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February 26, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Dear Parents,

Please be reminded that our second Asynchronous Day is this Friday, February 28th. As a reminder, no students will be present at school; rather, they will complete the assignments for this half day at home. It is **not** expected that the students work on these assignments at a certain time.

Here are the details regarding assignment distribution, grading, and expectations:

- Assignment Distribution Assignments will be provided on Thursday, February 27th. Your child may receive their assignments digitally through Google Classroom, the classroom website, or via email. If your child requires any physical materials, those will be printed and sent home on February 27th.
- **Grading and Due Date** All assignments will be due on Tuesday, March 4th and included as a grade in Trimester 3. Clear instructions about expectations and deadlines will accompany each assignment.

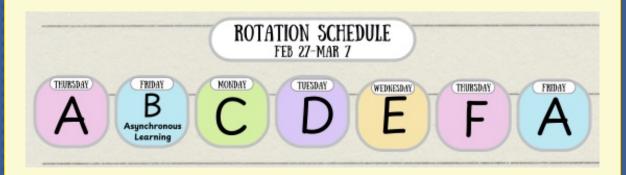
Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to make this day productive for everyone. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

We are grateful for the support you are showing to our students with your attendance at the Al Hahn Basketball Tournament! Please be reminded that children attending the tournament at our school must be supervised by an adult at all times. We appreciate your cooperation and support!

Faithfully,

Mrs. Jones Mrs. Marinaro

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR FEB 27-MAR 7



PAY-IT LINKS

NEW Fathers' Club 80s vs 90s Dance

The Fathers' Club invites you and your guests to the 80s vs 90s Dance for a totally radical night! Please join us on Saturday, March 22nd from 7:00-11:00 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/7ZtpzWGC

REMINDER Hershey Park Tickets

The PHSA will be selling tickets to Hershey Park at a reduced rate. The tickets are valid from April 1, 2025 through January 1, 2026. All orders are due by March 19, 2025. Tickets can be purchased here: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/fJYsi4F6

REMINDER PHSA Wockenfuss Candy Fundraiser

This is the perfect opportunity to order candy for Easter or for any upcoming event from Wockenfuss! To view the candy selection, please see this Wockenfuss Brochure. All orders are due by 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12. We cannot accept any late orders. Orders can be picked up on Monday, April 7 from 2:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center. For more information and to place your order, please visit https://payit.nelnet.net/form/7QEwdBtC

LAST CHANCE Race for Education Sponsor Letters

Once again, we are having our annual Race for Education. The Race will take place on Friday, May 9th during the school day. This has become our largest school fundraiser thanks to your continued support. The first step for those families who did not opt out of fundraising is to go to the link below to complete information regarding how many sponsor letters you would like to receive. The link includes very detailed information regarding the requirements and deadlines. Sponsor letter amounts are due by Tuesday, March 4th. https://payit.nelnet.net/form/2TVdUmzr

UPDATES & REMINDERS

LAST CHANCE Financial Aid Application

The application process for those seeking tuition assistance is now open. The

application closes on **Friday**, **February 28th**. For more information and to apply, please visit: https://www.stursula.org/admissions/grant-aid

LAST CHANCE Lenten Journey with Jesus Journals

Lenten Journey with Jesus will encourage students to dive deeper into their faith. Students who choose to participate will attend events outside of school to experience the fullness of the Lenten season. Each student will receive a journal where they will reflect on the events they attend. Students who participate in and journal about 10 or more activities will be eligible to attend the Divine Mercy Sundae event to be held the week of May 5th. Please complete and return the bottom portion of this letter to your child's teacher by Friday, February 28th.

NEW PowerSchool Access

PowerSchool Parent Access will be turned off beginning Thursday, February 27th as teachers finalize grades for Trimester 2.

NEW Fire Drill Monday

We will have a planned fire drill Monday, March 3rd, weather permitting.

NEW ACRE Testing

Students in grades 5-8 will be taking the ACRE test next week. The ACRE test measures students' knowledge about the Catholic faith, beliefs, behaviors, attitudes and practices.

NEW 8th Grade & Basketball Yearbook Pictures

On Thursday, March 6, 8th grade students will be taking the 2025 picture for the yearbook in the gym after morning announcements.

On Friday, March 14, students on the basketball team should bring their basketball jerseys to school. We will be taking a picture after morning announcements for the yearbook.

NEW 2nd Grade STEAM Activity

On Friday, March 14, 2025 (F Day), Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Swauger will be hosting a STEAM activity for ten 2nd grade students. We will be experimenting with baking soda and vinegar to have a gold coin scavenger hunt.

Students will only be able to sign up for one STEAM activity for the year. Emails will only go out to those in the grade that have not participated to give all students the opportunity to sign up. The sign up email will go out to 2nd grade parents/guardians of students that did not participate in the Pumpkin Popper STEAM on Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in signing up, you will do so on the sign up genius.

We are also in need of one parent to donate materials needed for the project for 1.5 service hours. If you are interested in donating materials, please sign up on the sign up genius.

REMINDER Lucky 1500 Tickets

Don't forget to turn in your tickets! The first drawing for the Lucky 1500 tickets was on Monday. Please send in your service hour card with your tickets so that we can record the hours. 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/DLWr0k29 If you would like additional tickets or have any questions, please email Ms. Sampson at asampson@stursula.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER Book Fair

Once again we will have the Scholastic Book Fair from March 10-14th. Parents are invited to visit the Book Fair with their students. 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, March 7th so we can send home a badge with your child:

https://forms.gle/5wZW49cxiBbsUBnG6 Please park on the back half of St. John's parking lot while visiting. Parents/guardians who have not visited the school are encouraged to stop in beforehand to have their ID scanned.

We are looking for volunteers to help us run the Scholastic Book Fair. We need set-up and break-down help as well as help during the fair. All volunteers need to be Virtus-approved. Sign-up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EA5A62BA2FA7-55168054-scholastic

The Book Fair Schedule can be found here: Book Fair Schedule

Join us for Family Night at the Book Fair on Monday, March 10th, from 3:00-7:00 PM in the school lunchroom.

Just a reminder that Scholastic has a payment system called e-Wallet which allows parents to add money to an electronic account for their child to spend at the book fair. It has been really helpful and convenient in the past. Please check out the details here: Book Fair eWallet

- Scholastic does not send unused money back to your credit card. Any unused funds can be taken as a scholastic gift card or rolled over to future e wallets. Please be mindful of that when deciding how much to deposit into the e-wallet.
- As always, cash, check, and credit card are accepted.
- E-Wallet is open now through March 14th to create and/or add funds for your upcoming book fair shopping!

Visit our Book Fair website link Online orders open Friday, March 7th - Friday March 14th! https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stursulaschool

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Please be reminded that families who did not opt out of service hours will be required to complete 25 service hours by **April 30th**. You will receive a bill for all unfinished hours through your FACTS account. If you are in need of service hours, please see the opportunities below.

NEW Shrove Tuesday Special Lunch Volunteers

Additional volunteers are needed for the Shrove Tuesday Special Lunch on

Tuesday, March 4th. All volunteers must be Virtus approved and service hours apply! Please sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4CACAB23A1FA7-54983145-special#/

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REMINDER Basketball Tournament Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to work concessions, admissions, and the parking lot at the basketball tournament. All volunteers must be VIRTUS approved. All high school volunteers must have completed Worthy of the Call Training. Please use the link below to sign-up.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AABA823A4FD0-55106478-2025/15043343#/

REMINDER Race for Education Volunteers

We are looking for parents who are interested in volunteering to help in different capacities to make our Race For Education a huge success again this year. Please see the Sign-up Genius link for a list of how you can best help. Please note that some sign-ups are for days and evenings and not all of the opportunities require you to be Virtus approved.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AABA72FA3F94-54481143-2025#/

REMINDER March Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in March. 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/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-55109388-lunch

REMINDER Race for Education Donations

We are seeking the following donation item for the *Race for Education* that will be eligible for service hours: 2 Books of Forever Stamps (1 Hour)

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

Please see this article from the Catholic Review: https://catholicreview.org/you-have-my-permission-to-cry-and-shout/

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.

Please be reminded that the parish office has reserved parking spaces for those visiting the office. Please do not park in these spaces for morning arrival, afternoon dismissal, and field trips.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES are here! These delicious cookies will be sold outside after all Masses each weekend through March 2nd. Cookies are now \$6 per box, Gluten Free cookies are \$7 per box!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OR ARE YOU CURRENTLY AN EM AT MASS? There will be a Day of Reflection for Eucharistic/Extraordinary Ministers on Saturday, March 8th, in the Spiritual Center, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Lunch included. Please take this opportunity to gather with your peers to reflect on this most important ministry that you have chosen to serve God and His people. Please RSVP to Deacon David (david.glassman@archbalt.org) by Wednesday, March 5th.

NEW VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Sign Up is now open!! Click here to sign up! https://www.vbspro.events/p/stursulaparkville

The Season of LENT

Ash Wednesday, March 5th

8:30am Daily Mass with ashes 5pm Prayer Service with ashes (no distribution of the Eucharist)

7pm Mass with ashes

Confession

Every Friday 6pm-6:45pm March 7th - April 18th

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7pm March 7th - April 18th

Join us in the Spiritual Center for Soup & Salad following Stations (except Good Friday - April 18th) All are welcome!



Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Sunday, April 20, 2025

Palm Sunday, April 12th Saturday, 5PM Vigil Mass Preceeded by Confessions from

Preceded by Confessions from 7:00PM Mass 3:30PM - 4:30PM Adoration follows Sunday at 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM Until 10:00PM

Holy Thursday, April 17th 8:30AM Morning Prayer

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration following Mass
Muntil 10:00PM

Good Friday, April 18th

8:30AM Morning Prayer 12:00PM Ecumenical Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

(beginning at St. Ursula and then processing to HISS United Methodist Church and St. John's Lutheran Church)

3:00PM Service of the Lord's Passion (including veneration of the Cross and

reception of Holy Communion)
7:00PM Traditional Stations of the Cross
(preceeded by Confessions from
6:00PM - 6:45PM

Holy Saturday, April 19th

8:30AM Morning Prayer 12:00PM Blessing of the Easter Foods 8:00PM Easter Vigil

(There will no Confessions heard on Holy Saturday)



EASTER SUNDAY: Masses at 7:30AM, 9AM and 11AM











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Annual **Elizabeth Schmedes Pancake Dinner** 5-7pm

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Volunteer Day @ the Women's Care Center 10a-12p

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XLT Holy Hour @ St. Joe Fullerton 6-8:30p

LOTS OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES TOO!

Rise Up! Middle School @

Holy Family, 10-2p

Lifeteen: Dodgeball & the 7 Deadly Sins 4-5:30p

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YM hosts Stations & Salad, 5:30p-8:30p

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Operation Mato Grosso baking, 9a-2p/bake sale after **ALL Masses**

Lifeteen: Movie & Service 3:30-5:30p



For more information

contact Tanya Ray at

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To find out more or to register visit our LinkTree linktr.ee/suym Scan QR













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