

ST. URSULA SCHOOL

2020-2021



FAST FORWARD FRIDAY

6-4-21

“The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.”

Saint Boniface

FAITH FORMATION

- **Saint for the Week:** **Saint Boniface.** As we continue our yearlong study of “Our Friends in High Places”, this week our community celebrated the life of Saint Joan of Arc. The following offers a few highlights about her life:
 - Born in England in 680.
 - He was a gifted teacher and had an attractive personality, and was ordained a priest at the age of 30.
 - He traveled to Germany, where he journeyed and evangelized the faith to the people throughout the countryside and cities.
 - Boniface is recognized as the patron saint of Brewers and Tailors and his feast day is June 5.
 - Boniface went on to systematically evangelize central Germany, founding churches, formed dioceses, organizing the hierarchy and established a number of monasteries as centers of learning and faith.
 - At the age of 73, he returned to the mission fields, finding new people who had not yet encountered the Gospel. One evening, his encampment was attacked by pagans, and he was the first killed as a Christian martyr
- **School-Wide Mass:** We will celebrate a school-wide end of the year Mass on Thursday, June 10 at 10:15am in the St. Ursula Church parking lot. **Please know that parents and other family members are invited to attend this Mass. Attending guests are asked to bring their own chairs.**

For those unable to attend, please know that you may join us via our school **FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM** service.

- **St. Ursula Parish - Vacation Bible School:** Please click [HERE](#) for an informational flyer regarding our parish Virtual Bible School scheduled for July 5-9.
- **[REMINDER] Parish Community Service:** Join us as we serve the community this summer! From July 12-29, we will feed the hungry, create personal care packages for shelters, care for the environment, and more. Join for a day, a week, or more. Open to all (younger parishioners with a parent or sibling). High School service hours are available. Please contact Laura Weatherington in the parish office for more information, or register [HERE](#)

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Last Day of School:** This coming Thursday, June 10 is the final class day of the 2020-2021 school year. Please note that our dismissal group rotation will begin at 12:00pm.
- **Outdoor Lunch:** Looking ahead to the warm weather of next week, we have planned an outdoor lunch for all grade levels on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- **Opening of School - Service Day Project:** As we usher in the 2021-2022 academic year, what better way to begin the year than involving our students and families in an act of Christian Service?! With this being said, we have partnered with First Fruit Farms in Freeland, Maryland for a morning of picking potatoes and other vegetables. These food items will be provided to soup kitchens and other food distribution centers that provide healthy nourishment to the disadvantaged and the needy.

For this event, families will be asked to carpool and arrive at First Fruit Farms between 8:30am and 8:45am on Monday, August 30. The service project will conclude by 11:30am. However, for those that are interested, families will be invited to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy while relaxing on the farm after our **Huskies Helping to Halt Hunger** project. Please note that Virtus trained parents are invited to volunteer at the farm along with our entire student body. More information to follow later this summer.

- **Summer Work:** By Thursday, June 10, you should expect to receive a link that will provide you with grade level information regarding summer work for both ELA and Math.
- **[REMINDER] Summer Office Hours:** Beginning on Monday, June 14, the school office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 1:00pm.
- **[REMINDER] Arrival and Dismissal Rotation:** The rotational arrangement listed below details the new monthly arrival and dismissal schedule that will continue through Thursday, June 11:
 - 7:40am and 2:40pm (SUS lot) Group 2: Du-La
 - 7:50am and 2:50pm (SJ lot) Group 3: Le-Sc
 - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SUS lot) Group 4: Se-Z
 - 8:10am and 3:10pm (SJ lot) Group 1: A-Dr

SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, June 7:** Class of 2021 Graduation Mass
- **Thursday, June 10:** Last Day of School - Early Dismissal Begins at 12:00pm
- **Monday, August 30:** The First day of the 2021-2022 School Year
- **Monday, August 30:** Huskies Helping to **Halt Hunger** Service Day at First Fruit Farms
- **Monday, June 6:** Class of 2022 Graduation

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Class of 2021 Slide Show:** We would like to thank our PHSA 7th Grade Class Representatives – Stacey Phelps and Christina Baumgartner for the many hours that spent putting together the Class of 2021 video montage for our 8th grade families. Thank you!
- **[REMINDER] PHSA End of Year Summer Yeti Cooler Raffle:** It is not too late to purchase your ticket for the PHSA's end of year summer raffle. Take a chance on winning a Yeti cooler filled with all kinds of summer items and gift cards worth over \$750. We will also have a second and third place winner that will receive gift cards valued at over \$100. Purchases may be made until this Monday, June 7 with the drawing scheduled for Wednesday, June 9. Please refer to the Pay-It link below to purchase your tickets and to see a photograph of included items. Good Luck!

UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **“Hooray for HUSKY NATION” P.A.C.K. Day:** Our students have been amazing this year. And as a small gesture of gratitude, we will invite all students to enjoy a no cost “Hooray for HUSKY NATION” P.A.C.K. Day that we have arranged for Thursday, June 10.
- **Power School:** In preparation for progress reports, please note that we have closed Power School as of today, Friday, June 4 as we prepare for the end of the year grade reports.
- **Final “Fast Forward Friday Newsletter”:** Please note that this edition serves as the final edition of the “Fast Forward Friday” Newsletter for the 2020-2022 school year. The next edition of the newsletter will return on Friday, September 3, 2021.
- **[REMINDER] Chromebook Return for In-Person Learners:** In-person learners are expected to return their textbooks and school issued technology devices and its assigned charging cord during school on the following days:
 - Grades 4 and 5: Monday, June 7
 - Grades 6 and 7: Tuesday, June 8

- **[REMINDER] Chromebook AND Textbook Return for Remote Learners:**
Remote learners are expected to return their textbooks and school issued technology devices and its assigned charging cord on the following days:
 - Grades K-7: Wednesday, June 9 from 3:15pm - 4:00pm (in front of the gymnasium entrance). If that dates and time doesn't work, these items may be returned on Thursday, June 10 from 1:00pm - 1:45pm (in front of the gymnasium entrance).



- **Summer Yeti Cooler:** Use this **PAY-IT LINK** to purchase your raffle tickets.

