ST. URSULA SCHOOL 2020-2021



FAITH FORMATION

- Our "Saint for the Week" has been <u>St. Teresa of Calcutta</u>. She serves as the patron saint of World Youth Day and her feast day is celebrated tomorrow, September 5.
- This morning we celebrated our first campus wide Mass (streamed) for the 2020-2021 school year. And although our Liturgy of the Eucharist celebration found us gathering in separate classrooms, it was a blessing to reunite ourselves in the presence of the Lord.
- During today's homily, Fr. Jason shared with the students that the Latin word for Disciple is *Discipulus* which is translated to mean "student". So as disciples for Christ, we are learning our faith, practicing our faith and growing in our faith as Christian "students".
- With our goal to continue to engage our students in the sacramental practice of our faith, Fr. Jason has generously agreed to celebrate a special student (and assigned faculty members) Mass that will be held each week in the St. Ursula Church. This student only gathering will assign Prayer Partner groups to attend Mass in our church. In keeping with proper social distancing procedures, our younger Prayer Partner mentees will sit on one side of the church, while our older Prayer Partner mentors will sit on the other side of the church. We will of course follow appropriate social distancing guidelines. Our student only Mass celebration will begin at 10:15am on Tuesdays. This coming week will be attended by the Prayer Partner group of 8B and 4A.

*LOOKING AHEAD

- Our "Virtual Back to School Night" events are scheduled for this Tuesday, September 8 (Grades 6 to 8) and Wednesday, September 9 (Grades Pre-K to 5).
 - Each grade level will begin their evening with prayer and opening remarks that can be viewed through our <u>St. Ursula School Facebook</u> account. As our account is public, please note that you do not need to have a Facebook

- account in which to view the evening's "introduction and welcome" portion of the event.
- For your reference, the "introduction welcome" will begin at 6:30pm for grades Pre-K to 6 (on their assigned date) and will begin at 6:55pm for grade 7 and will begin at 7:20pm for grade 8 (on their assigned date).
- Each grade level will receive an individual Zoom invite as a means in which to attend this event. The invite will be sent to you on the day of your BTSN event.
- Following the introduction and welcome, each grade level group of faculty members will provide you with a brief overview of your child's core academic courses.
- As an additional reference point, the "introduction and welcome" will be the same for each of the grade levels. Therefore, if you have multiple children in our school, please note that you will only need to view this portion of the event once.

SAVE THE DATE

- Our Emergency Response Plan will include a Parent-Student Reunification Drill that has been scheduled for Monday, September 28. Please note that on that day, you will receive a text alert sometime after 2:00pm that will direct you to pick your child up on the campus of Parkville High School. This site serves as our off-campus safe staging area. Please note that there will be no Extended Care services available on this day. As such, the entire school community will evacuate from the building. For information to follow in the coming weeks.
- Our Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Friday, October 23. More information will follow as we draw closer to this event.

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Mother's Club: Although things will look a bit different this year, the Mother's
 Club is honored to invite all the SUS moms, grandmothers, aunts and other
 female caregivers to our first meeting of the year. This meeting is for adults only
 and we will follow COVID guidelines. Masks are required and we will have chairs
 set up in a socially distanced setting.
 - The meeting will be held in the Spiritual Center of St. Ursula Church at 6:45pm on Thursday, September 17. Beverages and food will be provided (which will not require "sharing". Attending guests must RSVP to mothersclub@stursula.org (so that the Spiritual Center can be properly and safely arranged).

• Father's Club: The "Husky Dog Dads" are ready for another great year. Please join us for our first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 13 at 7:30pm. The gathering will be held either outside in the church parking lot (weather permitting) or in the Spiritual Center of St. Ursula Church (should weather require).



FREMINDERS

• Thank you for the amazing flexibility you have offered to our arrival and dismissal! As we have become extremely efficient in just five days' time, please note that once the line of cars stops after the 8:10am drop-off time, the staff will begin to move into the building. Therefore, if you do not see a faculty member outside on Neifeld Avenue after the 8:10am drop-off shift, please go around to Manns Avenue to check your child in by way of our main office.

PAY-IT LINKS

None to list at this time.

"Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

