

ST. URSULA SCHOOL
2020-2021



FAST FORWARD FRIDAY

9-11-20

 FAITH FORMATION

- **Prayers Today**: As we observe the 19th anniversary of the terrorist bombings that occurred on 9-11-01 in New York, Washington D.C., and Shanksville, PA.; we unite our hearts in prayer to all the lives that were affected on this fateful day.
- **“Saint for the Week”**: **St. Peter Claver** serves as the patron saint for African missions and those enslaved. As a Jesuit priest and missionary, Peter is said to have baptized more than 300,000 slaves that had come through the port in Cartegna, Columbia. His feast day is celebrated on September 9.

 LOOKING AHEAD

- **Family Service Hours**: As we are not permitted to have volunteers in the building and the majority of fundraising events are in a holding pattern, we have temporarily suspended service hours and will reduce your total commitment by 8 hours. However, as we are optimistic about future volunteer possibilities, please be on the lookout for service opportunities during the latter part of autumn.
- **Prayer Partner Mass**: On Tuesday, September 15, the Prayer Partner group of 3B and 5A will gather in the St. Ursula Church for our weekly student only (and assigned faculty members) mass. Please know that this Mass will be streamed.
- **“Back to School Mass”**: Next Sunday, September 20 at 9:00am, our faith community will celebrate *Catechetical Sunday*. This special event will also serve as our “Back to School Mass” that is scheduled to be held on the parking lot of St. Ursula Church. This outdoor Mass will celebrate the unique role that all catechists play in the lives of our students. And as well, this Eucharistic celebration will serve as an official spiritual “welcome back” for all of our students and teachers. As this Mass will be held outdoors, please BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair) and join us for a very special "Back to School Mass".

- **Scantron Testing:** As you may or may not know, schools within the Archdiocese of Baltimore will no longer administer the IOWA tests. Instead, we will now use *Scantron* as our educational testing tool. This test will be comprised of four subject area tests and will take approximately one hour to complete each of these tests. Please note that the test is untimed so all students are able to take the test with their assigned cohort group. Please note that remote learners will take the *Scantron* at home at the same time that our in-person learners will take their test at school. Please refrain from scheduling any doctor's appointments during administration of the test that will occur over the following four days:
 - *Tuesday, September 29* – **MATH**
 - *Wednesday, September 30* – **READING**
 - *Thursday, October 1* – **ELA**
 - *Friday, October 2* – **SCIENCE**

SAVE THE DATE

- **Parent-Student Reunification Drill:** Is scheduled for Monday, September 28. As we will evacuate the building as part of our drill, please note that there will be NO Afternoon Care services available on this day. Additional information will be sent home in a forthcoming email.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Are scheduled for Friday, October 23. On this day, we will follow an early dismissal schedule so as to accommodate the afternoon conference meetings.
 - Please note that this conference day is in place of the Parent-Teacher Conferences that were previously scheduled for Friday, November 6. As a result of this change, November 6 is no longer an early dismissal day. Instead, we will dismiss on November 6 at our regular afternoon times.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Mother's Club:** Invites you to attend their first meeting of the year. This meeting will be held in the Spiritual Center in the basement of St. Ursula Church at 6:45pm on Thursday, September 17. Masks are required and social distancing protocols will be followed. Attending guests must RSVP to mothersclub@stursula.org so as to properly arrange the room.
- **Father's Club:** Invites you to their first meeting of the year which is scheduled for this Sunday, September 13 at 7:30pm in the Spiritual Center in the basement of St. Ursula 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: stursula.org/resources/fathers-club. As well, any new or potential member is asked to complete the information that is found in the “Join Now” section that is located at the bottom of our webpage. By “joining”, you will then be added to the Father’s Club email distribution list.

- **Cub Scouts:** Pack 26 is open to both Boys and Girls in Kindergarten through grade 5. For more information about this family friendly activity, please contact Nick Mitrus at nmitrus@yahoo.com. Please click [HERE](#) for an information flyer.

REMINDERS

- **In-Person Learning:** If your child is at home (for illness or other reason) and your child is able to attend remotely, you are asked to please email your child’s teacher(s) before the start of that school day. As our teachers prepare for those students that are expected to attend school remotely, the addition of any remote learning student for a particular day is expected to begin with communication from home to school (your child’s teachers).
- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Schedule:** As a reminder, the arrangement below details our arrival and dismissal schedule through September 18:
 - 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

PAY-IT LINKS

- **N.U.T. Days:** The following Pay-It Link will allow you to pay for the monthly N.U.T. Day (No-Uniform Today) events we have scheduled for this coming year. Please note that these scheduled events will require a \$1 participation fee.
 - <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/VgECponI>

“We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips.”

St. Peter Claver

