

February 1, 2018

## Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support and positive comments during Catholic School Week. The many families involved in Open House presented a welcoming environment to prospective families. The hours put into making the Open House a success is greatly appreciated. Although Mother Nature impacted one of our visitation days, many families were able to visit us and saw why SUS continues to be one of the top Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

Not knowing what the weather holds in store for tonight and tomorrow morning, as per page 10 of the Parent/Student Handbook:

If there is a two hour late opening on a scheduled half-day, school will go full day with a dismissal at 2:50 pm.

Also remember school is closed on Monday, February 5th and Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Re-registration continues. As with any technology snafus have occurred but this year they are few and far between. We appreciate your patience. If you have not re-registered, please do so by February 7<sup>th</sup>. After this date we cannot guarantee a spot for current students since we will begin accepting new applications.

As you are aware, we have started a new online Pay-It account for all incidental orders. This includes Hot Lunch, drink orders, and Special Lunch. For this week's special lunch we had 40 families who did not order lunch and called school "missing the form." There are no forms. The wave of the future is now and we are converting to online. Therefore it is imperative that you look at the Wednesdays' eblasts. Forms are included in these eblasts and most are time sensitive. Currently the Spaghetti Dinner (February 25<sup>th</sup>) and Shrove Tuesday Special Lunch order forms are online. I can personally attest that it is very easy to complete and takes away the "lost paper" that many of us, including myself, have encountered.

School wide we are addressing facilities issues as they arise as well as being proactive. We have installed a new air compressor and should have the new locking system complete within the

week. Electrical upgrades are scheduled for summer, since we need to turn off all electricity as the work is being completed. It is our goals to retile the Pre-K rooms and adjacent hall also this summer, provided the grant funding is awarded.

The Archdiocese has shared the master calendar for 2018-2019. School will open Tuesday, September 4. The Archdiocesan Christmas break will be December 22 through January 1. Easter break will be April 19 through April 28. The school still has to decide half days and days closed specific to St. Ursula. Once all dates are finalized, the calendar will be published on the website.

The new website is nearly completed. As you know your teachers' sites have converted to google sites. We appreciate your time and patience with this endeavor which was much more involved than initially thought.

Again we express our sympathy and prayers to one of our teachers. Mrs. Chris Lorber's mother passed away last month. Thank you for your support.

As Lent begins on February 14, may all of you experience the blessings of the Trinity during these forty days.

God bless,

Debbie Glinowiecki Principal