



August 15, 2018

Dear Parents,

Summer has been a very busy time for St. Ursula School. Many new enhancements have occurred thanks to your continued generosity, especially through the Race for Education. Our electricity capability has been upgraded. The prekindergarten rooms and hall have a bright new floor and the Fathers' Club painted those classrooms! All classrooms have new shades that work and look great. Every classroom has a new white board in place of one of the chalkboards. Two new stairway doors are being installed for safety. The final unbelievable new addition, thanks to our wonderful Fathers' Club, is an entirely new health suite. Stop in to see it when you are visiting the school!

Included at the top of this letter is your child's teacher, homeroom, and room number for the upcoming year. Please understand there will be *no changes* of assignments. Teachers take into consideration many facets of each child when assigning them to a class and/or teacher. I thank you in advance for your understanding. Also please don't email your new teacher prior to the start of school, since they are still on summer vacation and may not have access to email. Since school ended we had a few staffing changes. Ms. Baier has moved from first grade to prekindergarten. Mrs. Wunder moved from second grade to fourth grade. Ms. Hahn, guidance, resigned.

St. Ursula welcomes eight new staff members this year:

- Mrs. Samantha Trigger, grade 2
- Ms. Meghan Kendzierski, grade 3
- Mrs. Marcy Moller, grade 5
- Mrs. Lorena Clary, middle school ELA
- Ms. Nicolette Bowersock, middle school math
- Mr. Zach Colgan, guidance counselor
- Mrs. Christine Bauer, nurse
- Mrs. Melanie Freeman, finance officer.

New parents, and students, have been invited to a New Parent Night on Tuesday, August 28th starting at 6:30. If you are a new parent and have not received information about this event, please contact Deena Conti (deenaconti@gmail.com).

As stated in the Student/Parent Handbook, the school day officially begins at 8:10. The doors for drop-off open at 7:45. **By 8:10 all students are expected to be in their classrooms.** If you are late, please enter in the main door on Manns Avenue with your child. You will need to sign your child in providing the reason for the tardiness.

All students in grades 1-8 will enter the gymnasium on the first day of school only. There will be signs designating the grade levels. We ask any parent who enters to stay on the perimeter of the gym once you escort your child to their line.

The Student/Parent Handbook has been updated. It is imperative that you read the new handbook completely prior to signing the receipt page. If you have any questions, please contact an administrator.

As you noticed, there is an information form for your child attached. Please review all the information. If no changes are needed, please check and sign the form. If there are any blanks, please fill in the missing information and if changes are made, please make the changes directly on the form. These are to be returned to school the first week in September. All other forms to be filled in will be sent via email blasts. Remember Wednesday is our usual day to send emails.

As you gather uniforms for the upcoming year, remember when buying socks, they need to cover the ankle bone and may not have any logos on them (Nike, Under Armour, etc.). Uniforms that meet our requirements may be purchased at the Flynn and O'Hara store located in North Plaza Mall. Gym uniforms also may be purchased at Sportsline on Harford Road. Please refer to last year's handbook regarding shoes. Remember that Sperry's are not acceptable for kindergarten through second grade. Van Dyke and Bacon, located in Nottingham, has the acceptable shoes on display.

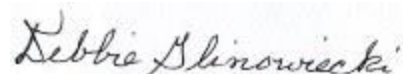
Also, a summer reminder that all parents, grandparents, guardians, etc., who wish to visit or volunteer in the school, must first complete the online Virtus training. This is a mandatory online training established by the Archdiocese of Baltimore to ensure your children are safe at St. Ursula. The training certificate lasts for 5 years, and then you will need to renew the certificate. If you have never taken any training, I highly encourage you to complete it prior to the school year beginning. It may be accessed at virtusonline.org. More information may be found on the school website under the Parent link—parent volunteering.

We also have enhanced our sign-in procedures to make it even more secure. The first time you sign in, please have a driver's license handy to be scanned.

Please refer to our new website for calendar updates as well as the supply lists. Remember school opens on Tuesday, September 4. The first two days, 9/4-5 are half days with dismissal at 12:10. For those who have registered for Extended Day, that program will start on Wednesday, September 5th. Also mark your calendars for Back to School Night: September 5th for grades 5th through 8th and September 6th for grades PreK through 4th.

A great way to start the new school year would be to attend the St. Ursula Church Mass and picnic at Double Rock Park, Sunday August 26 at 12:00. In case of rain, the picnic will be held at the church spiritual center.

Peace of Christ be with you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Glinowiecki".

Debbie Glinowiecki
Principal