

October 4, 2018

Dear Parents,

Exciting things are happening at St. Ursula School already this year. We thank all who could contribute to the September Hunger Month project last week. We know it was last minute but in our Catholic beliefs we know any little bit helps in a big way. The Archdiocese has designated this school year as a Year of Service. This was our first school-wide service projects. There will be more to come. This month, girls will again be collecting any donation amount in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and donating the funds to the Mercy Medical Center Breast Center. A flier will be coming out soon. Again, please don't feel obligated; we appreciate your donations and your prayers as well.

As you well know the Harvest Festival is next week. Many eblasts have been sent. We hope you have read all and have been able to volunteer some of your time to make it a continued success. To our new parents this is a fun time for the students and the entire SUS community. It is open to students on Thursday during the day and to everyone Friday and Saturday night. If your child purchased a Harvest Festival tee-shirt, he/she may wear the shirt and "outside" clothes on Thursday, October 11th. Otherwise it is a regular uniform day.

The following week school will be closed to students on Friday, October 19, 2018. Our faculty and staff will be participating in an Archdiocesan professional development day.

Two weeks later will be our traditional Trunk or Treat. Again a flier is forthcoming. We especially thank St. John's Church who were able to accommodate this event on their very busy calendar.

We will end October with our traditional Halloween dress-up day. Students should come to school in their costumes. Please no face paint, hair dye, or weapons of any type. Also masks will only be worn when teachers state it is safe. Finally, please make sure costumes chosen can be removed by the child when they need to go to the bathroom. Also a reminder that October 31 dismissal is at 12:10.

A big reminder about completing Virtus online training which is mandatory prior to volunteering in any capacity at school. The training keeps you in good standing for five years. Mrs. Laurie Currens will send you an email if you need to be retrained. No one may volunteer at the Harvest Festival or other events without first completing this training. As an aside, everyone who agreed to provide service hours must complete 10 hours by November 30th and the Harvest Festival is the biggest opportunity before this date occurs.

In this year of service, we appreciate the service the Mothers' Club provided last Friday. You might have noticed moms opening car doors rather than teachers. What a great treat for teachers and students, who saw many moms they knew!

And although it is a month away, mark your calendar for Grandparents' Day on Monday, November 19th. Details and times will be sent later.

We had our first Good Taste Catering lunch today. We received a lot of positive feedback. If you are interested you can still order. Lunches are served on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The company needs to receive your order at least one week prior to a scheduled lunch. The link can be found on our school website.

Finally a reminder if you or a family member are picking up someone from an afterschool club, please do not park and wait on Neifeld Ave. adjacent to the school. This causes issues with the flow of traffic in and out of Neifeld. There is a multitude of parking on St. John's lot at this time for safety of all.

God bless,

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