







February 15, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday Huskies!

I hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day. Thank you to our PHSA for organizing our Love Grams. Our families are so generous and together made sure each student received a Love Gram. Thank you so much for making this day so special for our students.

Thank you to our 4th graders for being so reverent at mass on Tuesday! This was a memorial mass for a parishioner and our 4th graders were respectful and truly showed that we are one body in Christ during the Mass. Parishioners in attendance took the time to contact the school to express their deep gratitude and appreciation for the way our students represented SUS.

I hope to see all students at the Family Liturgy Mass at 11 a.m. this Sunday. Fr. Jason is inviting the children to come to the front during the homily. This Family Liturgy Mass is being hosted by our SUS Mothers' Club. I cannot wait to see you all there!

The deadline to complete the <u>Johns Hopkins Culture Survey</u> is quickly approaching. All surveys must be completed by February 17th. If you have not taken the survey yet please do so. This information is very helpful in identifying what makes our SUS community great. Thank you for your partnership in completing this survey.

Faithfully, Mrs. Leslie Jones

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

We have noticed the following during dismissal or after school activities and would ask for your cooperation for the safety of our children.

- Please make sure you are picking up your child at your assigned time and reminding your child not to come outside until that time.
- Please do not park on Manns Avenue to pick up your child during the regular dismissal time. This ties up traffic for those entering Manns Avenue to get to one or our designated parking lots and is very unsafe for both parents and students.
- We are also asking that parents not park on Moreland Avenue. We do not have an adult supervising this area.
- Parents may not park on the front half of St. John's lot during the day including dismissal. The front half of St. John's lot needs to be open for both the Church and their patrons. We are very grateful for their partnership in sharing their parking lot with us.
- When picking up for after school activities, please do not park along Niefeld Avenue (the street in front of the gym). Parents cannot enter or exit the street safely and students are walking between cars to cross the street to get to the St. John's parking lot. This is not a safe choice for our students.

During morning arrival the Manns Avenue entrance is not available for students before 8:10am. Again, for the safety of all, you should drop your child on Neifeld Avenue in the designated area. If you are dropping off at 8:10 or later, you must enter the building with your child and sign them into the building. At this time they will be marked tardy.

Thank you so much for helping to keep our students safe during arrival and dismissal, we greatly appreciate it.

PAY-IT LINKS

NEW March Hot Lunch

Hot lunches will only be distributed to those who have pre-paid. Orders will close at 8 a.m. on Thursday, February 23rd. No late orders will be accepted. For more information and to place your order please visit this link: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/lfoAX0zB

NEW Hershey Park Tickets

This year the PHSA will be selling tickets to Hershey Park at a reduced rate. The tickets are valid from April, 2023 through January 1, 2024. All orders are due by March 16, 2023. Tickets can be purchased here: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/PlsYCAze

NEW Race for Education Sponsor Letters

Once again, we are having our annual Race for Education. This has become our largest school fundraiser thanks to your continued support. The first step for those families who did not opt out of fundraising is to go to the link below to complete information regarding how many sponsor letters you would like to receive. The link includes very detailed information regarding the requirements and deadlines. Sponsor letter amounts are due by Wednesday, March 1st. https://payit.nelnet.net/form/eBLT5nCv

LAST CHANCE Spaghetti Dinner

The Spaghetti Dinner is back in person! Please join us on Sunday, February 26th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. to enjoy some delicious food, drinks, dessert, wheels, and more! Carry-out meals are also available. Advanced discount tickets are available for purchase through Monday, February 20th. Please purchase your tickets and order here: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/LVhJwo40

UPDATES & REMINDERS

REMINDER Dollar Day

Students who have pre-paid may dress down this Friday, February 17th. Students can also bring in \$1 to participate if they have not already paid. Please see the school handbook for out of uniform guidelines.

NEW School Closed Monday

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.

NEW Black History Month

The Archdiocese of Baltimore launched a month-long racial justice campaign that it hopes will spur community unity with Catholic social teaching as its guide. The program will include Mass, prayer services, listening sessions, and Stations of the Cross. You can also read a message from Archbishop Lori here. As we grow our children's minds and hearts, let our focus on faith, kindness, and acceptance of everyone be at the center of all we do.

Our teachers and students are celebrating Black History Month in their classes. Our student council is also celebrating Black History during our morning announcements! So far we have learned about Joan Higginbotham, Katherine Johnson, Ruby Bridges, Sojourner Truth, Molly Davis, and Rosa Parks. Thank you so much to our students and teachers for sharing with us!

NEW MAP Scores

The Family Report for MAP testing for 2nd-8th grade will be sent home with your child by Friday, February 24th.

NEW Nurse's Office

Please be reminded that the nurse's office is located off of Neifeld Avenue and is accessible via the school courtyard. There is a School Nurse flag at the top of the stairs to the courtyard.

REMINDER Financial Aid Application Deadline

Please be reminded that the application process for FACTS and St. Ursula Parish financial assistance closes on **Tuesday**, **February 28th**. For more information and to apply, please visit:

https://www.stursula.org/admissions/grant-aid

REMINDER Lucky 1500 Tickets

Green Lucky 1500 tickets were sent home last week. The first drawing for the Lucky 1500 tickets is on February 13th, so get your tickets in! You may send in cash or check, made payable to St. Ursula School or you may use this Pay-it link to make payment: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/4ocUB1kW If you would like additional tickets or have any questions, please email Laurie

Currens at lcurrens@stursula.org.

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

NEW Mothers' Club Meeting

Join us for our February meeting on Monday, February 27th at 6:45pm in the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center. Please RSVP using the link provided to help us prepare for this meeting. We hope to see you there! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080444a5a822a2fd0-february

SAVE THE DATE Fathers' Club



SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

REMINDER Technology Volunteers

Mrs. Zimmerman is looking for some volunteers to help put together the stands for our new ViewSonic boards. After the stand is built, the ViewSonic Board will need to be mounted to it. Service hours will apply. If you are interested in

helping out, please email_jzimmerman@stursula.org.

REMINDER Paper Donations

We are now accepting paper donations for service hours. Three reams of 8 1/2x 11 paper will earn 1 service hour.

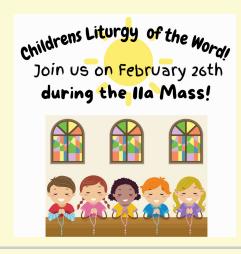
REMINDER Spaghetti Dinner Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 26th. All volunteers need to be Virtus approved and service hours apply! There are 2 shifts the day of the event so each volunteer can enjoy the dinner during their off shift. Volunteers also get a free meal. Please sign-up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4baba62ca1fc1-spagetti#/

PARISH NEWS









NEW Knights of Columbus Sock Collection

Socks are the #1 requested and least donated clothing item to those in need. The Knights of Columbus Bishop Sebastian Council #5058 are collecting men's, women's, and children's socks after the weekend Masses from February 11th through February 26th, 2023 to donate to the Assisi House in Baltimore, MD. You may send them to school with your child. Thank you for your help.

REMINDER Girl Scouts Events



Girl Scout Troop #2525 is sponsoring a

Cupcake Decorating Event

Learn how to decorate cupcakes with 6 different designs. All supplies included. Children of all ages and adults March 25, 2023 @ 1:00pm - 3:00pm St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center 8801 Harford Rd, Parkville. MD, 21234 Cost: \$30 per participant.

Registration closes on March 13, 2023

Cash or checks payable to Sara Scarborough. Please drop off to school office or mail Sara Scarborough 2508 Harwood Rd Parkville, MD 21234

For more information contact

Sara at tagalongs1783@gmail.com

Name:
Attending:
Amount Paid:

Note: Younger children will need help from an adult.

EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY,





ST. URSULA SPIRITUAL CENTER

Doors open at 10am

Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:30am

Troop #2525 invites children Pre-K thru 5^{th} grade to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt. Join us for a fun-filled morning of egg hunting, crafts, and other activities.

Cost: \$5.00 per child.

Please bring your own Easter basket For more information contact Linda at gs1783@comcast.net

Mail form to Linda Scarborough, 2508 Harwood Rd., Balto, MD 21234 You may also drop off the form to the school office or the Church office.

Walk-in's welcome



Please make checks payable to Linda Scarborough



YOUTH MINISTRY





Sunday, May 7, 2023 1:00pm-7:00pm Mount St. Joseph High School 4403 Frederick Ave., Baltimore, MD 21229

Cost: \$35/person

A Day Designed with Middle Schoolers in Mind!

12:30 pm Check In Station Opens 1:00 pm Rise Up Begins! 6:00 pm Closing Mass (Parents Welcome!) 7:00 pm Approximate End of the Day

- Featuring:

 Missionaries from Damascus Catholic Mission Campus

 Dynamic experiences intentionally designed for youth in grades 6-8th

- Dinner is included!
 BYO Lunch and eat on site

ROMO from past RiseUp! Middle School Day

INTERESTED?
Contact Ms. Tanya at <u>SUYouthMinistry@gm</u>
Registration deadline is MARCH 1st 12pm gmail.com









MASS TIMES

For those who are planning to worship as part of our St. Ursula Catholic Community, please be reminded of the Mass times: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

February 2023

2:50 pm

Group 2: Du - La

SUS Lot

3:00 pm

Group 3: Le - Sc

SJ Lot

3:10pm

Group 4: Se - Z

SUS Lot

3:20 pm

Group 1: A - Dr

SJ Lot

























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