



# WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY



**September 20, 2023**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Dear St. Ursula Families,

Last week you received the link to complete the Family Income Survey, which determines the amount of funding that we receive for various grants from the State of Maryland. The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and we **NEED** your participation. If you have not done so already, please follow the link below to complete it as soon as possible. When we reach 100% family participation, students will receive a **surprise!** Thank you in advance for your cooperation. [Family Survey Link](#)

This year, the AOB partnered with the [I Love You Guys Foundation](#) to establish common language and protocols to promote school safety. Please take a moment to read the attached parent letter from the [I Love You Guys Foundation](#). We will be practicing the [I Love You Guys Foundation](#) drills over the next few weeks. Please take a moment to review the [parent letter](#) for more information on the drills. Remember, drills are for practice. We will discuss each drill with the students before we practice them.

On **Wednesday, September 27th** at 8:45 a.m. we will practice our first HOLD drill. A hold drill is for a non-emergency when a specific hallway or classroom would need to remain clear due to an illness in the area or specific maintenance need. Students remain actively engaged in learning activities since this is not an emergency and teachers will conduct business as usual. The students will hear the following announcement at the time of the drill: "We are currently in a HOLD situation in (*name of specific area*) and I ask that all students & staff remain in their current location and continue with normal operations." We ask that you speak with your students about the hold drill to reinforce the importance of having and practicing protocols for various safety

situations. Classes will discuss the Hold drill during school time as well.

Next week we are going to have our very first STAR week for the House system! The house that earns the most points for going above and beyond school expectations will receive the Star! On that note, we would like to introduce our House Captains for this school year! Drum roll please! Congratulations to Aubrey B., Hailey B., Brennan C., Madison C., Kaitlyn C., Molly D., Samantha F., Stacey G., Natalie G., Jax I., Iyahna J., Luke J., Karly K., Grace K., Luke K., Chloe K., Macey M., Devan R., Margot R., Camryn S., Olivia S., Katie S., Kaydence S., Bella T., Jayden T.

Thank you so much for your continued partnership at home with checking homework, ensuring children are in the proper uniform, and communication with the teachers. Please talk with your child about being safe at recess by keeping their hands to themselves. We greatly appreciate your support!

We hope you have an incredible week!  
Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Marinaro

## PAY-IT LINKS

### **LAST CHANCE 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. Our first Dollar day will be next Thursday, September 28th. Please complete this form and make payment by Wednesday, September 20, 2023: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/I73O0POo>

### **NEW Harvest Festival Special Lunch**

On Thursday, October 12th we will have our annual Harvest Festival Special Lunch. Special lunch will only be distributed to those who have pre-paid. **Orders will close at 8 a.m. on Thursday, September 28th. No late orders will be accepted.** For more information and to place your order please visit this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/VWAidhpc>

## HOUSE LEADERBOARD

Checkout how awesome our HOUSES are doing! Remember that House points are earned for going above and beyond school expectations! Way to go students! We are so proud of you!

# SCHOOL LEADERBOARD





# UPDATES & REMINDERS

## **NEW Individual Pictures**

Individual photos were taken today. If your child was absent we will take their individual photo on October 19, the same day class and group photos are scheduled. Individual photos will be available on Galeone's online shop. Your child should bring home a flyer that contains your child's individual coupon code for you to use in ordering their photo. Once the photos go live you will receive an email from Galeone with your child's personal access code.

## **NEW Early Dismissal Friday**

Please be reminded that we have an early dismissal this Friday, September 22nd. Extended Day will be open until 6:00 p.m. The dismissal schedule is as follows:

- 12:00 p.m. - A-Dr (St. Ursula School Lot)
- 12:10 p.m. - Du-Sc (St. John's Lot)
- 12:20 p.m. - Se-Z (St. Ursula School Lot)

You are also welcome to park on the St. Ursula Church lot.

## **NEW COVID**

If you have questions about a student or family member that has COVID symptoms, or has been exposed to COVID, the CDC has an easy calculator for guidance on isolation and masking: [What to Do If You Were Exposed to COVID-19](#). The Archdiocese of Baltimore is following the guidelines set by the CDC. Please reach out to Nurse Christine at [health@stursula.org](mailto:health@stursula.org) with any questions.

## **NEW Lunch Volunteer Reminders**

We ask that when volunteering for lunch, parents not be on their cell phones. This includes texting or taking photos during lunch. Please circulate throughout the lunchroom while students are present. We thank you for your consideration.

## **NEW PHSA Volunteer Opportunities & Interest Survey**

Each year, SUS families who have signed the service hour contract are required to complete 25 hours of service. The document below is a list of school events that offer great volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Please take some time to read over the descriptions and see what interests you. When ready, scan the QR code at the bottom to complete an interest form. This is not committing you to that event but rather, notifying committee chairs that there are volunteers interested in helping out. As the event draws near, a committee member will reach out to you about volunteering. You can express interest in more than one event- remember, you will need at least 25 hours for the year. [Volunteer Interest Form/Survey](#)

## **REMINDER Band Registration**

Students in Grades 4 - 8 are invited to join the SUS band! Please click on [SUS Band Website](#) to view the registration form, information about rentals, band schedule, and zoom links for our upcoming band information and Q & A sessions.

## **NEXT WEEK 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.



**2023 HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS**

6:00 – 6:30 PM | (Meet & Greet with Admissions Representatives)  
6:35 – 8:05 PM | (Information Sessions with Admissions Directors)

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**  
*St. Joseph School, Fullerton*

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**  
*Immaculate Conception School, Towson*

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**  
*Resurrection-St. Paul School, Ellicott City*

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**  
*Sacred Heart School, Glyndon*

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**  
*Monsignor Slade School, Glen Burnie*

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**  
*School of the Incarnation, Gambrills*

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**  
*Cardinal Shehan School, Northeast Baltimore*

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**  
*St. Ursula School, Parkville*

**OCTOBER 2, 2023**  
*St. Mark School, Catonsville*

**OCTOBER 5, 2023**  
*St. Margaret Middle School, Bel Air*

Registration Not Required. All Are Welcome to Attend!

## SAVE THE DATE

### **NEW** PHSA Monster Mash

Join us on Friday, October 27th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the SUS parking lot for Monster Mash! Bring your family/friends and come check out some of the fun activities planned this year. Wear your best costume and come join the fun!

- Halloween costume contest for elementary and middle school kids
- Several Halloween-themed stations to test your Halloween skills
- Chick Fil-A combo available: pre-ordering available as well as cash only options that evening
- DJ and dancing

Additional details on this event, as well service hour opportunities, will be communicated over the next few weeks.

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

# Harvest Festival

OCTOBER 12, 13, 14, 2023



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 [information sheet](#) on what to expect during the event and where we need your help.

## **LAST CHANCE Commemorative T-shirt**

Join us in celebrating this year's Harvest Festival with a commemorative t-shirt! 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: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/etwReyme>

## **Service Hour Opportunities:**

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

## **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:**

- [Student Raffle \(Gift Card Prizes\)](#)
- [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>. This form will close on Friday, October 6th.

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

## PARISH NEWS



**Bosco's**  
**FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS**  
IN-STORE ONLY

**ONE DAY ONLY - OCTOBER 18, 2023**  
SHOP 8AM - 11PM

**DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:**


- 25% OFF DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS\*
- REGISTER TO WIN A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD  
At every Bosco's store

## REMINDER Bosco's Fundraiser

For more information and to purchase Bosco's passes, please click here:

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=acde5947-780e-49ed-8749-e91add4826d>

### Eucharistic Revival Activity Patch



The National Catholic Committee on Scouting recently announced the creation of the **Eucharistic Revival Activity Program**. The award is open to all Catholics at least 6 years old, regardless of whether they are involved in Scouting.

Participants may each earn a circular patch with the logo of the National Eucharistic Revival and have the option of earning up to eight auxiliary patches to accompany the main patch.

Participants have until June 2025 to complete the activities.

To earn the main patch, participants must attend Mass and receive the Eucharist for 12 weeks, preferably consecutively.

Participants may earn the auxiliary patches by participating in such activities as eucharistic adoration, eucharistic processions and family prayer, or by receiving the sacrament of reconciliation or learning about eucharistic miracles.

Contact Jeanine Colbourne to participate  
Email: [ParkvilleTroop26@gmail.com](mailto:ParkvilleTroop26@gmail.com)

## ALTAR SERVER Training!

RETURNS!!!

We encourage all current servers & any boys and girls who have already received their 1st Holy Communion (4th grade or older) to join us! It is always important to serve faithfully & reverently. And of course, you get to serve mass with Fr. Jason!!

**Dates: Oct. 2nd, 6th & 7th**

Must attend 2 training sessions

**Monday, Oct. 2nd: 430pm-530pm**

**Friday, Oct. 6th: 5pm-6pm**

**Saturday, Oct. 7th: 10am-11am**

**PLEASE REGISTER BY: SEPT 27, 2023**

[www.stursulaparish.org/altarservers](http://www.stursulaparish.org/altarservers)

OR email: [shannon.schoelkopf@archbalt.org](mailto:shannon.schoelkopf@archbalt.org)

### Why be an altar server???

- \*To serve at the altar of our Lord. .
- \*Make new friends.
- \*Strengthen your friendships you already have.
- \*Learn about the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and some pretty neat stuff.
- \*Grow in holiness. Grow in your faith.
- \*Leadership opportunities.
- \*Meet a variety of wonderful people.
- \*You always have a good seat for Mass



## 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.



# 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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