# ST. URSULA SCHOOL 2020-2021

#### <u>10-23-20</u>

"The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain. Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises towards ever wider horizons." Saint John Paul II

## *<b>FAITH FORMATION*

- <u>"Saint for the Week"</u>: <u>Saint John Paul II</u> was born Karol Józef Wojtyła on May 18 1920, in Wadowice, Poland. In 1978, JP II became the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and the first ever pope from a Slavic country. His pontificate of more than 26 years was the third longest in history. John Paul II was the most travelled pontiff in history, clocking up more than 750,000 miles around the globe which is equivalent to more than 28 times the circumference of the Earth. His feast day is celebrated on October 22 and he is recognized as the co-patron for World Youth Day. JP II held a special devotion to young people and the role they would eventually play in shaping our Catholic community.
- <u>**Harvest Mass</u>**: This Sunday, October 25, the St. Ursula School, homeschool, and religious education communities will gather together with all our parishioners to honor the Feast of St. Ursula, and celebrate the Lord in the Eucharist. As this will be an outdoor Mass, please bring your own chairs. And for your reference, face mask coverings are required when processing to receive Holy Communion. At this Harvest Mass, we invite you to share your bounty with our varied outreach organizations. Please click **HERE** for more information about this event.</u>

• **Prayer Partner Mass**: On Tuesday, October 27, the Prayer Partner group of 4C and 1C will gather in the St. Ursula Church for our weekly student only (and accompanying faculty members). Please know that we will **STREAM** this Mass.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- <u>Honoring our Veterans</u>: Although health restrictions limit our ability to honor our Veterans with an on-campus celebration, we are committed to recognizing our American heroes with a token of our gratitude for the selfless and courageous service that they have provided to our country. With this being said, if you have a family member, neighbor or friend who is an active, in-active or retired member of our United States Military (Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard or Navy), we would ask you to send their information to our school email account (<u>susoffice@stursula.org</u>). Please include their name, address, email address, branch of service, years of military service, and any war or conflict in which they served. Each submitted Veteran name will receive a note of appreciation from our students.
- <u>**Crazy Quarantine Story:**</u> The 2020-2021 school year will certainly be one that is not quickly forgotten. So as our yearbook staff works on the content, please respond if the questions below apply to you!
  - Did you experience any life events that were noticeably different in the time of COVID? New babies, hospital stays, celebrations, recitals, travel events, etc...? Or did you do anything really fun and different during quarantine?
  - Do you have any photos from this time that you could share with us? After you fill out the form, email your picture to <u>pictures@stursula.org</u> and include Crazy Quarantine Stories and your child's name and homeroom in the subject line by October 31, 2020.
  - Please tell us your story in a few sentences or less using this link <u>https://forms.gle/vcsgBzkAwjJhP6Em6</u>.

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions and if possible, please include a photo or two.

- <u>Yearbook</u>: Take advantage of the "early bird special in ordering our annual keepsake. Please click <u>HERE</u> for more information about the discounted price you will receive if you order the school yearbook.
- <u>Yearbook Ad Space</u>: As a means to celebrate members of the class of 2021, we invite our 8th grade families the opportunity to purchase ad space within our annual yearbook. Please click <u>HERE</u> for more information.



• **Hallow-Giving**: On Friday, October 30, our students are invited to wear Halloween attire in honor of this "*faBOOlous*" event. Please refer to our **HALLOW-GIVING COSTUME GUIDELINES and DONATION ITEMS** document. Included with this information are specific details about what is permissible to wear on 10/30. And as well, this document also includes information about the items that the students may bring to this weekend's Harvest Mass or may be brought to school any day next week: 10/26-10/30.

Also included as part of our Hallow-Giving event you and your family members (including grandparents!) to drive through our costume showcase. Please refer to our **HALLOW-GIVING DRIVE THRU MAP** which will offer you specific details about the costume showcase travel route. And although you may enter Manns Avenue through either the north or southbound direction of Harford Road, you will only be able to exit Neifeld Avenue by turning right on Harford Road (no left/northbound turns onto Harford Road). And lastly, you will notice that the map also includes an assigned time for your family to enter the travel route.

• <u>School Photos</u>: If your child has not yet their school photo, you are asked to please contact Galeone Photography at 410-252-5355 by next Friday, October 30.

#### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- <u>**Restaurant Night at Conrad's**</u>: Who wants to make dinner and wash the dishes when you can eat a delicious meal out and provide support to St. Ursula School. With this being said, please join us for a <u>**FUNDRAISER AT CONRAD'S**</u> any day from November 2 - November 5.
- <u>Mothers' Club</u>: Join us at the next Mother's Club meeting that is scheduled for this coming Thursday 10/29 at 6:45pm in the Spiritual Center. Help us celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Halloween by wearing pink, orange and black. Pizza and beverages will be provided so please RSVP to mothersclub@stursula.org. Hope to see you there!
- **PHSA "Husky Holiday Silent Auction":** As a reminder, the "Husky Holiday Silent Auction" will take place on December 1, 2 and 3, 2020. For this event to be a success, we need your help! The Silent Auction Committee is seeking donations from the St. Ursula School and Parish community, individual benefactors and local and regional businesses. Please consider donating goods or services. Monetary donations are always appreciated! You may choose to become a corporate sponsor by completing this **FORM**.

All donations are listed in the online Silent Auction Catalog and will be displayed there throughout the event. Contributions are now being accepted and must be received by November 20. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Zellinger at <u>SUSsilentauction@gmail.com</u>.

### **REMINDERS**

- **National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony**: On Thursday, October 29, we will induct the newest members of the National Junior Honor Society. This special event will be held in St. Ursula Church and will begin at 1:45pm. Inductees and their family members have been invited to attend this ceremony. As with any school event, safe distancing protocols will be in place in support of the health and well-being of our community members.
- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Schedule**: As a reminder, the arrangement below details our arrival and dismissal schedule for the week of October 26:
  - 7:40am and 2:40pm (SUS lot) Group 4: Se-Z
  - 7:50am and 2:50pm (SJ lot) Group 1: A-Dr
  - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SUS lot) Group 2: Du-La
  - 8:10am and 3:10pm (SJ lot) Group 3: Le-Sc



• <u>United Nation of Ursula</u>: Today we celebrated the *United Nation of Ursula Day*. This special occasion included a memorable outdoor Rosary Prayer Service that can be found find this event on our <u>FACEBOOK</u> page. The Student Council also led a civic responsibility activity today that focused on voting and the election process. The students even had a chance to vote for one of our two main party candidates. And as well, our students also created Happy "Hallow-Giving" cards for the residents at The Maples Assisted Living Center in Towson. And lastly, the students also spent time creating thank you for your service cards for our military veterans.

