



March 2, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support of St. Ursula School and especially our outreach programs. Over \$790 and two car loads of supplies were delivered to the Defenders of Animal Rights. This outreach was coordinated by the sixth grade student council. The spaghetti supper held on Sunday was again a big success. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Thanks are extended to Jen Schmith and her wonderful group of volunteers!

As stated in a previous newsletter, we want to remain good neighbors with St. John's church and Pastor Lesley. To this end we would like to reiterate that it is a privilege to use their parking lot for our functions. As per the handbook, we should always park on the school lot first for any evening or weekend activities. Please be considerate when going to your car which may be parked on their lot. Keep conversations to a minimum until you are in your car. Any trash noticed should be placed in a dumpster. Also do not have your children play on their lot or in their tree.

We have a parent volunteer who has agreed to take over the hot lunch program beginning this month. We still need people to help count the orders and oversee the distribution on Tuesdays. If we do not get help we will need to cease our hot lunch program. If you are interested or would like more information, please email the school office at susoffice@sturusla.org.

As per many of your contracts, service hours must be completed or scheduled by April 30. In addition to the March Special Lunch, Family Bingo, Race for Education, Book Fair, and Field Day opportunities, we need volunteers in the cafeteria on Thursdays and Fridays for the elementary lunch periods. Additional opportunities for service hours include donating two books of postage stamps (1 hour of service) or three reams of 8 ½ x 11 copy paper (1 hour of service). Thank you to all who have completed their 25 hours and a special thank you to those who continue to donate their time although they have met their 25 hour commitment.

If you have not yet sold your Lucky 1500 tickets for this year, please do so. Full payment is due May 1st.

All students in grades 2 through 8 will be taking the IOWA standardized assessment during the week of March 27th. Grades 2, 4, and 6 will also be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). We ask that students eat a healthy breakfast and get to bed early during this week. As many of us remember, it

is mentally taxing during the testing period. Also please make sure your child has at least two sharpened #2 pencils. Test results will be sent home prior to the end of the school year.

In an attempt to streamline school communications, we have designated Wednesdays as flyer eblast day. Any flyers which can be sent home electronically will be sent in one eblast on Wednesdays only. The principal letter will continue to be sent home the first Thursday of the month. If another eblast is sent it will contain important and timely information.

Congratulations to Mrs. Maureen Hahn on her selection as St. Ursula's Teacher of Excellence for the 2016-17 school year!

All of our prayers and thoughts continue to be with Fr. Steve and his family on the recent death of his mother.

God is good,

Debbie Glinowiecki

Principal