



WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY



March 25, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach Holy Week, beginning this Sunday with Palm Sunday, we are reminded of the profound journey of faith that leads us to the joy of Easter. Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and invites us to reflect on His love, sacrifice, and the meaning of discipleship.

During this sacred time, we are called to walk more closely with Christ through prayer, reflection, and acts of service. May this Holy Week be an opportunity for our school community to grow in faith, deepen our relationship with God, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Resurrection.

We also want to take a minute to recognize the students who will be representing St. Ursula School at the Representation Band Concert on Tuesday, March 31st. We are proud of their hard work and dedication, and we wish them the best as they share their talents and represent our school community.

We are pleased to share highlights from our recent family survey. Overall, 83% of respondents feel that our school upholds high standards of excellence. We were especially encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive responses to the faith-based questions. God is good!

The survey results also reflect strong partnership and communication between home and school. Nearly 88% of families feel they are able to advocate for their children, and more than 80% report working closely with teachers to support their students' learning goals. About three-fourths of respondents shared that staff are available for conversations when needed, and that

teachers provide updates on student progress and schedule conferences to discuss growth.

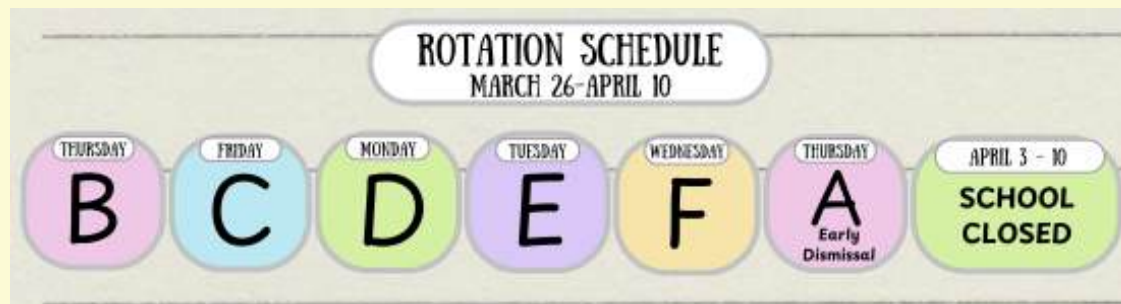
In addition, approximately 75% of families feel well-informed about their child's performance on assessments and assignments, and a similar percentage believe the school uses its social media platforms effectively. Nearly 85% of respondents noted that school communications are clear and easy to understand.

We also recognize opportunities for growth. While 95% of families feel informed about volunteer opportunities, fewer than 70% feel that adequate volunteer training is provided. Additionally, about one-third of respondents feel that the school actively seeks family input on communication practices, and 55% believe the school has an active family advisory council. About 65% of families shared that the school provides resources to support learning at home.

We are grateful for your feedback and for the many ways you partner with us in forming our students in faith, knowledge, and service. As a Catholic school community, we are guided by Christ in all that we do, and we remain committed to nurturing each child's God-given gifts. We will use these insights to continue strengthening our programs, communication, and family engagement. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Blessings,
Ms. Anderson and Mrs. Marinaro

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR MAR 26-APR 10



PAY-IT LINKS

LAST CHANCE April Hot Lunch

Hot lunches will only be distributed to those who have pre-paid. **Orders will close at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 26th. No late orders will be accepted.** For more information and to place your order please visit this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/S2JuWLah>

LAST CHANCE Dave & Buster's Power Cards

Easter break is almost here! Are you looking for some family fun? Buy a Power Card for Dave & Buster's and support our school. Play over break or save it for another day! A portion of the sales goes directly to St. Ursula. Complete the information below to purchase your power cards. Power cards will be distributed before Easter break. All orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 26th. For more information and to order, please visit:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/Onp4Lhi>

LAST CHANCE Hershey Park Tickets

The PHSA will be selling tickets to Hershey Park at a reduced rate. The tickets are valid from April 3, 2026 through January 3, 2027. Please note that tickets will not arrive in time for families to use them during Easter break. All orders are due by March 26, 2026. Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/J6Y1QPwT>

NEW Father Daughter Dance

The St. Ursula Fathers' Club invites you to the Father Daughter Dance on Saturday, April 18th. This event is for our students and their paternal caregivers. Enjoy a night out with your daughter(s) with snacks and drinks, photo booth, and DJ! Non-members, please register using this link by Thursday, April 16th: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/PVRooMQm>

UPDATES & REMINDERS

NEW Orioles Add-On Day

Tomorrow, Thursday, March 26th, students are invited to wear Orioles or their favorite team's shirts and/or colors with their gym pants to celebrate Opening Day.

NEW Race for Education Letters Due Tomorrow

This is a friendly reminder that in order for students to be eligible for Race for Education prizes, all letters must be returned with envelopes that include postage stamps by Thursday, March 26. Please take a moment to ensure that your child's letters are complete and that each envelope is properly stamped before submitting them. If you would like more letters and envelopes, please respond to this email with you child's name, homeroom and amount.

NEW Dismissal Reminders

For the safety and efficiency of dismissal, parents should not park on Manns Avenue or in the shopping center to pick up students, as this causes traffic backups on Manns Avenue and Harford Road. Moving forward, students will no longer be permitted to walk down to the gate for pickup.

If you are parking in the school lot and arrive when it is nearly full, please do not stop in a single line extending to the end of the driveway. Instead, continue to form additional lines within the lot to help prevent traffic from backing up onto Manns Avenue and Harford Road. We are able to accommodate at least three additional lines when cars move forward and fill in the available space.

NEW Easter Break Schedule

Our Easter Break schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday, April 2nd:** Dismissal rotation begins at 12 p.m. Extended Day closes at 4 p.m.
- **Friday, April 3rd through Friday, April 10th:** School Closed
- **Monday, April 13th:** School Reopens

NEW Wockenfuss Pick-up

If you ordered Wockenfuss candy, pick-up will be held at the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center on Wednesday, April 1st from 2:45-6:00 p.m.

NEW 1st Grade STEAM Activity

On Tuesday, April 14 (C Day), Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Swauger will be hosting a STEAM activity for ten 1st grade students. We will be creating a zipline for spring animals. **The sign up email will be sent to 1st grade parent(s)/guardian(s) whose child has not participated in a STEAM activity this school year on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm.** You will only be able to sign your child up for one STEAM activity this school year. Subsequent sign up genius links will only be emailed to those that did not participate in an activity yet.

NEW MAP Testing

When we return from Easter Break, we will begin the spring session of our MAP Growth testing for students in grades 2-8 during their ELA and math classes. The testing schedule is as follows:

- April 14th & 15th - Language Arts
- April 16th & 17th- Math
- April 22nd & 23rd - Reading

Please remind your child to charge their Chromebooks and if possible refrain from scheduling any appointments during this time.

NEW Shorts & Summer Uniform

Please be reminded that shorts may not be worn on Dollar Days/Free Dress Days until the summer uniform begins on Monday, April 13th.

NEW Toys in the Classroom

Students are not permitted to bring NeeDoh toys to school, as they can break open and get on the carpet, uniforms, etc.

NEW This Week's Lucky 1500 Winners

1st: #1029 R. Wontrop

2nd: #1045 C. Kirby

3rd: #934 C. Bonn

4th: #770 S. Ryan

5th: #843 J. Smoluk

REMINDER Service Hour Cards

Please be reminded that families who opted in to service hours, must have their 25 hours completed by April 30th. There are only a few opportunities left to get your hours. If you have not had your service hour card recorded by the office, please send it in with your child.

REMINDER BOOST Scholarships

Applications for the Maryland State Department of Education 2026-27 BOOST scholarship for students in grades K-12 are now open. Each year, the BOOST Program grants millions in scholarships to eligible students to attend nonpublic schools. The application deadline is Friday, May 8, 2026. For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

REMINDER Lucky 1500 Tickets

Please make sure to send in your Lucky 1500 tickets as soon as possible! The weekly drawings have begun. Please send in your service hour card with your tickets so that we can record the hours. You may send in cash or check, made payable to St. Ursula School or you may use this Pay-it link to make a

payment: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/WMRHjxko>. If you would like additional tickets please contact Ms. Sampson at asampson@stursula.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEKEND! School Play- The Girl with the Golden Locks



St. Ursula School Invites you to attend our 2025 play!

When: Saturday, March 28th at 7 p.m. & Sunday, March 29th at 1 p.m.

Where: St. Ursula School Gym

Who: All friends and family that would like to enjoy a night of fun and wonderland!

Admission: \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door

Concessions: Drinks and snacks will

be available for purchase (Cash Only)

For friends and family of cast members:

On the night of the play, there will be an option to purchase candy grams and/or flowers for cast members. Pre-ordered preferred and limited availability at the door.

Options:

- Candy grams for \$2
- Flowers for \$10

Purchase Options for Tickets/Donations, Candy Grams, and Flowers :

Pre-purchase with the Pay-it link - <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/t3hwRd5w>

REMINDER Save the Date- Mother Son Sports Jam

The Mother Son Sports Jam has been rescheduled for **Saturday, April 25th 6PM to 8PM**. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets if needed. The Mothers' Club will be sending an email to all who registered for the original date. Please respond to that email if you are unable to attend, so that they can issue a refund. For any questions, reach out to MothersClub@stursula.org.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

REMINDER April Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in April. Please use the Sign-up Genius link below to register for the date(s) you are available. Service hours do apply. All volunteers need to be Virtus approved.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-63031469-lunch>

PARISH NEWS

Family Liturgy every 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 11am Mass! 

"Bagel Days" every 4th Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass! 

Children's Liturgy of the Word every 4th Sunday of the month during the 11am Mass! 

Raise Funds to Help Women Choose LIFE!

 **Pregnancy Center North**

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

Check-in 8:30 am • Walk Begins 9:00 am

Location: cathedral of mary our queen

Every Dollar Raised Helps Save Lives!

PCNMINISTRY.ORG/WALK-FOR-LIFE

Make a Difference. Walk for Life!

Contact our church champion, **Liz Walz** with any questions! 410-598-3209 Sign up today!

✠ LENTEN ✠ FRIDAYS

A Time of Prayer, Reflection & Fellowship

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

Adoration & Confessions
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM

Lenten Soup & Salad Dinner
Spiritual Center

No Soup & Salad Dinner on Good Friday

*"Return to me with all your heart."
— Joel 2:12*

The Holy Triduum

Holy Thursday (April 2nd)

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Followed by Adoration 8pm - 10pm

Good Friday (April 3rd)

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 3pm Stations of the Cross
- 7pm Service of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday (April 4th)

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 12pm Blessing of the Easter Foods
- 8pm Easter Vigil


The Resurrection of the Lord

- Masses will be at:
- 7:30am
- 9:00am
- 11:00am

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!"

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Beginning with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Silent Adoration at 2pm, followed by readings from St. Faustina's Diary, the Litany of Divine Mercy, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, at 3pm. Confessions also available



Sunday, April 12th | 2pm - 3:30pm

Jesus, I Trust In You

APRIL 12
DIVINE MERCY
Sunday
4th through 7th

High School students who are WOTC trained are welcome to help
THIS IS A "COME & SEE" EVENT FOR 4TH-5TH GRADERS

Divine Mercy Chaplet @3pm
Clean Harford Rd
3:30-5pm

ENJOY ICE CREAM SUNDAES 2-3P




RSVP by April 1st to
SUYouthMinistry@gmail.com




HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

NEW Mount de Sales STEM Showcase

Mount de Sales invites 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls to their STEM Showcase on Thursday, April 16th. Students will participate in math, robotics, and biology activities. Students will also visit the Science Showcase, featuring projects by MDSA's Honors Research class. [MDSA STEM Showcase](#)



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