



November 4, 2019

Dear Parents,

As we embark on this month of Thanksgiving, I must first thank all of you for the many hours and energy put forth to make last month's Harvest Festival another great success. Whether you were on a committee, sold raffle tickets, volunteered to oversee a booth, baked a cake, donated to the silent auction, or one of the other many ways to contribute, the fun and enjoyment had by students, family, and friends were truly the rewards.

Also one week later, many of these same volunteers as well as others again stepped to the plate to continue a newer tradition, Trunk or Treat. Again, families truly appreciate the efforts of all that resulted in a family night together with friends.

This Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have our conference day with dismissal at 12:10. An e-blast was sent previously explaining how to sign up for a conference on the Sign-up Genius website. If you cannot locate that e-blast and haven't signed up, please contact the school office. Extended Day is open until 6:00 p.m. When arriving for conferences please use the playground doors. You will need to park on the back half of St. John's lot, near the pastor's house, before 5:00 p.m.

The fall Open House will take place on Monday, November 11 from 8:30-10:30. If you know any families who may be considering a Catholic education for their children, please encourage them to stop by and see the great things happening at SUS daily.

Please remind whoever is picking up students from afterschool activities not to park on Neifeld adjacent to the school. When this happens we cannot accommodate cars entering and exiting at the same time.

Also when ordering anything through Pay-It, please make sure you received an online acknowledgement. If you don't then your purchase was not complete. We have many children who say their parents bought hot lunch or special lunch, but when we check there is no record of the payment being processed. We are only able to provide cereal to them when this happens.

Construction is beginning on the air conditioning replacement in the gym. Work will be done after school hours and on Saturdays so as not to interfere with instruction.

The Thanksgiving season provides all of us the opportunity to pause and thank the Lord for all His blessings. I have truly been blessed to be appointed principal in 2015. As I count my blessings, I reflect on all the positive changes that have occurred in my 4 ½ year tenure. Technology has been integrated into the curriculum with the assistance of the technology integration teaching position, facilities have improved, including a new gym floor, new air conditioning units, especially in the gym, tighter security equipment, and a new health suite, to name a few. As I reflect I know that our students are receiving a highly competitive education that will help them succeed in the future. Therefore, I am announcing my retirement at the end of this school year as of June 30, 2020. The School Board and the Department of Catholic Schools will collaborate in order to find the best candidate to continue the 80 year tradition of St. Ursula School. Thank you for your support these past years and I will continue to pray for all of you and especially your children.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Debbie Glinowiecki

Principal