



February 7, 2019

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the teachers, staff, and administration, I would like to thank you for your generous outpouring to support during Catholic Schools Week. The number of volunteers for our Open House presented a warm welcoming to prospective families. In spite of Mother Nature's attempt to disrupt visitation, we still welcomed 270 parents and relatives on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to make the Teacher Appreciation Dinner such a wonderful night for our staff. During this event we recognize our teachers who have served 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years at SUS. We also recognize our 2019 Teacher of the Year. This year our recipient is Mrs. Hannah Rocco, second grade teacher.

We still have many opportunities for service hours including the Spaghetti Dinner at the end of the month, lunch coverage, and Race for Education. Please reach out to the chairpersons if you can help in any way. We also have a great need for copy paper. Remember three 500 sheet reams equal one service hour. You can also send in two books of *Forever* stamps to receive one service hour. Also if your business has surplus letterhead paper that they would like to donate, we can use these papers on one of our digifax copiers.

Our school is doing amazing things with technology! Please remember to ask your children what kinds of things they are doing on the Chromebooks, computers, and with coding. Many of the classroom assignments are done in Google Classroom. Parents/Guardians can log in and check Google Classroom to see what your child is doing online in many of their classes. Your child can show you how to log in, or you can go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com) and log in using your child's [stursula.org](https://stursula.org) account info. Please take the time to check this out and see all of their hard work!

Have you been wondering where the lunch box is? What about the hoodie you just gave your child at Christmas? Sweater? Jacket? They are probably sitting in our Lost and Found which is overflowing. The Lost and Found is located in the PreK hallway outside of the lunchroom.

Don't forget to save your Box tops. Watch the expiration date, however. Every Box top brings ten cents to our school. You can also designate donations for Amazon expenditures by signing up through "AmazonSmile". It doesn't cost you anything but every Amazon purchase gives a

percentage back to St. Ursula School. If you shop at Giant, please make sure you have registered St. Ursula on their site.

The Archdiocese has fine-tuned the application process for tuition assistance. All applications must be submitted through FACTS. The deadline for Round I tuition assistance consideration is February 28, 2019. All new and current applications must be received by this date. Award notices to families as well as denial notices will be sent via FACTS on March 31, 2019. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Mrs. Olga in our tuition office.

As per the handbook, page 14, no student should be dropped off prior to 7:45. With the bad weather we have experienced some children standing in rain, snow, and bitter cold prior to the doors opening. Also, again we remind you that if you park in the SUS or St. John's lot, it is imperative that an adult escort the child across the driveway. The teachers are opening car doors and drivers are following the drop off pattern. We don't want any child hurt. Also, as stated on page 19, students are to be in their classrooms when the 8:10 bell rings. Some students are being dropped off immediately before the bell rings or while it is ringing. They are then marked late since they are not in their classrooms. When weather and/or traffic conditions are severe, leniency when marking tardy.

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are posting pictures online of events in the school. There are parents who do not want their child's picture on social media. The school knows who these parents are and ensures privacy in any social media pictures printed. Since this is an unknown entity to others, please do not post any pictures that include other students (Handbook page 28).

If your child attends Extended Day, the following change has been made to the schedule. Extended Day will close at 3:00 p.m. on April 18, 2019. Please mark your calendar.

Finally, re-registration ended in January. There are still a few families who have not re-registered nor contacted the school. We cannot guarantee a seat if you are not re-registered since we want to welcome those families who would like to join the St. Ursula community.

May God bless,

*Debbie Glinowiecki*

Principal