



WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY

October 9, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Dear Parents,

It's Harvest Festival time! What an exciting time of the year for our community. Thank you to our PHSA and all of our many volunteers who make this event possible.

We would like to take a moment to follow up on our communication regarding the social media post from last week. We spoke with middle school students about the importance of being safe online and remembering that as Christians we are called to ensure that we treat every person with dignity and respect.

As parents, our own words and actions, especially on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Tik-Tok pages -- even those with a purpose for parent communication -- have a profound impact on how our children learn to interact with others. It is important that we ensure our communications — both online and in person — are positive, supportive, and reflect the love and respect we want our children to give to others. Children are always watching and learning from the choices we make, including what we say, what we do, and even what we choose to ignore.

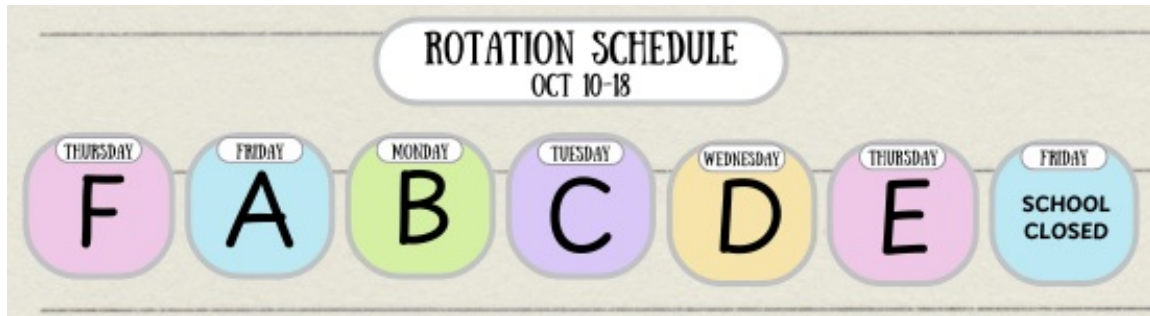
If your child has a social media account, please make sure that you are regularly checking it and speaking with them about online safety. We are looking into options for having officers visit our school to do a presentation about cyber safety.

As a community, let's work together to be more mindful of this, standing up for what is right, and creating an environment rooted in love, respect, and unity. Thank you for your continued partnership in building a nurturing space for our

children.

Faithfully,
Mrs. Jones
Mrs. Marinaro

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR OCT. 3-11



IMPORTANT REMINDER

NEW Extended Day Closing Early Friday

Extended Day will be closing early at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 11th to accommodate Harvest Festival.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



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

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.**

- **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.

Parking

If you are attending the festival with your child tomorrow or Friday evening,

please park on the St. Ursula School Lot or the back half of St. John's Lot. Please look for the sign on St. John's Lot to guide you. Overflow parking will be available at the St. Ursula Church parking lot.

Please DO NOT PARK in front of the Parish Office on Thursday, October 11th and Friday, October 12th. Parking is needed for Parish Office visitors and employees. We appreciate your cooperation!

Cake Donations

We will continue to accept cake, cupcake, and brownie donations until Saturday. Service hours do apply.

T-shirts

Students who ordered the 2024 Harvest Festival t-shirt may wear it on Thursday, October 11th and be out of uniform. Please follow the out of uniform guidelines listed in the student handbook.

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#/>

PAY-IT LINKS

REMINDER 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 18th

School will be closed on Friday, October 18th to accommodate parent/teacher conferences.

NEW Asynchronous Day Correction

We have two asynchronous days scheduled this school year on November 15th, 2024 and February 28th, 2025. November 15th is our first asynchronous learning day. Students will complete assignments asynchronously from 8 a.m. to noon (half-day). Asynchronous assignments will be graded. No students will be present at school. These days are designed to support teachers/staff in completing end-of-trimester grades and reports.

NEW Physical Education

If a student is not able to participate in physical education or other school activities for a medical reason, please send in a signed note from your child's health care provider. The note should state when they will be able to begin participating in class again. Without a signed health care provider note they are expected to participate as usual. An email, a note from a parent, or the student saying they are hurt will not excuse a student from participation.

REMINDER 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 was sent this afternoon. This email included a link enabling you to sign up using *Sign-up Genius*. Conferences will be limited to 10 minutes.

REMINDER Tuition Assistance Application

The 2025-2026 tuition assistance application will open on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. The complete and verified application is due by February 28, 2025. The following supporting documents will be required for Archdiocesan Assistance for the 2025- 2026 application: 2023 Tax Return and 2024 W-2's. To apply, please visit: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

REMINDER Pulsera Project

Over the next week 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. 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](#).

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#/>

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 Join us next weekend for our Family Liturgy at 11 a.m. Mass!!

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

To Jesus Through Mary

Saint Ursula Catholic Community
 In the Archdiocese of Baltimore

Our 2024 theme is "Do Whatever He Tells You"

St. Ursula Catholic Church
8801 Harford Road
Parkville, Maryland 21234

- Oct 3 6pm KoC Rosary Tailgate
- Oct 4 7pm Holy Hour with Rosary recited followed by reception
- Oct 13 Eucharistic Procession after the 11am Mass



Rosary kits are available for individuals and families who want to make rosaries at home for the Rosary Guild to give to the St. Paul Street Evangelization mission. Contact Tanya at tanya.ray@archbalt.org to receive a kit.



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