



# WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY



**January 24, 2024**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Welcome back to our FIRST full week of school since Christmas. Students, we are all so proud of your hard work on your MAP testing. You are awesome!

Today was also STAR Day! The **Red** and **Yellow** Houses have tied and earned the most points today. Both houses will receive a STAR! We will announce their prize on Friday!

We are so excited about Catholic Schools Week next week. It is such a fun time to celebrate our amazing community of faith and learning. We consider it a privilege to be part of your child's faith and educational journey, fostering an environment that nurtures their development in every aspect. Please join us for Mass at St. Ursula Church on January 28th at 11 a.m. Make sure to review all the fun events taking place next week! Together, let's celebrate the values and teachings that make St. Ursula a truly exceptional place of learning and faith.

Parents, we would also like to share with you information from the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

*The Archdiocese of Baltimore is in a Chapter 11 Reorganization process and as we all work through these steps, there are some items that the parish/school is doing to fulfill the court ordered requirements. One of those requirements is for all parishes and schools to make public that a final date has been decided upon that will serve as a deadline for anyone who has a claim, to submit it to the court. Please click the link for [more information](#).*

Faithfully,  
Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Marinaro

# PAY-IT LINKS

## **LAST CHANCE Student Appreciation Lunch**

Tuesday, January 30th will be a Student Appreciation Lunch. In honor of this day we will be providing a FREE hot dog and a bag of regular potato chips for lunch. Please provide your child with a drink. Please complete your child's selection here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/DHe5C8aj> You may complete one form per family. All orders must be submitted by **8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 25th.**

## **NEW Mother Son Sports Jam**

The Mothers' Club invites you to the 2024 Sports Jam on Friday, February 9th! Come have fun with relays, dodgeball, raffles and more!! This event is for St. Ursula students and their maternal caregivers. Register here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/QLG7ydkj>

## **REMINDER Spaghetti Dinner**

Please join us on Sunday, February 25th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. to enjoy some delicious food, drinks, dessert, wheels, and more! Carry-out meals are also available. Advanced tickets are available for purchase through February 18th. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Please purchase your tickets here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/DdzgSU2u>

## **REMINDER Hershey Park Tickets**

The PHSA will be selling tickets to Hershey Park at a reduced rate. The tickets are valid from April, 2024 through January 1, 2025. All orders are due by February 23, 2024. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/LP9F2yui>

## **REMINDER Love Grams**

Show your St Ursula student some love this Valentine's Day with a special gift surprise! For more information and to order, use this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/k7FpN2Jn>. Orders are due no later than Thursday, February 8th. Sorry, but we cannot accept late orders.

## **REMINDER Faculty & Staff Appreciation Donations**

Each year, during Catholic Schools Week, the PHSA takes an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate our teachers and staff for the wonderful work they do teaching our children, enriching their minds and instilling a sense of well-being and Catholic identity. Please consider donating to help us thank them for all that they do, not just for Catholic Schools Week but year-round by. This link will close on February 2nd: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/OFV689d2>

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

## **REMINDER Service Day Donations & Volunteers**

We are still in need of fleece donations and parent volunteers to help with our service project on Tuesday, January 30th at 1:00 p.m. Each blanket will require 3 yards of fabric. Volunteers will be needed to help in the afternoon, time to be determined. All volunteers must be VIRTUS approved. Service hours do apply. Please sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-47167301-service>

## **LAST CHANCE Teacher and Staff Member of the Year**

Catholic Schools Week is a special time of the year where we are able to celebrate all that is great about our faith-filled educational community. One of the exciting events of the week is honoring our Teacher of the Year and Staff Member of the Year recipients. Please submit this [NOMINATION FORM](#) by Friday, January 26th. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## **REMINDER Parent Visitation**

Parents are invited to visit their students in the classroom on Wednesday, January 31st. Please park on the St. Ursula School lot, the back half of St. John's Lot, or the St. Ursula Church lot. Please see below for the visitation schedule:

- **NEW** PK (8:30-11:45 a.m. No afternoon session due to nap time.)
- K-5th (8:30-11:45 a.m., 12:45-1:30 p.m.)
- 6th-8th (8:30-11:00 a.m., 12:00-1:30 p.m.)

**LAST CHANCE** For parent visitation day, all parents/visitors will need to enter school through the playground doors to receive an identification badge before visiting any classrooms. If you have previously visited the school and have had your ID scanned, please complete this form by **Thursday, January 25th** so we can send home a badge with your child: <https://forms.gle/fnaLisByp42o3vxt6>

Parents/guardians who have not visited the school are encouraged to stop in before Catholic Schools Week and have their ID scanned to expedite the check-in process the day of.

## **REMINDER Spirit Week Schedule**

ST. URSULA SCHOOL

# SPIRIT WEEK

JAN 28 - FEB 2

## MONDAY

Service Day

## Wacky Tacky Day

Uniform Add-Ons (Crazy prints & colors)

## TUESDAY



Student Appreciation Day

## Comfy Cozy Day

Out of Uniform Day

(Wear pajamas, sweatpants, sweatshirts, etc.)



## WEDNESDAY

Parent Appreciation Day

## Parent Visitation - No Dress Up

PK (8:30-11:45 a.m. No afternoon session due to nap time.)

K-5th (8:30-11:45 a.m. & 12:45-1:30 p.m.)

6th-8th (8:30-11:00 a.m. & 12:00-1:30 p.m.)

\*\*Please Note: Parents are unable to stay for lunch & recess

Parking: SUS Lot, back of St. John's lot, St. Ursula Church Lot

## THURSDAY



Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day

## REP YOUR TEAM DAY

Uniform Add-Ons (Sports jerseys, sweatshirts, etc.)



## FRIDAY

12:00 Dismissal

## SPIRIT DAY

Out of Uniform Day (Wear blue & gold)



**NEW** Baltimore Blast Family Night

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

# FAMILY NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 | 7:35 PM  
SECU ARENA (TOWSON UNIVERSITY)



**BALTIMORE BLAST**  
**VS. KANSAS CITY COMETS**



Join Catholic school families from around the archdiocese for a night of fun!



First Kick by Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools **Special Guest**

**Choir Performance:** Resurrection-St. Paul School

**Band Performance:** Immaculate Conception School, St. Louis School, and Saint Ursula School

**\$23 per ticket**

Questions?! Contact Mark Meszaros at [mmeszaros@baltimoreblast.com](mailto:mmeszaros@baltimoreblast.com)

**PURCHASE TICKETS**  
[baltimoreblast.com/archdiocese/](http://baltimoreblast.com/archdiocese/)



## UPDATES & REMINDERS

### **NEW Purple Thursday Add-ons**

Our Baltimore Ravens are in the playoffs and we're celebrating with purple add-ons tomorrow, Thursday, January 25th! Students may add on purple and/or black shirts, sweatshirts, socks, hats, and hair accessories to their uniforms. This is not an out-of-uniform day - just an add-on day. Even if you aren't a Raven's fan, wear your favorite team's colors.

### **NEW Fire Drill Tomorrow**

We will have a planned fire drill tomorrow, Thursday, January 25th, weather permitting.

### **NEW Special Lunch Chair Needed**

Once a month, the PHSA provides a special lunch for the students, often tied to a holiday or special event. We are looking for a volunteer(s) interested in taking over chairing this event. Chairs oversee the lunches from menu planning to serving while working with a core group of volunteers. Want to learn more? Please reach out to the PHSA at [sus.phsa@gmail.com](mailto:sus.phsa@gmail.com).

### **REMINDER Book Fair Planning Committee**

The Scholastic Book Fair is the one of the most exciting events that happens at SUS. Many jobs are behind-the-scenes and done before the book fair delivery truck arrives. We need your help! Great opportunity to earn service hours and also work with the young children while they shop for their favorite titles! To learn more about the Book Fair Committee, time commitment and volunteering we will be hosting an in-person meeting on Thursday, January 25th at 6 p.m. at SUS in the Art room. Please visit this link to RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094BAFAB23A1FD0-47170141-attending>. We would love for you come out and see how you can help keep this great event going for our students. Any questions, please reach out to Charlene Workmeister at [cworkmeister74@outlook.com](mailto:cworkmeister74@outlook.com) or 443.255.5803.

### **REMINDER Financial Aid Application**

The application process for FACTS and St. Ursula Parish financial assistance closes on **Monday, February 28th**. For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.stursula.org/admissions/grant-aid>

### **REMINDER Yearbooks**

- **Order Your Yearbook**
  - Please see the flyer below for purchasing instructions. [Yearbook Order Form 2024](#)
- **8th Grade Baby Pictures**
  - We will be doing a yearbook spread of 8th grade baby pictures. Please email your child's picture to [pictures@stursula.org](mailto:pictures@stursula.org) and put 8th Grade Baby Picture as the subject line.

## **SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES**

### **NEW Mother Son Sports Jam Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed for setup, during the event, and cleanup. There is also an opportunity to make homemade desserts. All event volunteers must be VIRTUS approved.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080444A5A822A2FD0-46853820-mother#/>

### **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! Please sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080444A5A822A2FD0-46990083-spaghetti?useFullSite=true#/>

### **REMINDER February Lunch Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in February. Volunteers are needed from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each day. 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. If you have any questions feel free to contact Laurie Currens at 410-665-3533.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-47293718-lunch#/>

## PARISH NEWS

### **NEW Donut Days**

Join us for Donut Days this Sunday after 9 a.m. Mass and Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11 a.m. Mass!

### **NEW Holy Hour**

Join us for Holy Hour on Friday, February 2nd at 7 p.m. in the church!

### **REMINDER Sweetheart Raffle**

St. Ursula Parish is running a Sweetheart Raffle! Tickets are 1/\$10 or 3/\$25. The winning number each day is based on the evening Maryland Pick 3 Lottery Drawing. Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=b07c4f74-a83d-447c-9be9-fe32daf084b8>

### **REMINDER First Communion Meeting**

Do you have a child who will be receiving First Holy Communion at St. Ursula this spring? A meeting for parents and guardians of our first communicants will be held on Monday, January 29, at 7:15 p.m. in the school auditorium. (Snow date is February 5th, same time and place.) Children are welcome but not required to attend. For more information, please contact Laura in the Parish Office, [laura.weatherington@archbalt.org](mailto:laura.weatherington@archbalt.org) or 410-665-4106.



### **REMINDER Pancake Dinner**

The Pancake Dinner menu includes pancakes, eggs, turkey sausage, bacon, fruit, juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, donuts and pastries! To purchase tickets please visit:

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=8b95b9c9-0a84-4de6-bb03-7f7e01a4f977>



January 24, 2024

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I warmly invite you and your families to join us in the celebration of Mass. This sacred time is not just a moment of worship, but a powerful opportunity to strengthen the bonds within your family.

Attending Mass together as a family fosters a deeper spiritual connection with God and with each other. It is in these moments of shared prayer and reflection that we lay the foundation for lasting values in our children – values of faith, hope, and love. The experience of attending Mass regularly as a family cultivates a sense of belonging, both to our faith community and to the larger Church.

Furthermore, participating in Mass provides our children with a tangible experience of the teachings they receive in school. It reinforces the lessons of compassion, community, and commitment to the greater good that are central to our Catholic education.

In this special week, let us come together to celebrate not only the gift of Catholic education but also the blessings of our faith that we live out every Sunday. Your presence with your children at Mass is a profound testament to the faith that guides us and the love that unites us as a community.

Looking forward to celebrating with you and your families.

Peace and Blessings

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Jason".





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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on  
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at Holiday Inn Washington-College Park  
Save the Date for the Follow-Up Renewal on March 17th!

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and ends with Mass on Sunday afternoon. The couples stay at  
the hotel through the weekend

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weekend.

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500-0871**



## MASS TIMES



**UNITING IN FAITH, STRENGTHENING FAMILY BONDS:  
EXPERIENCE THE BLESSINGS OF GOING TO MASS AS A  
FAMILY — ESPECIALLY AS WE BEGIN  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Join your St. Ursula Family for Mass:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



# DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

2:55 pm	Group 1: A - Dr	SUS Lot
3:05 pm	Group 2: Du - Sc	SJ Lot
3:15pm	Group 3: Se - Z	SUS Lot



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