



March 7, 2019

Dear Parents,

Mother Nature has definitely impacted our school year. As this letter is being written it is my hope that she will usher spring in very soon. With that said, we do have to make up at least one day thus far. Therefore **school will be open on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. This was a school-specific day off just for St. Ursula. If we are closed another day, we have received permission from the Archdiocese to open on the archdiocesan professional development day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lastly if we have two more closings, at this time the plan is to extend the school year until June 14<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, this won't happen, but you will be informed in a timely fashion to make any plans needed.

Thank you to all who re-registered. With all returning families and new families our enrollment continues to enable us to keep our tuition lower than many other schools in the area.

Families have requested school pictures out of uniform. We have arranged with Galeone to take spring pictures on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Only those families who want pictures taken will receive them. All students, whether they are getting their picture taken or not, may wear other clothes that day (and Dollar Day is the following day!).

Don't forget we now have spirit wear available via XSell Promotions. This is the same store where you can buy PE clothes. If you are unsure of the sizes, we have samples of children's and adult's sizes. Just ask in the office and we will escort you to the "bins." Remember, though, that spirit wear may not be worn during the school day except during recess.

For scheduling purposes, all students in grades 2 through 8 will be taking the IOWA assessments April 1-11. More information will follow. If you need to schedule a doctor's appointment, we ask that you schedule them in the afternoon. It is much less stressful for students to take their assessments with their classmates than to make them up in an afternoon.

By now you should have submitted your letters for Race for Education, if you elected to do the fundraising in lieu of the \$325 additional fee. If you have not submitted your letters (10 for one child, 20 for more than one) please send them in immediately, even though the

prize deadline has passed. We will start billing those who didn't submit the letters at the end of the month.

Pay-it has become our means of paying for most of our lunches, events, etc. This is a result of the Archdiocesan audit's recommendations from last year. We have encountered some who have said they have completed the pay-it link but we have no acknowledgement of the transaction. Please remember that there are two times you need to hit the "submit" button. Oftentimes, there is the last one at the bottom of the page. Therefore, try to remember to scroll to the bottom of the screen.

Is your child interested in STEM? Do they like robotics and drones? St. Ursula is hosting a summer camp in conjunction with Baltimore Robotics/Star Academy from July 8-12, 2019. There will be a morning session for incoming grades 3-5 and an afternoon session for incoming grades 6-8. We need a minimum of 10 for each camp to run and there is a maximum of 20 spots available. Sign up now for the early bird discount. All information can be found at the registration link for the

<https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/ws?studioid=848976&stype=-104&sTG=35&sVT=106&sView=week&sLoc=0&date=07/08/19>

Finally, remember that school closes 30 minutes early tomorrow, March 8 due to Monsignor Baumgartner's viewing at the church and school is closed on Monday, March 11 due to the teachers' retreat.

God's blessings,

Debbie Glinowiecki

Principal