

ST. URSULA SCHOOL
2020-2021



FAST
FORWARD
FRIDAY

9-25-20

 **FAITH FORMATION**

- **“Saint for the Week”:** **St. Pius Pietrelcina** was a Capuchin Franciscan priest, often referred to as Friars. Padre Pio (as he became affectionately known) who lived a life of extreme poverty, strictness and simpleness. During his early years as a Friar, he was drafted during World War I and served in the Italian Army as a member of the medical corps. He is often remembered for the stigmata he had on his hands (physical markings that correspond to those that were left on Jesus’ body after his crucifixion). He serves as the patron saint for adolescents and for stress relief and his feast day is celebrated on September 23.

 **LOOKING AHEAD**

- **Student Council Elections:** Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 who completed the required number of leadership workshops during the 2019-2020 school year will be receiving a Google Classroom invitation this weekend. Questions about running for office may be directed to Ms. White or Mrs. Madgar.
- **Prayer Partner Mass:** On Tuesday, September 29, the Prayer Partner group of 6A and 2B 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.
- **Scantron Testing:** The *Scantron* testing will begin this coming week and will follow the schedule below. Please note that both in-person and remote learners will take these tests at the same time:
 - *Wednesday, September 30 – MATH*
 - *Thursday, October 1 – READING*
 - *Friday, October 2 – ELA*

SAVE THE DATE

- **Parent-Student Reunification Drill:** Is scheduled for the afternoon of Monday September 28. As a reminder, there will be NO Afternoon Care services available on this day. In anticipation of our walk to Parkville High School, all students are asked to wear sneakers to school on this day. Please also remember that all students will leave their book bags at school (which will includes their technology device).

No lunch boxes are to be brought to school on this day. Instead, students are asked to bring in a brown bag lunch. All lunch container items are to be disposable (including water bottles).

Please refer to the email that was sent on Monday for all of the necessary details.

- **Virtual High School Fair:** This high school fairs this year will be arranged virtually on following three days: Monday, September 28, Tuesday, October 6, and Monday, October 19. The time frame for each of these events is 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Please **REGISTER HERE** to sign-up for any of these three virtual sessions. As a reminder, the fairs are open to all middle school students.
- **School Photos:** Just a reminder, this year's student photo day is scheduled for Friday, October 16 (for remote learners) and Wednesday, October 21 (in-person learners). Remote learners will arrive alphabetically 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 Nights:** Our parent organization is hosting an outdoor movie on the parking lot of St. Ursula Church on **October 9 (grades Pre-K, K and 1)** and **October 16 (grades 2-5)**. The cost is \$1 per child and \$2 per adult. A concession stand with pre-packaged food and drink items will be available to families. And finally, please know that this volunteer assignment will earn service hours. More information to follow next week.
- **Mother's Club:** We welcome you to become an official member of the Mothers' Club. Join us for monthly meetings, activities and so much more. Go to this **LINK** to pay your dues.
- **Digital Resources for Students with Enoch Pratt:** The Maryland State Library Resource Center provides a variety of digital resources for students. All students need to do is apply for and use their Enoch Pratt Library Card. Please click **HERE** for more information on how to access the free resources.

- **PHSA “Husky Holiday Silent Auction”**: Each year, St. Ursula School holds a Silent Auction in conjunction with the annual Harvest Festival. In this unconventional year, we will host our Silent Auction completely online following the start of Advent. The “**Husky Holiday Silent Auction**” will take place on December 1, 2 and 3, 2020. For this to be a success we need your help! The Silent Auction Committee is seeking donations from the St. Ursula School and Parish community, individual benefactors and local and regional businesses. Please consider donating goods or services. Monetary donations are always appreciated! You may choose to become a corporate sponsor by completing this **FORM**.

We are relying heavily on this virtual fundraiser given the current pandemic and our inability to hold our normal in person events. All donations are listed in the online Silent Auction Catalog and displayed there throughout the event. Contributions are now being accepted and must be received by November 20. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Zellinger at SUSsilentauktion@gmail.com.

REMINDERS

- **Student Appearance**: Please refer to the following student appearance policy:
 - *Hair*
 - Hair must be worn away from the face and is to be the child’s natural color at all times.
 - No colored braids.
 - No extreme hairstyles. Hair must not be longer than the top of the shirt collar and should not hamper their vision.
 - Hair jewelry is not permitted.
 - Shaved styling or extreme haircuts are not acceptable.
 - It is at the discretion of the school principal to determine the appropriateness of a particular hairstyle.
 - *Jewelry*
 - Students may wear a traditional watch (one that ONLY tells time and is not connected to the internet).
 - Girls may wear 1 pair of post earrings, nothing dangling below the ear.
 - Boys may not wear any earrings.
 - Students are permitted to wear a religious medal.
 - *Nail polish*
 - Girls - Only clear nail polish is allowed.
 - Acrylic, false and gel nails are not permitted.
 - Boys - No nail polish is allowed.
 - *Accessories*
 - No large hair ribbons, bandanas, or hats to be worn during school.
 - No make-up.



- **Chromebooks:** As a reminder, students MUST come to school with their Chromebook fully charged. We do not have the capacity to charge these devices for the students.
- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Schedule:** As a reminder, the arrangement below details our arrival and dismissal schedule for the week of September 28:
 - 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



- **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.
- **School Rewards Programs:** Please click [HERE](#) for more information about Weis4School, Box Tops for Education, Amazon Smile, Coca Cola Rewards, Office Depot and coming soon, Harris Teeter Rewards.

“Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer.”

St. Pius Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

