Dear Ursuline Families:

Help is Available!

Thank you to the students, teachers, staff and parents for another successful opening of school. As we quickly approach the end of the first quarter, students and parents are reminded of the many instructional supports available to Ursuline students. Students who are experiencing difficulty in one or more of their courses are encouraged to take advantage of after-school tutoring, always available from their teachers. In addition to tutoring from the teachers, Ursuline is happy to welcome several YSU tutors who are also available after school in English and math. If a student is having problems arranging tutoring, please call me at 330-744-4563.

Also available are several on-line resources that can be utilized during school or at home. Page six of the newsletter provides descriptions and access codes for online databases purchased by Ursuline for help with research and homework. Included in the list are StudyIsland and On To College. Both offer extensive practice for the ACT, PSAT, and SAT. On To College is especially helpful for juniors and seniors preparing for the ACT. The website provides several brief videos with testing-taking tips and strategies. All juniors and seniors received the On To College support materials binder from the guidance office. Direct specific questions regarding On To College to Mrs. Kakavros in the Guidance Office.

A mental health counselor from Alta Counseling is also available for students experiencing any kind of problem in school or at home. A signed parent release is required before a student can see an Alta counselor. If you did not receive a release form in the mail, please contact the main office. The Alta counselor can help with test anxiety, adjusting to high school, or other school-related problems. Our guidance counselors are also available for help with school-related issues and career and college counseling. Parents with concerns about the college admissions process are encouraged to contact Mrs. Kakavros for a phone or in-person conference.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Thursday, November 7 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. If you are unavailable, please contact the teachers or administrators to set up a phone or in-person conference. Conferences are an excellent opportunity to discuss concerns and evaluate your child’s progress with the teacher.

The Ursuline Auction

I ask all parents, especially those who benefit from Ed Choice and Ursuline Financial Aid, to consider donating their time or a gift to the Ursuline Celebrate Our Legacy Auction. The annual profit from the auction helps to minimize tuition increases and provides the best in instructional resources to our students. The Advancement Office previously sent out a request for volunteers and will soon e-mail parents regarding a gift donation. All gifts, regardless of value, are appreciated. The Auction Committee does a great job of combining smaller gifts or gift cards into attractive baskets.
Ursuline High School is first and foremost, a Catholic school. Founded in 1905 by the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown, the Ursuline of today continues to live out the charisms of our founder, Saint Angela Merici, through hospitality and resilience. The regular practice of the Sacraments, variety of community service opportunities, the annual retreat program, and daily prayer experiences enrich the Ursuline community.

Not only do students grow academically at Ursuline, they are developing into faith-filled, virtuous young adults.

Interested volunteers can contact Carolyn Korenic at 330-744-4563 or ckorenic@youngstowndioocese.org. Of course, we would love to see our parents as guests at the auction. See page four of the newsletter for more details. The auction has many great bargains and several raffles affordable for all families. The night is filled with great food and drinks and the opportunity to socialize with fellow parents and friends of Ursuline.

Mooney Week

I hope to see during everyone the week of October 21 as we celebrate Ursuline and its many traditions during Mooney Week. The seniors are busy planning the rally, a special t-shirt, and the family tailgate and I share their excitement and anticipation for a fun and spirit-filled week. I applaud their efforts as they unify as a class and exemplify the community atmosphere of Ursuline. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Soli Deo Gloria!

GO IRISH!

Matthew Sammartino
Principal

Student-Directed One Acts

Saturday, October 12, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Deibel Morley Arts Center

Scheduled One Acts:
- “The Park Bench” by Dominic Adams
- “Mr. Chow” by Molly and Riley Burke
- “Who Did It?” by Keila Cortes
- “The Curse of Plebian #2” by Augusta Fox, Lauren Ladd, Caitlin Pinto
- “Rally to the Past” by Belle Gasior and Lex Watson
- “Vacation Adventure” by Kamryn Ross

Ursuline High School is once again sponsoring the “Fill the Truck” food drive in honor of Ursuline-Mooney Week. Visitors to Ursuline are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items (cereal, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soup, ramen noodles, canned yams, sweet potatoes, gravy, and stuffing) to be donated to the Saint Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen as well as the newly created Ursuline Food Ministry, a food pantry for Ursuline students and families.
Welcome Ursuline Class of 2024!

*Eighth Grade Day* - Tuesday, November 5, 2019 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

All eighth grade students are invited to spend the day at Ursuline. This day is designed to give future Ursuline students an overview of life at Ursuline, as well as the opportunity to meet some of the students and staff. It will not only be a fun and informative day, but a chance to experience the advantages of an Ursuline education. Students will participate in a scavenger hunt, foreign language lesson, cow eye dissection in the distance learning lab, and more. Lunch will be provided and students may dress casually.

Students who attend Saint Rose, Saint Christine, and Saint Joseph the Provider schools are registered through their school and therefore do not need to call. 8th Graders may register by calling the Ursuline High School Office at 330-744-4563 by October 29.

*Eighth Grade Placement Test* - Saturday, November 16, 2019 (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

Students who do not attend an elementary school in the Diocese of Youngstown should register for this administration of the eighth grade placement test. Parochial school students will take the exam at their respective schools. There is no fee to take the test. Reservations for the test may be made by calling Ursuline High School at 330-744-4563. Students should bring sharpened pencils and water to the test and are encouraged to dress casually for the test administration.

*Shadow Days* - December 4, 2019 - May 1, 2020 (7:55 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

Shadow Days may be scheduled by contacting Ursuline High School at 330-744-4563. Prospective students will be paired with a freshman with similar academic and extracurricular interests. Please call early to schedule your shadow days. A limited number of spots per day are available.

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Celebrate Our Legacy Gala Auction

- Junior Jacob Oles (left) for his participation in the Intensive Law and Trial Envision Program at Stanford University School of Law. Jacob traveled to California this summer to participate in this ten-day program for aspiring lawyers. Jacob was able to work with leading lawyers and Stanford law professors to widen his view and practice of law, legal rhetoric, and ethics.

- 4H members (right) senior Kaitlyn Susany, sophomore Grace Campbell, juniors Patrick Howlett and Luke Campbell, and freshman Samantha Campbell who raised and showed their animals at the Canfield Fair. Patrick won two awards for his steer. Patrick showed pigs and won two awards for his steer. Kaitlyn and Samantha presented their steers for competition at the fair, Luke competed in the steer category, and Grace showed her steer and pigs. Congratulations!

Kudos To...

*Learn about Ursuline’s college preparatory curriculum and instructional technology program, including the 1:1 Chromebook program.*

*Receive information about Ursuline’s extensive financial aid program.*

*Discover the social and spiritual benefits that await the Ursuline student.*

*Meet the Ursuline administration, faculty, and students.*

*Take a tour of Ursuline’s first-rate facilities.*

*8th grade families are invited to enter a tuition raffle for a $500 tuition credit.*

**RSVP today by visiting www.ursuline.com/calendar and select October 30**
Ursuline High School subscribes to several on-line databases for student research when completing papers, projects, or homework assignments. These resources provide students with credible information from reliable, unbiased sources. The user names and passwords listed below may be utilized from home or school to access the databases.

**Facts on File**  http://online.infobaselearning.com  (Includes Issues & Controversies)

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**John Baylor Prep**  www.ontocollege.com

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November is Digital Wellness Month at Ursuline!

Throughout the month of November, the students will take part in a variety of wellness initiatives surrounding social media and technology consumption.

Ursuline parents will receive additional details via email. Don’t get our emails? Please call 330-744-4563.

Ursuline is proud to welcome Josh Ochs from California. Josh Ochs travels the country teaching students, schools, and organizations to use their devices with a purpose, not just a pastime. Parents are invited to a special parent session on November 4 at 6:30pm in the auditorium. Grade school parents are welcome and encouraged to attend as well.

Congratulations National Merit Commended Scholars!

Ursuline High School is proud to recognize 4 members of the Class of 2020 as National Merit Commended Scholars.

Left to Right:

- **Brady Leugers**, graduate of Saint Charles School
- **Caroline Scharf**, graduate of Holy Family School
- **Keona Wilkie**, graduate of Volney Rogers Middle School
- **Sean Phillips**, graduate of Saint Christine School

Ursuline’s long standing tradition of academic excellence is highlighted by our history of National Merit Scholars!