



WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY



September 18, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Hello, Huskies!

Last week you received the link to complete the Family Income Survey, which determines the amount of funding that we receive for various grants from the State of Maryland. The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and we **NEED** your participation. If you have not done so already, please follow the link below to complete it as soon as possible. When we reach 100% family participation, students will receive a **surprise!** Thank you in advance for your cooperation. [Family Survey Link](#)

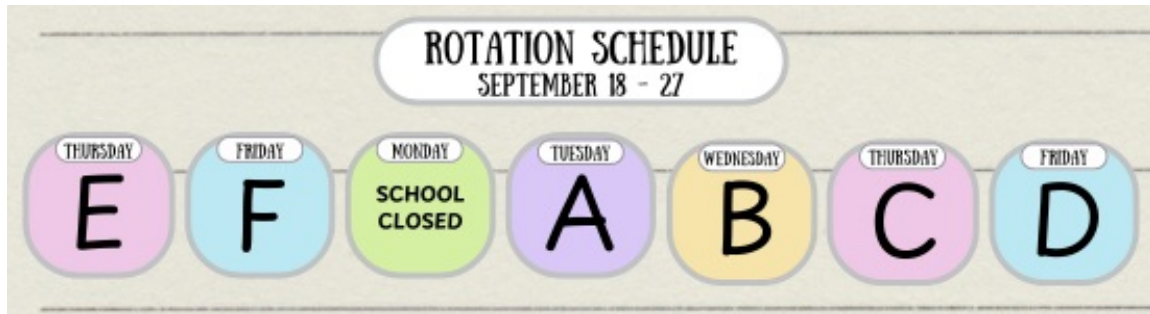
Again this year, the AOB partnered with the *I Love You Guys Foundation* to establish common language and protocols to promote school safety. We will be practicing the *I Love You Guys Foundation* drills over the next few weeks. Please take a moment to review the [parent letter](#) for more information on the drills. Remember, drills are for practice. We will discuss each drill with the students before we practice them.

On **Friday, September 27th** at 8:45 a.m. we will practice our first HOLD drill. A hold drill is for a non-emergency when a specific hallway or classroom would need to remain clear due to an illness in the area or specific maintenance need. Students remain actively engaged in learning activities since this is not an emergency and teachers will conduct business as usual. The students will hear the following announcement at the time of the drill: "We are currently in a HOLD situation in (*name of specific area*) and I ask that all students & staff remain in their current location and continue with normal operations." We ask that you speak with your students about the hold drill to reinforce the importance of having and practicing protocols for various safety situations. Classes will discuss the Hold drill during school time as well.

Please look for an email tomorrow with all of the information you will need for our upcoming Harvest Festival on October 10th-12th!

Faithfully,
Mrs. Jones
Mrs. Marinaro

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR SEPT. 12-20



PAY-IT LINKS

NEW Dollar Days

We are inviting the students to participate in Dollar Days. On these days all students are permitted to wear casual attire as long as they pay \$1.00 in advance for the day listed on the form. The total for one student for the year is \$9.00. Be sure to see the guidelines in the handbook regarding dress-down days. Please complete this form and make payment by Wednesday, September 25, 2024: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/2dYU47vd>

NEW October Hot Lunch & Special Lunch

We will once again be offering hot lunches and special lunch. This year we will be combining the forms so that both hot lunch and special lunch will be on one form. You are not required to order all of the lunches. Lunches will only be distributed to those who have prepaid. All orders must be placed through the Pay-it link no later than 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 26. Late orders cannot be accepted. For more information and to place your order please visit this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/LtSOVUFg>

UPDATES & REMINDERS

NEW School Closed Monday

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Monday, September 23rd to accommodate our faculty and staff retreat.

NEW Fire Drill Next Week

We will have a planned fire drill on Tuesday, September 24th, weather permitting.

NEW Water Fountains

Our water fountains are back in service. We will no longer be providing water bottles. Please make sure your child brings their reusable water bottle to school.

NEW Cough Drops

If your child needs cough drops, please send them in a baggy with a note and have your child give them to their teacher.

NEW VIRTUS

Please verify that your Virtus certification is complete and/or needs to be updated, please log-in to your Virtus account here: <http://virtusonline.org>. Once you are logged in, if your screen says action needed, then you are not complete. Due to the volume of school volunteers, we are unable to send a notification when certifications are complete. We encourage all returning families to check their Virtus status. If you have any questions please email Abby Sampson at asampson@stursula.org.

NEW Lunch Reminders

Please remember to pack utensils in your child's lunch. We have very limited extras to give out. If anyone would like to donate plastic spoons and forks, please send them in with your child.

NEW Spirit Wear

Time to show our school spirit! Place your spirit wear orders through the link below. A reminder that for all sweatshirts and t-shirts--you can add "mom/dad/grandparent/etc." to them! Order now and you will receive in time for Christmas! <https://stursulaspiritwear24-25.itemorder.com/>

NEW 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 MAP Testing

This week we began the fall session of our MAP Growth testing. Testing will continue into next week. If at all possible, please try not to schedule any appointments for your child during this time period. We appreciate your support!

- Thursday, September 19 - Grades 2-5 MAP testing (Reading)
- Friday, September 20 - Grades 6-8 MAP testing (Math)
- Wednesday, September 25 - Grades 2-5 MAP testing (Math)
- Thursday, September 26 - Grades 6-8 MAP testing (Language Arts)
- Tuesday, October 1 - Grades 2-5 MAP testing (Language Arts)

REMINDER High School Night Flyer

Please see the flyer for dates and locations for the upcoming High School Nights. We will be hosting an evening at St. Ursula on Wednesday, September 25th from 6-7;30 p.m. [High School Night Flyer](#)

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

NEW Mothers' Club Meeting Invitation

The Mothers' Club is inviting all moms and female family influencers to join us

for the first meeting of the school year on Monday, September 30th at 6:45pm in the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center. Drinks and refreshments will be provided. Help us prepare for the meeting by using the link to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/mruCUWjJ4dBdx8nT9>

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

NEW 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 Grade 3 Basketball

Students in grade 3 are invited to tryout for basketball. Please see the flyer for more details [Basketball Clinic](#)

Childrens Liturgy of the Word!
SUNDAY, Sept. 22nd
at 11am Mass!!



"Donut BAGEL Days" 

**Sunday, Sept. 22nd after the
9am Mass!!**



"Enjoy the bagels!!"
-Jesus 

Walking with Moms in need


CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

September 21st - September 29th

The Women's Care Center will be collecting new or gently used children's books. Please donate!

Place your donations in the vestibule through September 29th.

Thank you!!



Hello **FALL**

September 29

Ignite Youth Ministry hosts

BINGO

All are welcome.

St. Ursula Church
Spiritual Center
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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