



March 2, 2020

Dear Parents,

Again I need to start with a big thank you to all who made the Annual Spaghetti Supper another success. The committee and the volunteers ensured all who came had a great meal with super company!

By now you should have submitted the number of letters you need for Race for Education. Remember unless you opted out of fundraising you are required to submit a minimum of 10 letters if you only have one child at SUS or a minimum of 20 letters if you have 2 or more children attending SUS.

It has been noticed that a number of parents' Virtus approvals have expired. Approval is only for 5 years. You may have received an email asking you to complete the application process again. If you have any questions, please call Miss Laurie in the school office (410-665-3533).

Drop off in the morning has had a few close calls lately. Please, even if you drop off in front of the gym, continue to follow the drive pattern and not to pull out or make a U-turn. We continue to have students crossing the driveway without a parent. This is not safe. Also when you and/or your child cross Neifeld Avenue two lanes of cars are affected. It is best to reread the drop off procedures in the Student/Parent Handbook, pages 14-15, and share these procedures with whomever drops off the children in the morning.

Again, referring to the handbook, please remember the only items that may be dropped off, if forgotten, are lunches and band instruments (page 12).

In mid-September the Cultural Diversity Committee will be holding a *World Fest @ SUS*. This will be a family evening where we will learn and celebrate the diversity of our SUS families. To make this a success the committee is looking for volunteers who will man a table focused on their own culture. For example, if your heritage is Irish, you would create a display around Ireland or if you are Jamaican you would set up a table about Jamaica. More information is forthcoming but all inquiries should be sent to worldfest@stursula.org.

The IOWA and CogAt assessments are occurring this month. All students in grades 2 through 8 will be assessed. Grades 3, 5, 7, and 8 will be assessed in reading, written language, math, science, and social studies. Grades 2, 4, and 6 will be assessed in reading, written language, math and take an abilities component. The dates of the testing are March 23 through 27. Please do not make any appointments on these days. If it is an emergency, the test sessions

should be over by 12:30. Also make sure your child is on time, has had a good breakfast, and has two #2 sharpened pencils. All of these add up to a successful testing experience for your child.

Please pray for Mrs. Catherine Dreyer, a former middle school teacher, who needed to resign last month due to health concerns. Also pray for Kylie G., one of our students who currently is in the hospital.

Finally, although we are just starting March, April is right around the corner. Remember this year our spring break is different than in previous years. Spring break will begin at the close of school on Friday, April 3. This is the week before Easter. Students will return to school on Thursday, April 16, after Easter. The change is due to the National Catholic Educators Association's National Conference which is being held in Baltimore this year.

Blessed and holy Lent,

Debbie Glinowiecki
Principal