

ST. URSULA SCHOOL
2020-2021



FAST
 **FORWARD** 
FRIDAY

1-8-21

“Let your chief study be to acquaint yourself with God because there is nothing greater than God, and because it is the only knowledge which can fill the heart with peace and joy, which nothing can disturb.”

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



FAITH FORMATION

- **“Saint for the Week”:** **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.** If you were to ask who was the first person born in the United States to be declared a saint? Who opened the first American Catholic parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage? Who founded the first native American religious community of women? The answers to all these questions would be the same: Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton. Elizabeth was born to an affluent family in New York in 1774. At the age of nineteen she married William Seton and would end up having five children—three girls and two boys. When Will Seton passed away, Elizabeth finally realized that God was calling her and her children to become Catholics. After Will’s death, Elizabeth opened a Catholic boarding school for girls in Maryland as a means in which to support her and her children. As women from all over came to help Elizabeth, the school grew. And soon it seemed obvious that God was asking Elizabeth to dedicate her life completely to him. She and the other women began a community of religious women known as the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph’s. Nearly 30 years after her death, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph’s joined the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. Today thousands of Daughters of Charity carry on Elizabeth’s work by serving in hospitals, homes for the aged and schools. Her feast day is on January 4 and she is recognized as the patron saint for Catholic schools and widows.

- **The Blessing of Homes and Classrooms:** As one of the traditions of the Epiphany, Catholic homes and classrooms are honored in a special way. With this thought in mind, Father Jason went around to each classroom today and offered a unique blessing. Please click [**HERE**](#) for a prayer service you can use to bless your home for the coming year.
- **Prayer Partner Mass:** This week's Prayer-Partner Mass will be held for 7C and Pre-K B on Tuesday, January 12 at 10:15am. As always, you may join us virtually at Mass by accessing the parish's [**ST. URSULA PARISH FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM**](#).

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Catholic Schools Week:** On Sunday, January 31, we will usher in the most exciting time of the school year. Catholic Schools across the country set aside a week to honor all that is good and important in the ministry of our schools. Please click [**HERE**](#) for an overview of the week's events. More detailed information will be forthcoming.
- **Arrival and Dismissal Rotation:** As a reminder, throughout the entire month of January, we will follow the arrival and dismissal schedule listed below:
 - 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

SAVE THE DATE

- **Enrollment Registration:** Looking ahead to next week, parents will receive a letter announcing the tuition rates for the 2021-2022 school year. Once received, current families will have two weeks to re-register. As a reminder, a student is not enrolled unless the family has completed a FACTS account. This step must be completed each year.
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** As a reminder, school is closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of MLK Day.
- **P.A.C.K. Day Event (Dollar Day):** Friday, January 22 serves as our next scheduled monthly **Put-on Alternative Clothes Kiddos** event (Dollar Day). There is a \$1 participation fee for any student to participate.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Father's Club Thank You:** A special note of appreciation to the Maintenance Committee for installing a new drop down ceiling and other items in one of our third floor classrooms. Thank you Dads!

- **Father's Club Meeting:** Please join us this Sunday, January 10 for our monthly virtual Father's Club meeting at 7:30pm. To join the meeting, please select this [ZOOM INVITE LINK](#) and use the following passcode: L9k5mL.
- **PHSA Meeting:** This month's PHSA virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30pm.
- **Notre Dame University of Maryland – Summer STEM Camp:** NDMU's week-long STEM summer camp session is designed to help students maintain and expand their budding interests in science, technology, engineering and math...all while engaged in fun, hands-on activities around the theme of "Explorations Through Space." For more information, please visit ndm.edu/STEMcamp or [HERE](#) for an informational flyer.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **“Let gLOVE Grow” Project:** Beginning on Monday, January 11 through January 27, we are asking each student to donate one adult-size pair of gloves that will be included in “Blessing Bags” that our students will be assembling for our *Service Day* during Catholic Schools Week. The bags will be given to those who receive services from Our Daily Bread. Please help us keep the needy of Baltimore warm during the cold winter months.
- **Student Talent Sharing Showcase:** Included as part of our Catholic Schools Week festivities is our virtual Talent Sharing Showcase. If students wish, they may create a *Flipgrid* video showcasing their school-appropriate talent (one per person, please). Please click [HERE](#) for information regarding the grade-level *Flipgrid* and informational videos. Please note that if your child is interested in being part of their grade level “Talent Sharing Showcase”, they must submit their video by Monday, January 25.
- **Thank You:** Prior to break, families were asked to share their perspective by participating in the Trimester 1 Family Survey. We were thrilled by the number of parents who took the time to offer their perspective. Thank you to all of the families who responded!
- **Yearbook Content:** Hello, St. Ursula students and families. We are hard at work on the book that's cementing the history of this year (and we all have to agree that this year is one for the history books.) As we work on content, please respond to us if the questions below apply to you! This spread is called "Sticker Stories." We would like to show off the stickers you've chosen to mark your territory. What's on your laptop, your water bottle, your phone, or anywhere else? We'd love a photo of you with these stickers, and we'd love for you to tell us why they mean something to you. What made you choose them? Please talk to us! Please send your photo and explanation to pictures@stursula.org. Make sure to include your name and homeroom in the email. Please reference “Sticker Stories” in the subject line. Students may use their stursula.org email to email us directly, or parents can email us as well. We will accept submissions through next Friday, January 15.

- **Cold Weather Attire:** As a reminder, weather permitting, students should expect to go outdoors for recess each day. Therefore, they must come to school with a warm coat (not a thin sweatshirt), a hat, gloves and possibly a scarf.
- **PowerSchool Notifications:** The following steps will allow you to receive notifications about your child's work and assignments through the PowerSchool parent portal:
 - Log into Power School
 - Select Account
 - Select Notifications
 - You can open the settings app on your cell phone and enable push notifications for the app
 - Select what kind of notifications you want to receive via email
 - Select grades and attendance
 - At the bottom you will select frequency and choose how often you want to receive the notifications.
 - You may choose weekly but there is also an option to get it daily, every 2 weeks or monthly.
 - An email will be sent to the address on file in powers schools.

