ST. URSULA SCHOOL 2020-2021



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"Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

Saint Martin de Porres

FAITH FORMATION

- "Saint for the Week": Saint Martin de Porres Martin was born in Lima, Peru, on December 9, 1579 to Don Juan de Porres, a Spanish nobleman and adventurer, and Ana Velasquez, a freed daughter of slaves from Panama. His father abandoned the family when Martin and his sister, Juana, were very young. Martin's childhood poverty did not embitter him but made him sensitive to the struggles of the poor, and especially the orphans to whom he would devote much of his time and resources. Martin began developing his prayer life at an early age. He continually prayed to know what he could do in gratitude for the immense blessings he saw in his life. Deciding upon the religious life, he applied to the Dominican Convent of the Holy Rosary where he eventually became a lay brother. Martin established the Orphanage and School of the Holy Cross, which took in boys and girls of all ages. Martin is the patron saint of social justice, racial harmony and mixed-race people.
- <u>Prayer Partner Mass</u>: On Tuesday, November 10, the Prayer Partner groups of 7A, 5B and Kindergarten B will gather in the St. Ursula Church for our weekly student only (and accompanying faculty members). Please know that you may attend this Mass through the parish's <u>FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM</u>.

& LOOKING AHEAD

- Honoring our Veterans: If you would like us to honor a family member, neighbor or friend who is an active, in-active or retired member of our United States Military, please send their information to our school email account (susoffice@stursula.org) by no later than this Sunday evening. You are asked to 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.
- Thankful Tuesday for Grandparents & Special Friends: Although COVID restrictions won't allow us to hold our traditional G & SF Day event, we want to celebrate the special role that our grandparents and special friends play in the life of our students. That said, we have designed November 24 as "Thankful Tuesday for Grandparents and Special Friends". In preparation for this day, each class will prepare a brief video that the class will email directly to the grandparent or special friend. In the coming week, we will send out a request asking you for the e-mail information of your child's grandparents or special friends. Please note that if the grandparent or special friend does not have an e-mail address, you are welcome to share the video with them.

This day will also include an opportunity for your child's grandparents or special friends to virtually join us for <u>Facebook Livestream Mass</u> at 10:15am on Tuesday, November 24.

• FACTS Grant & Aid: The application process for FACTS financial assistance is now available. Please click HERE for information regarding the application process.

SAVE THE DATE

• <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 24</u>: Please make note of the early dismissal date we have scheduled for Tuesday, November 24. Our rotational dismissal times for this day will be 12:00pm, 12:10pm, 12:20pm and 12:30pm.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

• Fathers' Club Meeting: The next meeting is this Sunday at 7:30pm in the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center. Please note that masks are required and that food and beverage will be provided. As always, new members are encouraged to attend. If you can't join us in person please join us via a ZOOM Video Link. Please note that the Passcode is f2L9ss.

• **PHSA Class Basket Donations":** All class donations for this year's online "Virtual Silent Auction" are due by November 15.

FREMINDERS

- <u>Virtual Book Fair</u>: As a reminder, from November 9 through November 22, we invite you to attend our first ever Virtual Scholastic Book Fair. Share the gift of reading with your kids while St. Ursula receives a portion of the proceeds from all purchased items. Please click <u>HERE</u> for more information.
- **<u>Drop-Off and Pick-Up Schedule</u>**: As a reminder, the arrangement below details our arrival and dismissal schedule for the week of November 9:
 - 7:40am and 2:40pm (SJ lot) Group 1: A-Dr
 - 7:50am and 2:50pm (SUS lot) Group 2: Du-La
 - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SJ lot) Group 3: Le-Sc
 - 8:10am and 3:10pm (SUS lot) Group 4: Se-Z



- **Happy 80th Anniversary St. Ursula School:** If you would like to order a t-shirt to commemorate the 80th anniversary of St. Ursula School, you may do so through this **LINK**. The deadline to order is Friday, November 20.
- PHSA Class Basket Monetary Contribution: If you would like to make a cash
 contribution to the Silent Auction class basket items, you may do so through this
 LINK.

