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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Thank you to our PHSA for the fabulous Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner last Thursday! A special congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Jenn Callinan (Kindergarten) and Staff Member of the Year, Mrs. Laurie Currens! We are so blessed to have you both at SUS!

Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of reflection for us as Catholics. Next Wednesday, our students will be attending Ash Wednesday mass. We invite you to join us at mass this Lenten season.

Faithfully, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Marinaro

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PAY-IT LINKS

NEW March Hot Lunch

Hot lunches will only be distributed to those who have pre-paid. There will be NO Subway Hot lunch this month due to the Book Fair. **Orders will close at 8 a.m. on Thursday, February 15th. No late orders will be accepted.** For more information and to place your order please visit this link: <u>https://payit.nelnet.net/form/b1PdXxpB</u>

LAST CHANCE Shrove Tuesday Special Lunch

Tuesday, February 13th will be our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Special Lunch. **Orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 8th.**No later orders will be accepted. Please use this form to place your order: <u>https://payit.nelnet.net/form/1Q9STIBT</u> Virtus-approved volunteers are needed from 8:00-2:00 p.m. This is a great way to get service hours. To volunteer or if you have any questions please email: Jennifer Schmith at jennifer_lawler@hotmail.com or Jerrie Koenig at gkoenig30@hotmail.com.

LAST CHANCE 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: <u>https://payit.nelnet.net/form/k7FpN2Jn</u>. Orders are due no later than Thursday, February 8th. Sorry, but we cannot accept late orders. Love Grams will be distributed on Tuesday, February 13th due to Ash Wednesday.

LAST CHANCE 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 by Thursday, February 8th: <u>https://payit.nelnet.net/form/QLG7ydki</u>

REMINDER Race for Education Sponsor Letters

Once again, we are having our annual Race for Education. 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, February 20th <u>https://pavit.nelnet.net/form/Wy95ONqN</u>

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: <u>https://payit.nelnet.net/form/DdzgSU2u</u>

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: <u>https://payit.nelnet.net/form/LP9F2yui</u>

UPDATES & REMINDERS

NEW MAP Scores

The Family Report for MAP testing for 2nd-8th grade will be sent home with your child this afternoon. Please see this documents for frequently asked questions regarding the MAP test results: <u>MAP Test FAQ</u>

NEW Morning Arrival Reminder

Please do not leave you children unattended before 7:40 a.m. on the school grounds. Cars are moving and there is no adult supervision. The safety of our students is paramount.

NEW Black History Month

Our teachers and students are celebrating Black History Month in their classes. Our student council is also celebrating Black History during our morning announcements. Thank you so much to our students and teachers for sharing with us!

NEW Lenten Journey with Jesus Journals

The Catholic Identity Committee at SUS is excited to introduce a new program for Lent this year. Lenten Journey with Jesus will encourage students to dive deeper into their faith this Lenten season. Students will connect what they are learning about Lent in school to home, and ultimately to 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 April 8th. Please complete and return the bottom portion of this letter to your child's teacher by Monday, February 12, 2024: Lenten Journey with Jesus Journals

NEW Craft Club (Grades K-2)

The Craft Club will meet once per month during recess on Wednesday's for grades K-2. Due to limited space, we will only be able to take 2 students per homeroom (1 boy and 1 girl). Students will bring their lunch and spend lunch and recess making a seasonal craft.

In order to keep things fair, we will use a sign-up genius each month. When you sign up, please make sure to use the correct homeroom. Please put your child's first and last name in the

comment. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AFA828ABF9CF8-</u> 47830511-craft

If we have indoor recess, it will be rescheduled to the following Wednesday.

Thank you!

Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. C, & Ms. Fasy

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: <u>https://www.stursula.org/admissions/grant-aid</u>

REMINDER Order Your Yearbook

A limited number of yearbooks are available. Please see this flyer for purchasing instructions: <u>Yearbook Order Form 2024</u>

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

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/10C084AABA72FA3F94-47553392-2024

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 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/5080444A5A822A2FD0-46990083spaghetti?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#/

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.

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.

A "Souper" huge THANK YOU to all who contributed to our **Youth Ministry Souper Bowl of Caring** last weekend! We collected over \$540 as well as filled over 3 large bags of food. All of your donations were given to help support the St. Vincent de Paul outreach program within our community!

REVIVE FAMILY NIGHT will be happening in the Spiritual Center, Saturday, February 17th starting at 6 p.m.! Join the Archdiocese of Baltimore Damascus ministries for a time of prayer, witness, worship, and Eucharistic Adoration! Please RSVP to our Youth Minister, Mrs. Tanya at <u>tanya.ray@archbalt.org</u>

FAMILY LITURGY SUNDAY is next Sunday, February 18th at the 11 a.m. Mass! Come hear music from our Youth Band and the children will be invited to join Fr. Jason for the homily! Please return that evening for our annual Pancake Dinner! <u>https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?</u> <u>formId=8b95b9c9-0a84-4de6-bb03-7f7e01a4f977</u>

SOUP AND SALAD DINNER

Join us as we pray and eat together Friday evenings this Lent.

We will begin with Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7pm, immediately followed by a Soup and Salad Social in the Spiritual Center.

Each Friday there will be a table for collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Meals will be hosted by a different group in our parish, school and community.

February 16th	Pastoral Council
February 23rd	St. Ursula's School PHSA & Parish Office Staff
March lst	St. Ursula's Youth Ministry
March 8th	Daughters of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
March 15th	St. Vincent de Paul Society & parishioners
March 22nd	Scouts - Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH



Lent Schedule 2024 Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 The Distribution of Ashes will take place at: 8:30 AM Mass 5:00 PM Evening Prayer Service 7:00 PM Mass

Fridays during Lent, February 17 — March 22 Confessions 6: 00 PM — 6: 45 PM Stations of the Cross 7: 00 PM Soup and Salad Dinner in the Spiritual Center immediately following Stations



Sunday, March 24, 2024 - Sunday, March 31, 2024

Palm Sunday Saturday, 5PM Vigil Mass Preceeded by Confessions from 3:30PM - 4:30PM Sunday at 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM until 10:00PM

Good Friday, 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 ending at St. John Lutheran Church) **3:00PM Service of the Lord's Passion**

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

Holy Thursday 8:30AM Morning Prayer 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration following Mass Holoopia Bisloam Morning Prayer 12:00PM Blessing of the Easter Foods 8:00PM Easter Vigil (There will no Confessions beard on Hole Saturday)

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heard on Holy Saturday) EASTER SUNDAY

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



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