



April 23, 2021

Dear 8th Grade Families,

As parents, it must be difficult to imagine that graduation day now sits just over six weeks away. And while the last eight plus months have been unlike any year we could have ever imagined, we plan to honor the Class of 2021 in special ways that will continue to maintain the necessary health and safety protocols. So looking ahead, please mark your calendar with the following events:

Thursday, June 3:

As June 3rd serves as the final day on campus for the Class of 2021, we have scheduled three events in honor of this special occasion. Please note that on this day, the 8th grade will be dismissed from school at 12:30pm.

- At 10:45am, your child will take part in the “Passing the Torch of Leadership Ceremony”. This event will transfer the mantle of leadership from the Class of 2021 to the Class of 2022. This outdoor event will be held outdoors at the St. Ursula Church parking lot. For your reference, we will livestream the event so that you may virtually attend the ceremony.
- As a festive way in which to conclude their last school day, our 8th grade will also take part in the “St. Ursula Tunnel Trot” that will begin approximately at 12:15pm. For this event, the Class of 2021 will jog through a tunnel shaped pattern that will be formed by the entire student body. The “Tunnel Trot” will begin by the school flagpole and will weave around the entire school building with the end being arranged by the convent entrance that faces Harford Rd. For your reference, we will also plan to livestream this event. Please note that the 8th grade students are asked to bring lunch to school on this day. Once the “Trot” is finished, parents will be asked to pick up their 8th grader at the SU Church lot.
- Then at 6:00pm on the St. Ursula parking lot, we will gather together for a prayer service and family dinner for the 8th grade students and their families. Following our prayer service, we will announce the Presidential academic awards, other special awards, and high school scholarships. As we draw closer to the event, please expect to receive a Pay-It link that will allow you to purchase food from Chick-fil-A. If you choose not to order the food, please know that families are invited to bring their own meal to the event. However, due to COVID protocols, food brought from home should not be shared with others outside of

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your family unit. The students will be asked to wear their Class of 2021 t-shirt to this event. Each attending family member is asked to bring their own chair.

Friday, June 4:

We have scheduled the 8th grade “Pool Party” which will be held at the Pine Ridge Swim Club from 12:00pm to 4:30pm. Students are asked to bring their own lunches. However, the school will provide bottled water and bagged snacks for the students to enjoy during the afternoon. The students will not need to come to school at all on 6/4. Each family is responsible for driving their 8th grader to and from Pine Ridge.

Monday, June 7:

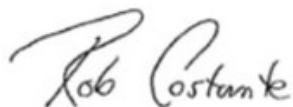
Although we would like to hold our 8th grade graduation liturgy in the St. Ursula Church, the current restrictions make that unfeasible. Therefore, the outdoor Mass will begin at 6:00pm and will be held in the church parking lot. Due to capacity restrictions, each graduate will receive four tickets for their parents or other family members to attend the Class of 2021 Mass and graduation. As this weather permitting event will be held outside, the rain date will be Thursday, June 9 at 6:00pm.

Families with other children who have graduated from St. Ursula has come to expect a small graduation fee that serves to help offset our 8th grade end of year events. With that being said, each family will be required to submit \$50 that will be payable through the following [Pay-It link](#). This fee will compensate for the following items: the graduation certificate and cover; the class t-shirt; the pool entrance fee; drinks; snacks and other food items; awards and other graduation related expenses. Each attending family member is asked to bring their own chair. For your reference, chairs will be provided for the graduates.

As we draw closer to June, please expect additional details about the various events and activities that we hope will allow us all to recognize the great impact that the Class of 2021 has had on our school community.

Thank you as always for sharing the gift of your child with St. Ursula. We remain humbled by your continued advocacy and support of HUSKY NATION.

With Great Pride for the Class of 2021,



Proud Principal of St. Ursula School