



# WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY

September 29, 2021

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### *St. Vincent de Paul*

St. Vincent was born in France, the son of a peasant farmer. He was able to study and became a priest in 1600. He established organizations of men and women to provide aid to the poor and sick. His feast day is September 27.



## UPDATES & REMINDERS

### **NEW** October Dismissal Schedule

Again this year we will have a rotational dismissal schedule. Therefore, at the beginning of each month you will receive a text message reminder on Sunday evening with the new schedule. The October dismissal schedule will begin on **Monday, October 4th**. Please see the chart at the end of this email for the new times.

### **NEW** Service Hours

Families who did not opt out of service hours will be required to complete 18 service hours by **April 30th**. The youngest child will be bringing home a yellow service hour card soon. Please bring this card with you anytime you volunteer and have the chairperson sign the card. For those who have already performed service hours this year, we have received that information from the chairperson and will record it on our log.

### **NEW** Lucky 1500 Tickets

Two Lucky 1500 tickets will be sent home shortly to those families who did not opt out of fundraising. Families are required to sell a total of four tickets per school year. For every ticket that you buy or sell you will receive 1.5 service hours. The drawing will begin on November 1st. Tickets can be purchased electronically or by returning the ticket and the cash or check payment to the school office. If you would like additional tickets, please reach out to Laurie Currens at [lcurrens@stursula.org](mailto:lcurrens@stursula.org). You will receive two additional tickets in February for the spring drawings.

## Family Survey

For those that have not yet completed the Family Survey, please know that it strongly impacts the services that are provided to our students. The information you provide will help to determine the level of state and federal funding for textbooks, technology, grants, and, if funding is available, for the aging school program. It will also be used to determine funding that will be allocated for Title I services to children in our school. To complete the survey, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/sY4sTNwckhDwUGB97>

## High School Placement Test Registration

Online registration for the High School Placement Test is open. St. Ursula Grade 8 students should register to take the HSPT at St. Ursula School on Wednesday, December 1st. To register, please visit:

<https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php>



## LOOKING AHEAD

### **NEW Dollar Day**

Our first Dollar Day will be next **Wednesday, October 6th**. On these days all students are permitted to wear casual attire. There are some clothes that are not appropriate on these days: yoga pants, excessively short skirts or shorts, very tight or bare apparel, clothing that is unhemmed or torn, flip-flops, heels and wedges. No clothing with improper sayings or decals is permitted. Leggings may be worn if accompanied by a tunic top. If a Dollar Day is scheduled for a day that a student has gym, they should wear appropriate sports clothing and non-skid tennis shoes. To pay in advance, please use the link in the Pay-It section below.

### **NEW Individual Picture Day**

Picture Day is scheduled for **Thursday, October 7th**. Please note that the students are to wear their school uniform (either the summer or winter uniform) for their individual photo. **NO P.E. UNIFORMS ARE TO BE WORN ON THE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**, except for students in PK (regardless if the student has P.E. class on that day).

### **NEW Friday, October 8th - School Closed**

School will be closed on Friday, October 8th for an Archdiocesan Professional Day.

### **NEW Monday, October 11th - School Closed**

School will be closed on Monday, October 11th to

accommodate Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences. On Wednesday, October 6, you will receive an email which will contain directions to locate the Sign-up Genius link in which to arrange a conference appointment with your child's teacher.

### **NEW Tuesday, October 12 - Early Dismissal**

We will have an early dismissal on Tuesday, October 12th to accommodate Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences in the afternoon. Dismissal will begin at 12:00 pm using the October schedule. Extended Day will be available until 6:00 pm for those who are already registered.

### **High School Fairs**

If anyone in your family has tested positive for COVID, is awaiting testing results, or is experiencing symptoms related to COVID, we would please urge you to participate in a virtual rather than an in-person high school fair. Thank you for your partnership in keeping all of our school communities safe.

This fall, we are offering both virtual and in-person fairs for middle school families who want to learn more about our Catholic high schools. Our **Virtual Fairs** will take place on September 29, October 11, and November 2 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Please visit <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-admissions/virtual-admissions/> to register for the event, and to receive access details.

There is one **In-Person Fair** remaining. It will take place from 6:00pm to 8:05pm on Thursday, September 30 at St. Margaret in Bel Air. The **Open Fair** is from 6:00pm to 6:30pm, followed by three **Breakout Sessions**. Registration is not required, but masking is required of all participants. These fairs are open to students and families from any school who wish to attend.

## **CLUBS & ACTIVITIES**

### **Yearbook Club**

7th & 8th Graders that are interested in joining the Yearbook Committee should join this Google Classroom: **iute7qs**. They will need to create a sample yearbook page by October 8th. More details can be found under the "Interested in Being on the Yearbook Committee" assignment under classwork in Google Classroom.

### **Band**

Band lessons and rehearsals started this week for all band students. It is not too late to join the band. For information about registration, renting and instrument, and other details, please visit the [SUS Band Website](#)

- **Beginner Band** - lessons during the school day every Friday (starts on October 1)
- **Concert Band** - lesson during the day and after school band in the gym until 3:50pm every Friday (starts on October 1)
- **Symphonic Band** - lesson during the day and after school band in

## HEALTH UPDATES



### COVID-19 Testing

The Archdiocese of Baltimore Department of Catholic Schools has asked us to pass along the instructions for a new, updated COVID Testing Consent Form. **Please Note: If you had previously filled out this form for the 2021-22 school year, you WILL need to complete this**

**form again for your child to be tested.**

The COVID-19 Testing Program is entirely voluntary and meant to provide a safe, convenient and prompt means of having your child tested should COVID-19 symptoms arise at school. The Testing Consent Form, along with Fact Sheets on the COVID-19 Rapid and PCR tests, provides details on how testing will be conducted and how the test results and information will be shared as part of this Program. This form must be completed in order for your child to be tested by our school nurse for COVID-19.

To facilitate your review of the Program and approval to participate, we have created a COVID-19 Testing Consent Form on your child's "SchoolAdmin Enrollment Checklist" for you to complete. The checklist can be accessed via this link: <https://stursula.schooladminonline.com/portal>. Once you are logged into your SchoolAdmin account, please click the blue "View Checklist" button. The portal will indicate that you have no forms to complete, but the testing form is listed as optional, so it will be listed at the bottom of the Enrollment Checklist. If you are unable to access your SchoolAdmin account, please contact Lauren Calva at [icalva@stursula.org](mailto:icalva@stursula.org) or 410-665-3533.

## PAY-IT LINKS



### SUS Magnets

Show your SUS pride with a car magnet! Magnets are 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5. Use the link below to purchase your magnet today!

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/hpiqHKIQ>



### Harvest Festival T-Shirt

We can't gather for Harvest Festival this year but we still want to celebrate with a T-shirt! **The deadline to order shirts is Thursday, September 30th.** No late orders will be accepted. For more information and to order, use the link below:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/F6rk5SS4>

### Dollar Days



Students are invited 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 each day. **The deadline to pay in advance is Friday, October 1st.** Please use the link below to pay for Dollar Days:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/rPtwg0fN>

## PARISH NEWS

### **NEW Altar Servers Needed**

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to become altar servers for St. Ursula Parish. Please see the note below from Fr. Jason for more information.

*My dear friends!*

*We are in need of volunteers to help out at weekend Masses. We are in need of Lectors, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Altar Servers (5th grade and older).*

*If you have already served the St. Ursula's Community in the past, and have been waiting for a call to 'come back,' this is it — Please Do! Contact the office to find out how you can start serving again.*

*If you would like to join one of these ministries, please visit [www.stursulaparish.org/volunteer](http://www.stursulaparish.org/volunteer) to sign up online. But, if you are one that does not 'do' computer stuff, please call the parish office (410) 665-2111.*

*Thank You!*

*God Bless & St. Ursula Pray for us!*

*Fr. Jason*

*Pastor, St. Ursula Parish*

### **NEW Parkville Fair**

Join Fr. Jason and the Parish Council for the Parkville Fair on Saturday, October 9th from 10 am - 3 pm! Fr. Jason will be in a dunking booth so make sure to stop by and join in on the fun!



## MASS TIMES

For those who are planning to worship as part of our St. Ursula Catholic Community, please be reminded of the Mass times: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



# DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

October 2021

2:50 pm	Group 2: Du - La	SUS Lot
3:00 pm	Group 3: Le - Sc	SJ Lot
3:10pm	Group 4: Se - Z	SUS Lot
3:20 pm	Group 1: A - Dr	SJ Lot

