



February 3, 2020

Dear Parents,

First thank you for your wonderful support and kind words during Catholic Schools Week. We were thrilled that so many of you were able to see the wonderful Catholic education which your child(ren) is immersed in daily. Your support is so essential in making St. Ursula School the very best!

As part of Catholic Schools Week celebrations we recognize our 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year and this year we have added the Staff Member of the Year. Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Cutter, grade 4, Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Susan Williams, administrative assistant, Staff Member of the Year!

At Open House we recognized the adult Kelly Memorial Award winners. As stated in the award, these winners through their actions and commitments have demonstrated outstanding Catholic Christian behavior and have made significant contributions to the community of St. Ursula School. Congratulations to Mrs. Jen Schmith and Mrs. Jerrie Koenig, who coordinate all the school's special lunches, assist with the Santa Breakfast, and chair the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

You have already received the re-registration information via email. We are extending the deadline to February 12th. Anyone not re-registered by that date will be presumed not returning. We already have applications for new students and some of our grades are currently at maximum number. So if you haven't re-registered by February 12th and we accept a new student for your child's grade, there might not be an opening at a later date. If you have any questions, did not receive the re-registration, or need assistance please email Lauren Calva at lcalva@stursula.org.

A new adult committee has been formed and is in its initial planning phase. The Cultural Diversity Committee currently consists of two teachers, two parents, a School Board member, an administrator, and the pastor. The committee will address overarching parts of cultural diversity: race, ethnicity, ability, religion/spirituality, nationality, and socioeconomic status as it pertains to St. Ursula School. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, the next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30. For planning purposes, please email Mrs. Glinowiecki, dglinowiecki@sturusula.org to inform her of your attendance.

As stated in a previous e-blast, FACTS is now open for tuition assistance applications. You must apply through FACTS for any assistance either from the Archdiocese or St. Ursula Church. To be considered for church assistance you must attend and contribute to St. Ursula Church on a consistent basis. The School Board Tuition Assistance committee will also need a copy of the 2019 tax form. (FACTS requests only 2018 returns.)

Christmas brought many of our students new and innovative technology which is now surfacing at school. On pages 29-30 of the Student/Parent Handbook, under the subtitle Valuables, it states:

Students may not have electronic devices and/or cell phones in their possession during school or Extended Day.

Please make sure all cell phones are left at home. If a child needs to call home for an emergency, they are allowed to use the school phone. Also we have noticed an increase in Smart Watches. Remind your children in school it may only be used as a watch and for no other purposes. This rule is stated in the Handbook on page 30 Electronic Devices/Cell Phones/Smart Watches. Thank you for your continued support of the school's policies.

Race for Education will be starting soon. This is our largest fundraiser averaging over \$100,000 the past few years. This fundraiser is why our tuition stays one of the lowest in the Archdiocese. Since it worked well sending Harvest Festival e-blast updates on Thursdays, we will start doing the same thing for RFE. Remember if you signed the contract agreeing to fundraise versus the additional \$500 fee you must participate in this program.

For planning purposes, the 2020-2021 school year will begin on Monday, August 31. Dismissal will be at 12:10. We will have full days on Tuesday, September 1 through Thursday, September 3 and then a 12:10 dismissal on Friday, September 4, the start of the Labor Day weekend.

Our sympathies are extended to Mrs. Annette Moore, fourth grade teacher, on the death of her mother.

God bless,

Debbie Glinowiecki

Principal