first fire drill. We will talk to the students beforehand about this drill, but we suggest you talk about it at home this evening.

Please be reminded to make sure your uniforms follow the guidelines listed in the Student/Parent Handbook. The uniform guidelines can be found here: <a href="https://www.stursula.org/assets/imgs/featured/Student-Handbook-2023.pdf">https://www.stursula.org/assets/imgs/featured/Student-Handbook-2023.pdf</a>

The Department of Catholic Schools and the Institute for Evangelization, in consultation with the Office of Child and Youth Protection have approved Loyola Press' Growing with God: Safe and Sacred as the new Family Life Curriculum for students in grades K though 8. Please refer to the email sent yesterday for more information.

Please join our faculty at the 11 a.m. mass this Sunday, September 17th as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. All of our teachers will receive a blessing during this Mass as they begin another year of faith formation with your children. We hope to see you there.

Mrs. Leslie Jones - Principal Mrs. Sarah Marinaro - Assistant Principal

## **PAY-IT LINKS**

## LAST CHANCE Fathers' Club Ice Cream Social & Movie Night

The Fathers' Club invites your family to a Movie Night and Ice Cream Party on Friday, September 15, 2023 in the school gym. Doors will open at 5:00. The price includes pizza, ice cream, water, juice, and a movie. "The Peanuts Movie" will begin at 6:15. The cost is \$3.00 per person and is limited to school families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets will not be distributed at the door. We will close the Pay-It link on Friday morning at 9 a.m. https://payit.nelnet.net/form/zyLOCPBi

## LAST CHANCEC October Hot Lunch

We will once again be offering hot lunches. Hot lunches will only be distributed to those who have prepaid. All orders must be placed through the Pay-it link no later than 8:00 a.m., Thursday, September 13. Late orders cannot be accepted. For more information and to place your order please visit this link: <a href="https://payit.nelnet.net/form/z4UohPID">https://payit.nelnet.net/form/z4UohPID</a>

## **REMINDER** Dollar Days

We are inviting the students to participate in Dollar Days. On these days all students are permitted to wear casual attire as long as they pay \$1.00 in advance for the day listed on the form. The total for one student for the year is \$9.00. Be sure to see the guidelines in the handbook regarding dress-down days. Please complete this form and make payment by Wednesday, September 20, 2023: <u>https://payit.nelnet.net/form/I73O0POo</u>

## **UPDATES & REMINDERS**

## **NEW** Individual Picture Day

Individual Picture Day is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 20th. If this is your child's scheduled PE day, they may wear tennis shoes with their regular school uniform. Please see this <u>flyer</u> for more details.

### **NEW** Join the Band!

Students in Grades 4 - 8 are invited to join the SUS band! Our band presentation to students in these grades is on Thursday, September 14. Mrs. Weglein will be reaching out via email/phone to assist those who are interested in registering. There will also be a NEW parent Zoom session on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Please click on <u>SUS Band Website</u> to view the registration form, information about rentals, band schedule, and zoom links for our upcoming band information and Q & A sessions.

### **NEW Girl Scouts**

You're invited to join Girl Scouts! Whether your girl is a dreamer, comedian, explorer, or something uniquely her own, Girl Scouts is for her. Find what makes her shine with friends and mentors by her side. Cookies, campfires, and friendship bracelets are a small part of the journey. One adventure at a time, Girl Scouts learn, grow, and do amazing things. We currently have openings in Grades K-8. Contact Linda Scarborough at <u>gs1783@comcast.net</u> for more information.

### **NEW** Food Allergies

If your child has a food allergy, we ask that you please send in a sweet treat to

be kept in the classroom, so that all students can participate in birthday celebrations.

## **NEW** Label Items

Please remember to put students' names on all school items and uniforms. It is easier to return lost items if they are labeled.

## **REMINDER MAP Testing**

This week we began the fall session of our MAP Growth testing. Testing will continue into next week. If at all possible, please try not to schedule any appointments for your child during this time period. We appreciate your support!

- Friday, September 15 Grades 6-8 MAP testing (reading)
- Monday, September 18 Grades 2-5 MAP testing (reading)
- Tuesday, September 19 Grades 6-8 MAP testing (language arts)
- Thursday, September 21 Grades 2-5 MAP testing (language arts)

# **REMINDER** High School Fairs

Please see the flyer for dates and locations for the upcoming High School Nights. We will be hosting an fair at St. Ursula School on Thursday, September 28th at 6 p.m.



## **REMINDER** Basketball Tryouts

Students in grades 4 through 8 are invited to tryout for the St. Ursula parish basketball teams. Please see the flyer for more details.



St. Ursula Basketball 2023-2024 Registration for Tryouts BOYS AND GIRLS - Grades 4 thru 8 Dates: September 1st online only Fet: Stop independent 5, 225-thme children TO GE PRO AFTER TEAMS ARE SELECTED

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## HARVEST FESTIVAL



The Harvest Festival is an annual tradition at St. Ursula School and is an event the entire St. Ursula Harvest Festival community looks forward to each year. The Harvest Festival includes fun family games, crafts, delicious food, prize wheels, and much more!

Please take a moment to read this <u>information sheet</u> on what to expect during the event and where we need your help.

#### **Commemorative T-shirt**

Join us in celebrating this year's Harvest Festival with a commemorative tshirt! This shirt is a 100% cotton. Students who order may wear this on Thursday, October 12 and be out of uniform. All Orders must be received by September 26, 2023. Sorry but we cannot accept any late orders. T-shirts can be purchased here: <u>https://payit.nelnet.net/form/etwReyme</u>

#### Service Hour Opportunities:

 Volunteers Needed, please sign-up here: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8AF2BA3F4C34-harvest/15043343#/</u>

### Game Tickets & Decorate the Festival:

- https://payit.nelnet.net/form/2rWu4kKF
- Order tickets by Thursday, October 5th by 8:00 a.m. to get a discount!

### Raffles:

- <u>Student Raffle (Gift Card Prizes)</u>
- Student Cash Raffle

#### Attending the Festival:

Thursday, October 12th - Students will attend the festival during their assigned time below. Parents/guardians who will be attending Harvest Festival with a student on Thursday, October 12th, will need to enter school through the playground doors to receive an identification badge before attending the festival. If you have previously visited the school and have had your ID scanned, please complete this form so we can send home a badge for you: https://forms.gle/i79nj16AvyZiPmn19

- PK & K 8:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.
- Gr. 1, 2 9:55 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
- Gr.3, 4, 5 11:10 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
- Gr. 6, 7, 8 12:30 p.m. 1:40 p.m.

Friday, October 13th - The festival is open to the public from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 14th** - The festival is open to the public from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

## **PARENT ORGANIZATIONS**

## **REMINDER Fathers' Club Meeting**



## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH | 7:00PM TOP HAT SPORTS BAR & GRILL 8809 SATYR HILL RD - PARKVILLE, MD

All fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers and male relatives of St. Ursula School students and graduates are welcome to join.

REACH OUT WITH ANY QUESTIONS FATHERSCLUB@STURSULA.ORG

## **REMINDER** Mothers' Club Meeting

Join us for our first Mothers' Club meeting of the school year on Monday, September 18th at 6:45pm in the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center. Drinks and refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP using the link provided to help us prepare for the meeting. We hope to see you there! <u>https://forms.gle/u9pbKhjAhop7hHEz5</u>

## **PARISH NEWS**

## **NEW** Sacramental Prep

1. Baptism: Do you have a child who would like to be baptized, or was baptized in another Christian tradition and wants to be Catholic? Please

contact Laura at the Parish office to register for the next parent session for baptism held on Wednesday, Oct. 4. She looks forward to hearing from you! 410-665-4106 or <u>laura.weatherington@archbalt.org</u>.

 First Communion and First Reconciliation Announcement: Any parent or guardian who intends to prepare a child for First Holy Communion or Reconciliation this year should plan to attend our first of two First Sacraments parent meeting on Monday, October 9, at 7:15 PM in the school gym. Contact Laura in the parish office with any questions, 410-665-4106 or <u>laura.weatherington@archbalt.org</u>. (The second meeting is scheduled for Jan. 29, same time and place.)



For more information and to purchase Boscov's passes, please click here: <u>https://forms.ministryform</u> s.net/viewForm.aspx?

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Join us this weekend at the 11am Mass for our Family Liturgy, hear our awesome Youth Band and stop by the Ministry Weekend in the Spiritual Center!!



## **MASS TIMES**

For those who are planning to worship as part of our St. Ursula Catholic Community, please be reminded of the Mass times: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



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