

**ST. URSULA SCHOOL
2020-2021**



FAST



FORWARD



FRIDAY

12-4-20

*“The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic
God’s giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves.”*

Saint Nicholas of Myra



FAITH FORMATION

- **“Saint for the Week”:** **Saint Nicholas.** Nicholas was born to a wealthy family in what is today Turkey in the latter part of the third century. When he grew up, he became the Bishop of Myra—a city in Asia Minor. Nicholas’ legend is of many stories of his gift giving. A favorite legend about Nicholas has to do with his gifts to three sisters. At that time, a woman had to have a dowry if she wanted to get married. These three sisters had no dowry. Hearing about this, Nicholas twice went to the home of the sisters and tossed the three money sacks through the open window. By the time he came for the third sister, the father had locked the windows and stood guard to find out who was generously giving this gold. As Nicholas did not want to be recognized for his actions, he instead went around the house and threw the third bag of gold down the chimney. Nicholas serves as the patron saint of children and his feast day is celebrated this Sunday, December 9.
- **Prayer Partner Mass:** This week’s Prayer-Partner Mass will be held for 5C and 3A on Tuesday, December 8 at 10:15am. As always, you may join us virtually at Mass by accessing the parish’s **FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM**.

- **Advent:** This past Sunday marked the beginning of the Advent. During this blessed season, the St. Ursula community joyously awaits the birth of Christ. As you arrive to campus each morning, please take notice of the windows in the classrooms throughout our building. On the windows you will notice a number of angels surrounding the empty manger in anticipation of the birth of Christ. And even with our COVID, we have found a creative way to pray around the Advent wreath. To this point, each morning we “light” the Advent wreath and offer a special reflection over the PA system. And on each floor of the building, we have one or more wreathes that selected students “light” (battery operated candle) each morning. In addition, classes will often display a digital video of the lighting of a wreath. Try as the pandemic may, COVID can not stop HUSKY NATION from celebrating the joy of the Advent season.
 - **Family Resources:** Below are a few resources that might be of interest to you as your family celebrate the traditions and practices of our Catholic faith.

[ADVENT CALENDAR](#)

[ADVENT WREATH AND BLESSING](#)

[ADVENT WEEK THEME ONE VIDEO - HOPE](#)

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Adopt-A-Family:** This Advent brings with it a wonderful opportunity for HUSKY NATION to share a bit of Christmas joy with others. To this point, we have partnered with St. Ann's Parish in Baltimore as a supporting participant in their "Adopt-A-Family" program. This special service project will allow us to share the Light of Christ with those in need. With this being said, we have assigned one family per grade level and are inviting the St. Ursula community to donate a wrapped gift or wrapped household item (new gifts and items please) in support of that family. At this point, you have likely received a sign-up link from your child's homeroom teacher or PHSA class representative parent inviting you to participate. In our attempts to personalize this gift giving process, the names, ages, and sizes of the family members, as well as their household needs (dish cloths, utensils, cookware, etc.) have been provided to each grade level. So, as you consider your family's means in which to take part in this Christian service activity, please know that your participation is completely voluntary. Therefore, know well that any involvement you are able to offer would be greatly appreciated, including your prayers. Thus, we appreciate the prayers you might offer on behalf of the children and parents who have requested help thru the St. Ann's Adopt-A-Family program.
- **Trimester 1 Progress Reports:** Please note that Trimester 1 Progress Reports were emailed home earlier today. As with the Interim Reports that were sent home in October (to grades 3-8), the distribution of our end of trimester Progress Reports will all be distributed electronically. **Please be aware that this digital report is only available for printing and/or saving for 364 days from the date of receipt.**

- **First Communion:**

A parent informational meeting for those preparing children for First Communion or First Reconciliation will be held on the following dates. Please only attend one. For seating purposes, please sign up for a time [HERE](#). Thank you for your patience.

- Saturday, December 12, from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Sunday, December 13, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
- Monday, December 14 at 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM, or 8:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 15 from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (virtual)

SAVE THE DATE

- **Tuesday, December 22:** Our final day before Christmas break is Tuesday, December 22. Please know that this is a full school day so our dismissal groups begin at our typical time 2:40 PM.

Although extended day will be available on 12/22, please make note that **the extended day center will close at 5:00 PM** that afternoon.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **PHSA Silent Auction Update:** As the Auction concluded last night, we are excited to share that the preliminary results report a gross income of **\$14,022** (\$1,300 from Corporate Sponsors and \$12,722 from bids). We would like to thank all those who solicited contributions, donated items, and/or offered bids. And as well, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Jen Zellinger (Silent Auction Chair) and the rest of the Auction Committee for all of their efforts to make this such a successful event. Well done HUSKY NATION!
- **PHSA Restaurant Spirit Night Fundraiser:** What better way to support our school and take a night off from preparing a meal and cleaning dishes then taking part in the restaurant spirit night fundraiser? The PHSA invites you to the Chick-fil-A Spirit Night event that is scheduled for next Thursday, December 10th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Joppa Road location. Please share this [FLYER](#) with family and friends.

REMINDERS

- **Extended Day Location Change:** Beginning this Monday, December 7, the Extended Day Program will be held in our cafeteria. Therefore, please use the entrance on the corner of Manns Avenue and Harford Road when you are dropping off or picking up your child(ren) from the Extended Day Program.

- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Schedule:** As a reminder, the arrangement below details our arrival and dismissal schedule for the week of December 7:
 - 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

