



WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY



October 2, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Dear St. Ursula Families,

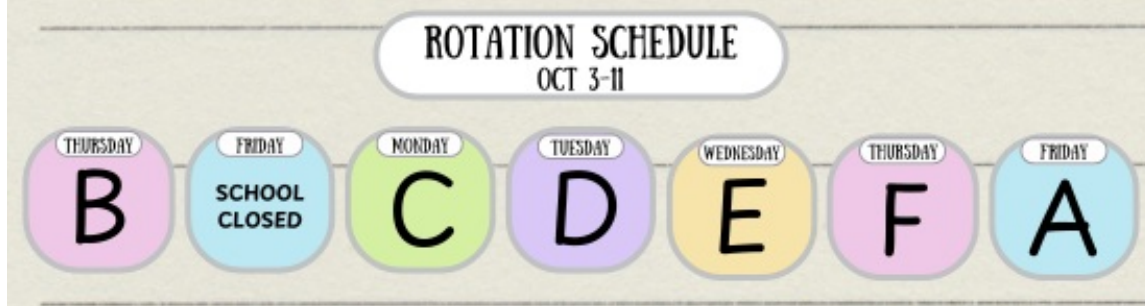
I hope this message finds you well! We are incredibly close to reaching 100% participation in our Family Income Survey, and we need your help to get there. Currently, we are missing surveys for only 72 students. If you haven't yet completed the survey for each of your children, please take a moment to do so. Your response is very important, as it directly impacts the amount of funding our school receives from the state. The survey link can be accessed [here](#). All responses are due by the end of the day Thursday, October 3rd.

As an added bonus, if we achieve 100% participation, our students will receive a surprise! Let's come together as a community and reach this important goal.

On another exciting note, make sure to check out the latest issue of the *Catholic Review*! Our Huskies were featured, and there's a special mention about our recent House Assembly. Reminder—tomorrow is a House Assembly! Don't forget to wear your House color as an add-on with your uniform!

Thank you,
Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Marinaro

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR OCT. 3-11



PAY-IT LINKS

NEW Trunk or Treat & Boo Bash

Join us for Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 25th! Middle school students are also invited to attend Boo Bash at the Spiritual Center. Chick-fil-A sandwiches, pizza and snacks will be available for purchase. For more information and to RSVP, please click here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/KxkKQ7dJ>

UPDATES & REMINDERS

NEW School Closed Friday, October 4

School will be closed on Friday, October 4th to accommodate for an Archdiocese Professional Day.

NEW Interim Reports

Interim reports will be sent electronically for students in grades 3-8 on Monday, October 7th.

NEW Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for Friday, October 18 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. An email with additional information will be sent the week of October 7th. This email will include a link enabling you to sign up using *Sign-up Genius*. Conferences will be limited to 10 minutes.

NEW STEAM Club

On Monday, October 21 (F Day), Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Swauger will be hosting a STEAM activity for ten 2nd grade students. We will be making pumpkin poppers. The sign up genius link will be emailed out to 2nd grade parents/guardians on Thursday, October 3 at 6:30pm. The Sign-up Genius also includes an opportunity to provide materials for service hours. 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.

NEW Cheerleading

Cheerleading season is almost here! We have an exciting season planned, so please keep an eye on upcoming What's Ahead Wednesday emails for important dates and additional registration details.

NEW Harvest Festival 50/50 Raffle Tickets

If you have any extra orange 50/50 Harvest Festival raffle tickets that you are not selling, please return them to the school office.

NEW Winter Uniform

Please be reminded that we will switch over to the winter uniform on Monday, November 4th. Please check you child's closet to make sure everything fits.

NEW Pulsera Project

Over the next two weeks our school will be partnering with The Pulsera Project, a fair trade nonprofit organization that seeks to empower, inspire, and educate people in Central America and the U.S. The Pulsera Project provides sustainable, well-paying work opportunities for artisans in Nicaragua and Guatemala, most of whom make colorful hand-woven bracelets, or “pulseras” in Spanish.

Students may purchase these items during the Harvest Festival on Thursday, October 10th (cash only, no tickets). They will also be available during morning homeroom in Mrs. Marinaro’s office the week of October 14th. Students will be allowed to wear their pulseras to school the week of October 14th to mark the culmination of Hispanic Heritage Month. For more information, please see this letter: [Pulsera Project Overview](#).

HARVEST FESTIVAL



The Harvest Festival is an annual tradition at St. Ursula School and is an event the entire St. Ursula Harvest Festival community looks forward to each year. The Harvest Festival includes fun family games, crafts, delicious food, prize wheels, and much more!

Please take a moment to read the [Insider Tips](#) for all you need to know about Harvest Festival.

Service Hour Opportunities:

- **We are still in need of volunteers for Harvest Festival!**Volunteers must be Virtus approved. Please sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8AF2BA3F4C34-harvest/15043343#/>
- **Cake Donations:** Earn 1 hour for each of the following: 2 cakes, 36 cupcakes, 24 individual brownies (13x9 dish) (Limit 4 hours from baking items for Harvest Festival) Homemade items only! – No store-bought items count toward service hours. Donations can be brought to the main office starting on Tuesday, October 8th.

LAST CHANCE Game Tickets & Decorate the Festival:

- <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/itfe6j7h>
- Order tickets by Thursday, October 4th by 8:00 a.m. to get a discount!

Raffles:

Please print and return to school in an envelope marked Student Raffle.
Please be sure to include your money in the envelope.

- [Student Gift Card Raffle](#)
- [Student Cash Raffle](#)

Attending the Festival:

Thursday, October 10th - Students will attend the festival during their assigned time below. **Parents/guardians who will be attending Harvest Festival with a student on Thursday, October 10th, will need to enter school through the playground doors to receive an identification badge before attending the festival.**

LAST CHANCE If you have previously visited the school and have had your ID scanned, please complete this form so that we can print your badge before the scheduled event: <https://forms.gle/yeCHJE6ZvU5YdXkj7>. *This form will close on Monday, October 7th.*

- **PK & K** 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- **Gr. 1, 2** 9:55 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **Gr.3, 4, 5** 11:10 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
- **Gr. 6, 7, 8** 12:30 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.

Friday, October 11th & Saturday, October 12th- The festival is open to the public from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

REMINDER Harvest Festival Volunteers

We still need your help! Volunteers are needed to help set-up, clean-up, work stands, etc. Volunteers must be Virtus approved. Please sign-up here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8AF2BA3F4C34-harvest/15043343#/\](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8AF2BA3F4C34-harvest/15043343#/)

REMINDER October Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in October. 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/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-51545388-lunch>

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.

NEW First Holy Communion Information If you have a child who will be preparing for First Holy Communion this year, please plan to attend the First Holy Communion Parent/Guardian Preparation Meeting on Monday, October 7, 7:15 PM in the school gym. At this meeting you will learn about our process of helping you to prepare your child for this important Sacrament of Initiation into the Church. Preparation does not happen in the school, but rather in your parish faith community. Contact Laura Weatherington for more information at 410-665-4106 or laura.weatherington@archbalt.org.



EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

Creation Lunch & Paint

Oct 6
12:30-2p
St. Ursula Spiritual Center



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

The Chosen
Season 2

in the Spiritual Center

Oct 6
4-5:30p



Join our Youth Band!

Do you have a passion for music?
WE ARE LOOKING TO RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS!
ESPECIALLY SINGERS!

ANYONE BETWEEN 7TH - 12TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
WE REHEARSE TUESDAY EVENINGS, 6:30PM-7:30PM SEPTEMBER - MAY
WE SING ONCE A MONTH AT THE 11AM MASS AND HAVE A GREAT TIME TOGETHER

Interested?? 

Please email Mr. Chris Montcalmo
 chris@montcalmo.com





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