



FAST



FORWARD



FRIDAY

1-29-21

*“If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our efforts on educating young people in Christianity. Experience has taught me that caring for young people is the only way to achieve a sustainable civil society.”*

**Saint John Bosco**



## FAITH FORMATION

- **“Saint for the Week”:** **Saint John Bosco.** Giovanni Melchiorre Bosco was born in Becchi, Italy, on August 16, 1815. Although John lost his father at the age of two, John was raised by a deeply devout mother in a house filled with love. As a youngster, John was encouraged by a priest to enter the seminary. As an ordained priest, Fr. John Bosco would be known for his ability to handle the most difficult of young men who were often poor and without a home. For this reason, John would eventually be able to acquire a house for himself and 40 boys. And in the first six years, the number of boys at the house grew to 150. John Bosco gave a father’s care to rowdy, neglected boys. For this reason, John was known as the “friend of boys” and is often called Don, which means Father. Included as part of their education, Don Bosco would train the boys to be shoemakers and tailors. His schools and homes also offered the boys, in addition to getting a religious education, the opportunity to learn to play musical instruments, perform in plays, and engage in sports. During the second half of his life in ministry, John would begin a religious community of priests which is still active today. Because John admired Francis de Sales, he named the group the Salesians. And as he also wanted to help the young girls who were also neglected, he and St. Mary Mazzarello began a community of Sisters called the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians. At the end of his life after decades dedicated to the needs of young people, the testimony to his ministry was evident by the 40,000 people who came to his wake when he died in 1888. He is recognized as the patron saint of the youth, editors and magicians. His feast day is this Sunday, January 31.

- **This Week's Mass:** Instead of our typical Prayer-Partner Mass this week, you and your family are invited to join us virtually for a special Mass on Thursday, February 4. During this faculty and staff Mass, we will also recognize our Teacher and Staff member of the year recipients. We will also recognize the recipient of The Kelly Award which honors the volunteer of the year. You may join us at Mass by accessing the **ST. URSULA PARISH FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **Catholic Schools Week:** The week of February 1 is certain to be festive. For your planning purposes, you may refer to this **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CALENDAR.** The following notes will provide you with some important details:
  - **Monday: Student Appreciation Day**
    - P.A.C.K. Day (No Fee)
    - No Homework Pass for the students
  - **Tuesday: Parent Appreciation Day**
    - Sweet Treat for Parents during Morning Drop-Off
    - Virtual Class Visitations (the teachers will send parents the invite link)
  - **Wednesday: Service Day**
    - Watch our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade along Harford Rd. showcase our “*We come from a long line of gLOVE*” collection project for Our Daily Bread
  - **Thursday: Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day**
    - Please virtually join us as we celebrate Mass and honor the *Teacher of the Year, Staff Member of the Year, and The Kelly Award* recipient. You may attend via the **ST. URSULA PARISH LIVESTREAM**
    - Virtual Band Concert
  - **Friday: Spirit Day**
    - Blue & Gold P.A.C.K. Day (No Fee)
    - **ST. URSULA SCHOOL LIVESTREAM** Events: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Championship, Class Cheer, Pie the Principal
    - Early Dismissal Day
    - Virtual Band Concert
- **Arrival and Dismissal Rotation:** As this Monday begins a new month, our rotational arrangement listed below details the arrival and dismissal schedule for all of February:
  - 7:40am and 2:40pm (SUS lot) Group 1: Du-La
  - 7:50am and 2:50pm (SJ lot) Group 2: Le-Sc
  - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SUS lot) Group 3: Se-Z
  - 8:10am and 3:10pm (SJ lot) Group 4: A-Dr



## SAVE THE DATE

- **Friday, February 5 – Early Dismissal Day:** As a reminder, as we conclude our Catholic Schools Week, please note that this coming 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.
- **Wednesday, February 17 – Ash Wednesday:** On this day, our students will receive ashes as part of our formal observance for the start of the Lenten season. Please note that as modeled by Pope Francis, the ashes are sprinkled above the individual’s head so that immediate contact is avoided. For your reference, all students (regardless if they are Catholic) are welcome to receive ashes.
- **Wednesday, February 17 – Possible Early Dismissal Day:** Although it has not yet been fully confirmed, there is a strong possibility that we will need to follow an early dismissal schedule on this day. A move from a 2:40pm dismissal to a 12:00pm dismissal on this day will allow our faculty and staff the opportunity to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. Once confirmed, we will notify parents immediately of this necessary calendar change. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding.



## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **PHSA:** Experience the right way to fund raise! Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money for our organization. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted. Here is how it works:
  - Buy gift cards at face value
  - Earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy
  - Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases.
  - Get started.
  - Create an account on the Raise Right app or at ShopwithScrip.com using our organization’s enrollment code: 139166B33242.
  - Check out by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.
  - Have questions? Contact: Ellie Wilfong at [ewilfong2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ewilfong2000@yahoo.com).
- **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 the deadline to contribute is Tuesday, February 2. Please refer to the *Pay-It* link below to make your donation.

- **PHSA 50/50 Raffle**: Congratulations to Deanna Aybar who was the winner of our 50/50 Raffle! We also want to thank Heather Myers and Amanda Hairfield for their organizational leadership of this event.

## UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **Boxes of Raisins**: We are in need of 1 ounce boxes of raisins to fill each of our Blessing Bags with raisins. Therefore, if you are out shopping this weekend and might be able to pick up any number of packages of raisins, that would be a great help!
- **Lucky 1500**: Be on the lookout for the “Lucky 1500” tickets which will be coming home next week. As part of our enrollment contract, each family is required to sell two tickets for this raffle ticket event. The weekly prizes will begin to be drawn on February 15, 2021.
- **Inclement Weather Update**: Looking ahead to Sunday’s expected snow fall, if we are off school on Monday, that would be the last of the three snow days that we had built into the school calendar. So moving forward, any day following this third inclement weather day will automatically become a virtual learning day with all of our classes meeting at their regular time. If by chance we are off on both Monday and Tuesday of next week, TUESDAY WILL BE A REMOTE LEARNING DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS.
- **Enrollment Registration**: As a reminder, all returning families are asked to complete the re-enrollment process by this today. Our retainment goal for current families is 92%. And as of today, we currently have 68% of our returning families have fully completed their re-registration process. If you haven’t yet completed your registration and our planning to do so, we appreciate your taking the time over the weekend to re-register your child(ren).
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Photos Needed for the Yearbook**: We are collecting pictures of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students through their years at S.U.S. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

## PAY-IT LINKS

- **Teacher Appreciation Donation**: Make your donation through this [PAY-IT Link](#)

