

Happy New Year

January 5, 2017

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the entire SUS staff, I wish you a wonderful and blessed new year. Your generosity shown to all the staff for Christmas was greatly appreciated.

Mother Nature is already starting to impact our calendar. As of this writing rain and snow have been mentioned in upcoming weather events. As your children might have shared, Justin Berk visited the school on Wednesday, December 23 to distribute the Faith in the Flakes tee-shirts bought by staff members. That is not to say we are wishing for snow! After last year, we actually would appreciate a mild winter. However we know that Baltimore weather is truly an unknown. This year we have the ability to send out text messages and emails with closing updates. Since this is a new feature, we still encourage you to listen to the radio and/or television for closing or delay information. Please don't call the school if you see the school called you and weather is impacting. As in the past, St. Ursula School follows the same procedures as Baltimore County Public Schools. Also, if school is delayed, Extended Day also delays its opening and if school closes early Extended Day will close at 4:00.

Re-registration will occur the week of January 16. This year all re-registration will occur online. You will need to complete the entire registration for each child. The School Board has acknowledged tuition will increase, but as of this newsletter the actual amount is still in discussion. In addition the School Board has affirmed their belief in continuing the multiple child discounts. More information will be contained in the registration information online.

Catholic Schools Week officially begins with our Open House on Sunday, January 29. Thank you ahead of time to all our wonderful volunteers who assist during the Open House. The CSW lunch for students will be served on Thursday, January 26. The flier was sent home yesterday. Our opening CSW liturgy for students will occur on Friday, January 27. The CSW Mass for the school and parish community will be on Sunday, January 29 at 11:00 am. Tuition assistance church collection will occur January 28-29. The last day, Friday, February 3 will be our annual Spirit Day with dismissal at 12:10

Again this year, there will be three days open for visitations. We are adapting the schedules to accommodate at least one afternoon. However, the one morning session on Wednesday, February 1 is **only for PreK** since they nap in the afternoons. The visitation schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 30 8:30-10:35 *Parking on SUS or St. John's lots*

Tuesday, January 31 8:30-10:35 *Parking on SUS or St. John's lots*

Wednesday, February 1 8:30-10:35 **PreK ONLY**

12:30-2:30 *Parking in dismissal style on SUS or St. John's lot*

When parking on St. John's lot for morning visitations please park on the back of their lot closest to the house. We need to leave the front open for use by St. John's pre-school.

There are at least two technology carts on each floor now. We are investigating a cart of iPads for our last purchase using our generous Knott grant. When you visit, please take a moment to note the devices and how classes are using them to enrich their lessons.

Just a reminder that starting this month many of the fliers sent home will be emailed. For special lunches and hot lunches we will continue to send home paper copies since so many students are involved in these events. Fliers can also be found on our school website. If you need to respond with a paper copy and you do not have access to a printer at that time, merely write a note and submit any cost which may be involved.

For those families registered and attending Extended Day the new FACTS billing has been launched. You will receive an invoice email from FACTS sometime within the next 24 hours. This information is now available for viewing, in your account, prior to the receipt of the FACTS email.

Please remember that school will be closed Monday, January 16th.

Happy New Year,

Debbie Glinowiecki
Principal