

January 2016

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that the light of Jesus and memories of the Season continue to brighten your lives during these winter days.

Our 27th Annual Craft Show was outstanding! We extend a special thank you to Christy Durham, her committee chairpersons, Alumni parents and ALL of you for your dedication and support. The proceeds from the Craft Show will enable UPSK to continue to offer the best education for all of our children. We congratulate the winners of the raffles and are already planning for the 28th Annual Craft Show.

REGISTRATION for 2016-17

Children currently enrolled (Time for Two, 3's, 4's, TK & K) at UPSK will have the opportunity to enroll for next year beginning **Monday, January 11th** before our Public Open House. A reminder that our Morning 3's & 4's, TK & K tend to fill up very quickly. Registration information will soon be coming home.

OPEN HOUSE for NEW FAMILIES

We will have an Open House for new families interested in attending UPSK on **Sunday, January 24th from 1:00-3:00 pm.** We invite you to bring your family and friends to see our beautiful school and art work that will adorn our walls. If you know of someone who can't attend, but is interested, encourage them to call the office for a private tour. A personal invitation is a wonderful way to introduce your friends to UPSK.

THREE & FOUR YEAR OLD CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences for Three Year Old parents will be Thursday, January 14th. Conferences for the Four Year Old parents will be on Wednesday, January 20th. Sign-up sheets will be posted.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN CONFERENCES

The Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers will conference with parents on Thursday, January 28th. Conference sign-up sheets will be posted outside the classrooms.

SUPPLIES

Children with last names beginning with **K through Z** are reminded to bring in school supplies for the second half of the year. It is amazing the amount of tissues we go through in a day! Thank you for taking your supplies to your child's teacher.

BOXTOPS

Our robot is very hungry for BOXTOPS, please feed him soon! Thank you to Mrs. Chrissy Cvetkovic for the countless hours counting these. BOXTOPS also help to pay for our GYMSTERS Program.

ONE CALL NOW

"One Call Now: will be used for any school closings. Please remember to check your voicemail for messages.

SCHOOL CLOSING/DELAY FOR WEATHER

The administration will contact the Local TV stations to announce closings due to inclement weather or delays. If there is a 2 hr. delay, there will be NO morning Preschool classes. TK, K and Preschool Enrichment will begin at 10:30. Afternoon classes will be as scheduled.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We will celebrate Catholic Schools week the week of January 31st. During that week we will have some special events for the children to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Information will be sent home.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Monday, January 11th:

In House Registration for current students

Monday, January 18th: NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Tuesday, January 27th:

Feast Day of Angel Merici, founder of the Ursuline Sisters

Sunday, January 24th

Open House, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 31st

Catholic Schools Week

SICKNESS

Keeping children home when they are feverish or sick with colds and flu symptoms helps us keep the germs contained. Please call the school each day your child is absent. Thank you!

WEBPAGE

Please check us out on the web, Ursulinepreschoolandkindergarten.org Information is posted there for your convenience.

URSULINE PRESCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

Thank you to Nicole Billak who helped to organize the UPSK Spirit Wear. We will be taking orders again soon, look for the information. We have had many compliments on the quality of the shirts.

FULL COMPLIANCE

Ursuline Preschool and Kindergarten had the annual unannounced inspection by Ohio Department of Education on Nov. 23rd. We are proud to say that we are **in FULL COMPLIANCE**.

UPSK EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

We are proud to tell you that we received the following statement from Homeland Security and Ohio Department of Education on December 12th. ***"Your school's emergency management plan has been found COMPLIANT after review by Ohio Homeland Security. It will remain compliant for three years before needing to be resubmitted."*** We continue to review and submit the required emergency safety drills. We are committed to keeping Ursuline Preschool and Kindergarten, our students and staff safe.

GRATEFUL HEARTS

The entire staff wants to thank each of you for your many cards, gifts and warm wishes. Our most treasured gifts are your children that you share with us. They help to keep the magic of Christmas alive through the entire year. May 2016 bring many blessings to each of you!

*Mrs. Mary Ann Critell principal/director
and*

Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten Staff