



April 4, 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your time and effort making our Race for Education a big success again. As of this writing we are well on our way to achieving our goal. Please remind those to whom you sent letters that it is never too late to contribute. The Race itself will be held next Friday, April 12. I know the committee would appreciate volunteers for a range of jobs. This will also be an early dismissal day (12:10pm).

As of today, all grades, with the exception of one, have completed the IOWA/CogAt testing. Second grade will end testing tomorrow. Thank you so much for ensuring your child(ren) came to school after a good night's sleep and eating a good breakfast. It definitely made a difference. Also we appreciate your help in making sure all were in school in a timely fashion. We will continue to do make-ups for those who were sick through next Thursday.

The state Boost scholarship application process closes April 17th at midnight. If you qualify and are already attending St. Ursula School you could receive \$1000-\$1400 based on this year's allocations. If you know someone attending a public school, qualifies, applies, and is accepted at St. Ursula, their amount could be substantially more. The instructions are available on the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) website. This is the link to the information: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>.

In May, you will be required to pay the Instructional Fee through FACTS. This had been referred to as the Book Fee. Yet books are just a small portion of the items purchased. The Instructional Fee is being increased to \$300 (grades 1-8) and \$225 (grades PreK-K). The breakdown of this amount is:

	<i>Grades 1-8</i>	<i>Prek-K</i>
<i>Book Rental/Purchase</i>	\$150.00	\$115.00
<i>Archdiocesan Fees</i>	100.00	80.00
<i>Classroom Fee</i>	65.00	65.00
<i>Technology Fee</i>	50.00	30.00
<i>Minus MD Textbook</i>		
<i>Loan Program</i>	-65.00	-65.00

As stated last month, we will have Galeone Photographers take spring pictures April 15th. Students may wear street clothes, not uniforms for these pictures. This year we are allowing all students, whether they are getting their picture taken or not, to wear street clothes on this day.

Last month we announced that we would be in session on Friday, May 24th. In the original calendar the rain date for Field Day was Thursday, May 23rd. We have moved the rain date to Friday, May 24th because of the calendar change. Therefore if it rains on Thursday, May 2nd, school will be a full day of classes. Then the Field Day will be moved to Friday, May 24th. A text message will be sent out if this happens.

We have had many people inquire about robotics for their children. Linking with Baltimore Robotics/Star Academy, we have been able to sponsor a camp for our students. Please check the Wednesday eblast for more information about dates, times, and cost.

Although some families are aware, we would like all families to keep Mrs. Patty Lyons, middle school math/social studies, and Mrs. Christine Bauer, nurse, in your prayers. Both have been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be starting treatments soon.

As you know, the end of the year is packed with exciting activities for students and parents. Although many are mentioned, I thought it best to include April's and the beginning of May's activities in one place.

Friday, April 5	7:00	School Play, "Fairy Tale Misfits"
Saturday, April 6	12:45	Choral Festival at Mercy High School
Sunday, April 7	1:00-3:00	Catholic Schools Fair at Dave and Buster's
Monday, April 8- Saturday, April 13		Five Below Fundraiser (White Marsh)
Monday, April 8		Camden, Puppy with a Purpose visits the students
Wednesday, April 10		Out of uniform for those who donated to Animal Fundraiser
		Chick-fil-A hot lunch
Thursday, April 11		PBIS winners out of uniform day
Friday, April 12		Race for Education
	12:10	Dismissal
Saturday, April 13	6:30	Father/Daughter Dance
Sunday, April 14	2:45	Concert and Symphonic Band adjudication at NDP
Monday, April 15		Spring Picture Day
Tuesday, April 16		Dollar Day
Wednesday, April 17		Reflection Day and "A-thons"
Thursday, April 18	12:10	Dismissal
	3:00	Extended Day closes
Friday, April 19- Sunday, April 28		Easter break
Tuesday, April 23	4:30-7:30	FC night at Skateland

Saturday, April 27	10:00	First Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 30	9:30	Easter Liturgy for students
Wednesday, May 1		RFE out of uniform day Start of summer uniforms Chick-fil-A hot lunch
Thursday, May 2	8:30-12:15	Field Day at Double Rock Park
Friday, May 3		School closed—Professional Development Day

As we approach the holiest time in the Church's liturgical calendar, I wish all families the most blessed Easter and may God continue to protect and guide each of you.

Happy Easter!
Debbie Glinowiecki
Principal