



March 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

With the latest tragedy in Florida, I want to let you know what plans we have in place for an emergency at St. Ursula. Eight times a year we have a fire drill and twice a year we conduct a lockdown drill. Classroom doors are locked throughout the day so they can be quickly closed and secure in case of an emergency. Doors also have “curtains” to close so no one can see inside. This past August the Maryland State Police presented to the faculty about “active shooter” scenarios. The police clearly explained what to do once the location of the incident is determined. These procedures have been added to the staff’s knowledge base. In addition older classes have discussed “what if” situations. The Archdiocese has also addressed this issue in the attached letter. Rest assured, your child(ren)’s safety is paramount!!

Parents applying for tuition assistance need to apply through the FACTS program this year. Once the Archdiocese determines who qualifies and the amount, the applications will then be forwarded to the school’s tuition assistance committee for review. Personal requests for assistance through St. Ursula’s tuition assistance are only granted to registered St. Ursula parishioners. However, if you belong to a parish that does not have a school, you should contact your parish’s office regarding assistance.

Just a reminder that if you are parked in one of the three locations at dismissal please keep your conversation and especially your music volumes down. Some people use this time for prayer and reflection and loud noises can be disturbing.

Parents of PreK students please note that PreK will be closed on May 4th. (This is Field Day.) PreK teachers and assistants in the Archdiocese will be attending a conference. Again, only PreK is closed on May 4th!

May 11th is Baltimore's day to salute St. Patrick! In the annual parade, St. Ursula will be represented by our wonderful cheerleaders. Celebrate the day and cheer on our marchers!

Remember that school will be closed on Friday, March 16th. Easter break will begin with a 12:10 dismissal on Holy Thursday, March 29. School will reopen Monday, April 9th.

Finally a big thank you to all the volunteers who made the Spaghetti Dinner such a success. In addition, thank you to the Race for Education committee for their tireless work and all the families who continue to support this event, our most successful fundraiser.

God is good,

Debbie Glinowiecki

Principal