ST. URSULA SCHOOL 2020-2021

<u>1-22-21</u>

"What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience."

Saint Francis de Sales

<i>(FAITH FORMATION

- "Saint for the Week": Saint Francis de Sales. Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his Father's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and knew he had to tell his parents of his wish to live a religious life. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva. At 35, Francis became the bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese, he nonetheless made time to continue to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. Moreover, Francis would become known as a prolific writer. In addition to his two well-known books, the Introduction to the Devout Life and A Treatise on the Love of God, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people so that we understand that we too are called to be saints. He is the patron saint of journalists, writers and the deaf. His feast day is January 24 and he is recognized as a Doctor of the Church.
- **<u>Prayer Partner Mass</u>**: This week's Prayer-Partner Mass will be held for 8B and 4A on Tuesday, January 26 at 10:15am. As always, you may join us virtually at Mass by accessing the parish's **<u>ST. URSULA PARISH FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM</u>**.

COOKING AHEAD

- **Trimester 2 Scantron Testing:** Next week we will conclude our Trimester 2 Scantron assessments with the Reading test that is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27.
- <u>Arrival and Dismissal Rotation</u>: As a reminder, throughout the entire month of January, we will follow the arrival and dismissal schedule listed below:
 - $\circ~$ 7:40am and 2:40pm (SJ lot) Group 1: A-Dr
 - o 7:50am and 2:50pm (SUS lot) Group 2: Du-La
 - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SJ lot) Group 3: Le-Sc
 - \circ $\,$ 8:10am and 3:10pm (SUS lot) Group 4: Se-Z $\,$



- **Friday, February 5 Early Dismissal Day:** As we conclude our Catholic Schools Week, please note that Friday, February 5 is an early dismissal day.
- **Monday, February 8 NO SCHOOL:** As a reminder, school will be closed on Monday, February 8 as our faculty participate in our annual spiritual retreat day.
- Monday, February 15 NO SCHOOL: As a reminder, school will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- <u>**Thank You Student Speakers**</u>: A note of appreciation to the following 8th grade students who will speak at Mass this weekend and offer their personal perspective of the value of our Catholic school program. We remain grateful to our parish for their continued support of the annual Tuition Assistance Appeal that will be presented this weekend.
 - Finn Rutledge (5:00pm); Olivia Schaub (7:30am); Sofia Schisler (9:00am); Raegan Schmith (11:00am)
- **Faculty & Staff Appreciation Donation**: As Catholic Schools Week approaches, the PHSA also celebrates our Faculty & Staff during that week. In keeping with this tradition, we invite you to donate to this collection project. Please note that he deadline to contribute is Tuesday, February 2. Please refer to the *Pay-It* link below to make your donation.
- **PHSA 50/50 Raffle**: We are in the final days of our PHSA 50/50 raffle! As of today's sales, the winning recipient would receive \$1,512. The winner will be announced LIVE on the **PHSA Facebook** next Thursday, January 28 at 4pm! Please refer to the *Pay-It* link below to purchase your tickets.

SUPDATES & REMINDERS

- **Trimester 2 Interim Reports:** As a reminder, on Friday, January 29, families with students in grades 3 to 8 will receive an Interim Report for Trimester 2. This grade report will provide you with an academic glimpse into where your child is at this point of the trimester. And with five plus weeks left to go in the trimester, this time frame will offer ample time for your child to either improve a less than satisfactory grade or to maintain continued achievement and success within each subject area.
- <u>Enrollment Registration</u>: As a reminder, all returning families are asked to complete the re-enrollment process by next Friday, January 29. Our retainment goal for current families is 92%. And as of today, we currently have 45% of our returning families have fully completed their re-registration process. So don't delay, re-register today!
- <u>"Let gLOVE Grow" Project</u>: We need gLOVEs, gLOVEs, gLOVEs! So while you are out shopping this weekend, please consider picking up a pair of adult sized gLOVEs that will be donated to Our Daily Bread. We need 626 gLOVEs and you have until January 27 to drop them off to school. And please know that we are happy to collect additional pairs from anyone who would like to donate more than one pair of gLOVEs.
- **<u>Student Talent Sharing Showcase</u>:** As a reminder, we are inviting your child to take part in the first ever virtual *Talent Sharing Showcase*. Students are asked to create a *Flipgrid* video showcasing their school-appropriate talent (one per person, please). Please click **HERE** for information. Video submissions are due this Monday, January 25. Thank you for encouraging your child to share their God given talents with this special activity.
- <u>8th Grade Photos Needed for the Yearbook</u>: We are collecting pictures of our 8th grade students through their years at S.U.S.. Please click <u>HERE</u> for more information.
- <u>Catholic Schools Week</u>: Please click <u>HERE</u> or an overview of the week's events.



- **50/50 Raffle**: Tickets for our PHSA 50/50 raffle are as follows: one for \$5 or five for \$20. You can purchase your tickets through this <u>PAY-IT Link</u>.
- Teacher Appreciation Donation: Make your donation through this PAY-IT Link

