

ST. URSULA SCHOOL  
2020-2021



FAST FORWARD FRIDAY

10-9-20

*"The past does not belong to me; the future is not mine; with all my soul I try to make use of the present moment."*

**Saint Maria Faustina**

 FAITH FORMATION

- **“Saint for the Week”:** **Saint Maria Faustina** was born as Helena Kowalska as the third of 10 children in what is now west-central Poland. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their religious community houses. Sister Faustina received revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors. She and her revelations are often associated with the Divine Mercy chaplet and the Divine Mercy Prayer recited daily at 3:00pm around the world.
- **Weekend Mass:** As the first teachers of the Catholic faith, you hold the keys to sharing that faith with your children. These keys start the vehicle that will drive your child to weekend Mass. Please join our Parish community each weekend at any of the four scheduled Eucharistic Celebrations: Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 7:30am and 9:00am (outside: in good weather or inside: during inclement weather) and 11:00am. Each of these Mass times are also streamed on Facebook.
- **“Breakfast with God”:** In addition to attending Mass on the weekend, your family may want to consider joining other families across our nation who gather virtually every Sunday morning to listen to the Word, pray together, and creatively express the joy of the Gospel through read-alouds, song and art. This weekly 30-minute program begins at 9:00 a.m. EST and is co-facilitated by Ms. Anne Krane and Fr. Quang Tran, SJ of Boston College. Enjoy your **Breakfast with God!**

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **Harvest Mass**: On October 25, we invite St. Ursula School, homeschool, and religious education communities to come together with all our parishioners to honor the Feast of St. Ursula, and celebrate the Lord in the Eucharist. Overflow parking will be available across the street from the church at Evans Funeral Home. 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. Their needs are: small shampoos & conditioners, toothpaste, tooth brushes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, cake mix, coffee, brown paper bags, zip sandwich bags, and aluminum foil.
- **Prayer Partner Mass**: On Tuesday, October 13, the Prayer Partner group of 1A and 6C will gather in the St. Ursula Church for our weekly student only (and assigned faculty members) mass. Please note that this week's Mass will **NOT** be a streamed event.
- **Student Council 2020-21**: Congratulations to the following Huskies who were elected to serve as the Student Council leaders for the 2020-2021 school year:
  - *President*: Sofia Schisler
  - *Vice President*: Georgia Hanna-Leverett
  - *Secretary*: Annasophia Rodriguez
  - *Class of 2021 Representatives*: Carly Hax (8A), Mirian Elekwachi (8A), Abby King (8B) and Raegan Schmith (8B)
  - *Class of 2022 Representatives*: Lily Baumgarnter (7A), Owen Zellinger (7A), Stella French (7B), Kate Hax (7B), Anna Grace Bankert (7C), Evan Hertzfelt (7C)
  - *Class of 2022 Representatives*: Jack Harper (6A), Brooke Prochaska (6A), Reid Schissler (6B), Alex Workmeister (6B)

## SAVE THE DATE

- **Interim Reports**: New this year will be an opportunity for parents in Grades 3-8 to receive a mid-trimester Interim Report. These reports will be digitally sent home on October 16.
- **Parent-Teacher Virtual Conferences**: Our Trimester 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences have been scheduled for Friday, October 23. On this day, we will follow an early dismissal schedule. The 10 minute virtual conference meetings will begin at 1:00pm and will conclude by 8:00pm.  
For your reference, on the morning of October 16, you will receive an email which will contain directions to locate the Sign-Up Genius link in which to arrange a conference appointment with your child's teacher.

- **Virtual High School Fair:** The final high school fair event is scheduled for Monday, October 19 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Please **REGISTER HERE** to sign-up for this virtual session. As a reminder, this fair is open to all middle school students.
- **School Photos:** This year's student photo day is scheduled for next Friday, October 16 (for remote learners) and Wednesday, October 21 (in-person learners).

Please note that the students are to wear their school uniform (either the summer or winter uniform) for their individual photo. NO P.E. UNIFORMS ARE TO BE WORN ON THE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY (regardless if the student has P.E. class on that day). FYI...there will be no group/class photos taken this year.

Please note that the photos will be taken in a small portion of our auditorium/gymnasium space. As such, all remote learners will enter the building by way the auditorium entrance on Neifeld Avenue.

Remote learners will arrive to campus at the following times.

- ***9:00am - Students with a last name begins with the letter A-K***
- ***9:30am - Students whose last name begins with the letter L-R***
- ***10:00am - Students whose last name begins with the letter S-Z***

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **PHSA Movie Night Has Been Cancelled:** Due to low registration, the PHSA Movie Night events have been cancelled.
- **Mothers' Club:** Celebrate the month of October by joining us at the next Mother's Club meeting that is scheduled on Thursday October 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. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, it is important to make sure you RSVP to [mothersclub@stursula.org](mailto:mothersclub@stursula.org) so that we prepare properly. Hope to see you there!
- **Fathers' Club:** The next Fathers' Club meeting is Sunday, October 11 at 7:30 PM in the Spiritual Center (behind the Church). Masks are required and social distancing protocols will be followed. All male relatives (21 and older) are encouraged to attend. Be sure to check out our mission on the Fathers' Club page and any new or potential members please 'Join Now' at the bottom of our page to be added to our email distribution. [stursula.org/resources/fathers-club](https://stursula.org/resources/fathers-club)



# REMINDERS

- **October 16 - NO SCHOOL:** As a reminder, next Friday, October 16, we will not hold any classes. This date will serve as a Professional Development Day across the Archdiocese of Baltimore where the faculty will attend various PD sessions. Therefore, please make note that there will be **NO SCHOOL ON 10-16-20.**
- **October 19 - NO SCHOOL:** On Monday, October 19, school will be closed in observance of a fall break holiday. Therefore, please make note that there will be **NO SCHOOL ON 10-19-20.**
- **The Health and Safety of our Community:** While COVID numbers have gone down in our state and community, and St. Ursula has done well in mitigating risk and exposure, we must continue to remain vigilant so as to ensure a safe learning environment. With this being said, we ask all families to remember the following:
  - Students should stay home and attend school virtually if they experience COVID like symptoms. For the purposes of this guidance, COVID like symptoms are defined as the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, fever of 100.4 or higher, chills or shaking chills, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and congestion or runny nose.
  - Communication with the school nurse is essential. If students or their family members are experiencing COVID like symptoms they must contact their physician and keep the school informed. For COVID related issues, families should call the school or email our school nurse, Christine Bauer, at [health@stursula.org](mailto:health@stursula.org).
  - Absences, both in person or virtual, must be reported to the school by the parent on the day the student is absent.
  - Please err on the side of caution each day regarding child's attendance. If symptoms are present and they physically feel up to attending class, your child may attend school virtually on that day. It is better to be safe than sorry.
  - To be considered virtually present for class requires being present. Therefore, students are expected to be on time for each class and remain in class for the allotted time period.
- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Schedule:** As a reminder, the arrangement below details our arrival and dismissal schedule for the week of October 12
  - 7:40am and 2:40pm (SJ lot) Group 3: Le-Sc
  - 7:50am and 2:50pm (SUS lot) Group 4: Se-Z
  - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SJ lot) Group 1: A-Dr
  - 8:10am and 3:10pm (SUS lot) Group 2: Du-La



- **N.U.T. Day Events:** The next scheduled Non-Uniform Today event is scheduled for Thursday, October 22. Please use the following **PAY-IT-LINK** if you would like to pay the \$1 participation fee on-line. Otherwise, after next week your child will need to bring in cash for any of our scheduled N.U.T. Day events for which your child is not already paid.
- **2019-2020 Yearbooks:** Please use the following **PAY-IT-LINK** if you are interested in obtaining a copy of last year's yearbook. We still have a handful of these memorable keepsakes available for you to purchase.

***God is Good, .All the Time. .And .All the Time, God is Good.***

