



WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY



January 8, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Good Afternoon Huskies!

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed our two snow days!

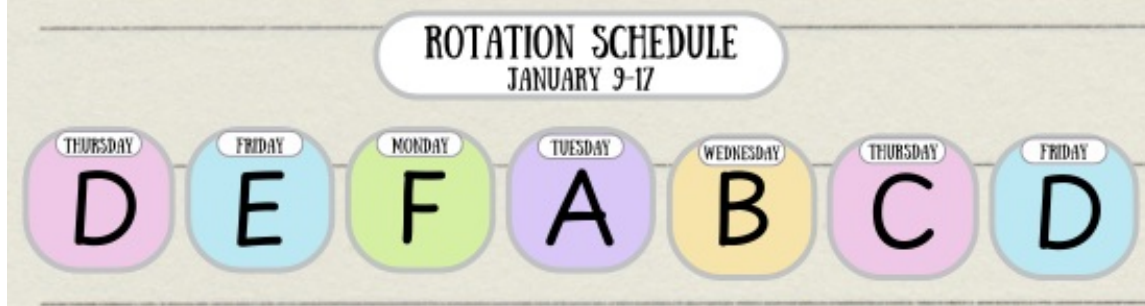
This morning, it was discovered that the heat in a few areas of our building was not working properly. Due to this matter we moved classes around. Teachers closely monitored their students to ensure that all children were comfortable. We are working with our HVAC company to correct this issue.

All students will have the option to wear their gym uniform to school for the remainder of the week.

Please take a moment to check your child's uniform. All skirts and jumpers must be no more than three inches above the knee. If necessary, please let out the hem, visit Flynn & O'Hara for a new skirt or jumper, or check out the used uniform group on Facebook. Please be reminded that boys in grades 2-8 should be wearing a belt. Middle school boys must also wear a tie. Maintaining the appropriate uniform is an important part of our dress code.

Faithfully,
Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Marinaro

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR JAN 9-17



PAY-IT LINKS

REMINDER Cash Bingo

Join us for a cash bingo on Friday, January 10, 2025 in the school auditorium! Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per person at the door. To register, please visit: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/omToMMgZ> by 8 a.m. on Thursday, January 9th.

LAST CHANCE Lucky 1500 Tickets

If you have not already done so, please turn your tickets in ASAP. **The grand prize drawing is on January 13th.** 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/Ph15JJJC>

NEW Student Appreciation Lunch

Tuesday, January 28th 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: You may complete one form per family. All orders must be submitted by **8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 16th.** <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/3eyLgYea>

NEW 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. As part of this celebration, it is a tradition for the PHSA, representing our school families, to provide a themed, catered dinner for the faculty and staff. In previous years, the generous contributions from SUS families have covered the cost of this appreciation dinner, along with providing catered breakfasts, lunches, and dinners throughout the school year. These donations are dedicated specifically to events for our teachers and staff, and with your continued support, we can keep this tradition going.

Please consider donating to help us thank the faculty and staff for all they do, not just for Catholic Schools Week but year-round! This link will close on February 2nd: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/FiQp5Jhc>. Thank you for all that you do to support SUS!

UPDATES & REMINDERS

NEW MAP Testing

This week we will begin the winter session of our MAP Growth testing for students in grades 2-8. Testing will continue into the following week. If at all possible, please try not to schedule any appointments for your child during this time period. We appreciate your support!

- Thursday, January 9 - Reading
- Tuesday, January 14 - Math
- Wednesday, January 15 - Language Arts

NEW Dollar Day

Students who have pre-paid may dress down on Monday, January 13th. 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 Join the Choir

Students in grades 3 through 8 are invited to join the school choir. Please see the letter below for more information and the practice schedule. Please return the tear-off by Tuesday, January 14th. [Choir Information](#)

NEW 4th Grade STEAM Activity

On Wednesday, January 22 (F Day), Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Swauger will be hosting a STEAM activity for ten 4th grade students. We will be building Kiwi Crates that were donated to Mrs. Zimmerman. They will be similar to [these](#). Students should bring a reusable shopping bag or a paper shopping bag with handles to put their project in when they are finished.

The sign up genius link will be emailed out to 4th grade parents/guardians on Thursday, January 9 at 6:30pm. You will only be able to sign your child up for one STEAM activity this year. Subsequent Sign-up Genius links will only be emailed to those that did not participate in an activity yet. If your child participated in the Oobleck STEAM in October, you will not receive the sign up info for this STEAM.

REMINDER Yearbooks

- **Order Your Yearbook**
 - Yearbooks are on sale! Order by January 19th and save \$5. The price will increase to \$35 after January 20th. Please see the flyer below for purchasing instructions. [Yearbook Order Form 2025](#)
- **LAST CHANCE 8th Grade Spreads**
 - We do two spreads in the yearbook for our 8th graders: "8th Grade Through the Years" and "8th Grade Baby Pictures." Please see the instructions below on how to submit these pictures for the yearbook. Picture submissions are due by January 6, 2025. [8th Grade Picture Spreads](#)
- **8th Grade Yearbook Ads**
 - Congratulate your 8th grade student and express your pride and love with an ad in the 2025 yearbook! Please see the flyer below for pricing and design instructions. Yearbook ads are due by January 21, 2025. [Yearbook Ad Flyer](#)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

NEW Parent Visitation

Parents are invited to visit their students in the classroom on Wednesday,

January 29th from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Please park on the St. Ursula School lot, the back half of St. John's Lot, or the St. Ursula Church lot, leaving spaces by the Parish Office open.

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 Friday, January 24th so we can send home a badge with your child: <https://forms.gle/retr2diHAzXNf4rU9>

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.

NEW Service Day Donations & Volunteers

As part of our Catholic Schools Week Service Day on Monday, January 27th, we will be collecting donations for Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital. Below is a list of suggested donations by grade level.

WISH LIST

Please Note: As a friendly reminder, due to infection prevention policies we ask for **NEWT** only. Also, no fabric, food-related, or violence-related items. Thank you so much for brightening the lives of our pediatric patients!

Gift Cards

Please no iTunes or Fandango

- Amazon
- Target
- Wal-Mart
- Michael's/JoAnn Fabrics

**Faculty &
Staff**

Items under \$5—Always needed

- Infant Bibs
- Batteries: AAA, AA, C, D
- Uno Cards/Playing Cards
- Goop, Foam, Foam Soap, Slime
- Children's Board Books (English and Spanish)
- Matchbox cars
- Scrapbooking supplies/Baby Stickers/Alphabet sets of stickers
- Highlighters and Dry erase markers

Infant/Toddler

- Clothing (No zipper-sleepers)
- Preemie & Newborn Size Clothing
- 0-3 mos, 3-6 mos, 6-9 mos Clothing
- Toddler Clothes (12 mos-2T)
- Socks (Preemie-6 months)
- Cause & Effect Toys—Pop up, Musical, V-Tech, etc.
- Toys with Blinking Lights and/or Music
- All Vinyl Baby Dolls (a diverse assortment is appreciated)
- Toddler Toys, Shape Sorters, Ring Stackers (Fisher Price, Paw Patrol, Peanuts or Disney themed)
- Boppy Pillow Covers
- Fisher Price Farm/Zoo animals

**Grades
PK-2**

School Age/Adolescent

- Arts and Crafts Supplies— Sand Art Containers, Paint, Fabric Paint, Finger Paint, Puffy Paint, Markers, Model Magic

**Grades
6-8**

- Tie Dye Kits
- Teen Board Games
- Phone Chargers
- Baby Alive Dolls
- Plastic Dolls
- Pearler Beads
- Action Figures
- Lego Sets
- Teen novels, School-age chapter books/series
- Fun socks and hair accessories
- Coloring books for adolescents or adults, sketch books
- Nintendo Switch games
- Nail polish
- ISpy books

**Grades
6-8**

Sensory Items (latex-free)

- Monkey noodles
- Water beads
- Light up ice cubes
- Ink pads
- Kinetic sand
- Fidget spinners
- Stress balls
- Light spinners
- Liquid motion timer/bubbler
- Bubbles
- "Whirly squigz" - large silicone fidget spinner
- Magnet letters or magnets for boards

**Grades
3-5**

Need more ideas of what to purchase for our patients? Check out our Amazon wish list with lots of recommendations that can be purchased and shipped directly to the hospital!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RQXOYWWSYDI?ref=wl_share%20

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER Raising Children in a Digital World

Parents and other interested adults are invited to join us for a presentation of "Raising Children in a Digital World" on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Bingo Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for Cash Bingo this Friday, January 10th. There are many ways you can help! We will need help setting up the gym before the event, running the Bingo games, working in the kitchen, providing baked goods or clean up after the event. Service hours apply. You must be VIRTUS

APPROVED to volunteer. Please sign-up here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/9040D48A9A928A3F94-54213254-cash>

REMINDER January Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in January. Volunteers are needed from 11:20 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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-53956169-lunch>

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.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

Each year, our 8th graders have the privilege of visiting the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg. Please see this article for "5 Reasons to Love St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:" <https://catholicreview.org/5-reasons-to-love-st-elizabeth-ann-seton/>

PARISH NEWS



**EXPERIENCING THE SACRAMENTS TOGETHER
STRENGTHENS FAMILY BONDS IN FAITH**

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.

LOOKING AHEAD


1. Worthy of the Call Training will be offered on Sunday, January 19th 12:30pm - 1:30pm, in the Spiritual Center, for all teens who are between the ages of 14-17 and interested in volunteering for any parish or school events. Please RSVP to Mrs. Tanya at tanya.ray@archbalt.org
2. Join us for "Bagels Days" on Sunday, January 26th after the 9am Mass, in the Spiritual Center and Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered during our 11am Mass.



JOIN US FOR
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR
THIS FRIDAY EVENING
AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH!




This Sunday!



**12:30P
IN THE
SPIRITUAL
CENTER**

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH!!
BRING YOUR SWITCH CONTROLLER,
A SNACK AND A FRIEND.
(NO WORRIES IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SWITCH CONTROLLER)
WE WILL SUPPLY LUNCH
PLEASE RSVP SO THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD
RVSP AT SUYOUTHMINISTRY@GMAIL.COM



**JOIN US FOR PRAYER, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP
AND A LESSON ON BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS**



Church Cleaning
Saturday, January 18th
10am - 12pm
All supplies available.
Service Hours do apply!

To sign up please call the Parish Office at 410-665-2111 or
email Tanya Ray at tanya.ray@archbalt.org

COME AND JOIN OUR
ROSARY GUILD

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH
MONTH!

6:30PM-8PM IN THE SPIRITUAL
CENTER



OPEN TO AGES 10YRS AND UP! THIS IS A
GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EARN SERVICE
HOURS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND
CONFIRMATION!

Questions? Contact Tanya Ray: tanya.ray@archbalt.org

*Our Rosary Guild is a member of Our Lady's Rosary Makers.
We make rosaries for the St. Paul Street Evangelization in
Warren, MI. The missionaries give the rosaries to people
experiencing homelessness and pray the rosary with them!*

JANUARY 19, 2024 AT 11AM MASS!!!

FAMILY LITURGY SUNDAY



***MUSIC BY OUR YOUTH BAND**

***SPECIAL BLESSING TO ALL ATHLETES**

***CHILDREN JOIN FR. JASON FOR THE HOMILY**

***SNACK AFTER MASS!**

**WEAR YOUR
SPORTS UNIFORM!!**



O St. Sebastian, patron saint of sport athletes, we call upon you to intercede for all those who participate in sports. We ask for your powerful intercession in granting them integrity and sportsmanship. We pray for the grace to play fair and to respect the rules of the game. We ask for your protection and guidance for them, and for the grace to be a good role model both on and off the field. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



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