



ST. URSULA ACADEMY

CATHOLIC • ALL GIRLS • COLLEGE PREP • GRADES 6-12

July 27, 2020

Dear SUA Families:

As the 2020-2021 school year approaches, I will continue sharing updates for a successful return to school!

PARENT MEETINGS – PLEASE COME JOIN US!

In addition to the JA and Freshman Parent Meetings, we are hosting Parent Meetings for every grade level to share our policy and procedural changes because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some topics that will be covered include, but are not limited to:

- Flexibility moving between the On-Campus Option and the Home Learning Option
- On-Campus Safety Protocols
- Home Learning Updates
- Attendance
- Visitors
- Our Partnership with the Toledo Lucas County Health Department
- Contact Tracing/Quarantine/Isolation

We will email Zoom links for every meeting one hour prior to the virtual meetings to each respective group of parents:

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| • Wednesday, July 29 | Freshmen and Parent Orientation | SUA or Virtual | 6:30 p.m. |
| • Tuesday, August 4 | JA Students and Parent Orientation | SUA or Virtual | 6:30 p.m. |
| • Wednesday, August 5 | Sophomore Parent Meeting | Virtual | 6:30 p.m. |
| • Thursday, August 6 | Junior and Senior Parent Meeting | Virtual | 6:30 p.m. |

A FEW MORE DETAILS FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 29, from 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. – Freshmen and Parent Orientation and Technology Session

- All Freshmen and their parents are invited to a Freshmen Orientation to learn and understand the expectations of this year. The Parent Technology Session is required for students to receive their laptops.
- This evening's parent meeting will be livestreamed for any parents who are unable to attend in person.
- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are limiting visitors in the building. We ask that each student bring no more than one parent.
- Please arrive early for temperature screenings prior to our meeting together.
- If you are unable to attend this session, please plan on attending the **Make-up Technology Session on Friday, August 14 at 8:30 a.m.**
- For those attending the July 29 training virtually, laptops will be distributed during the Freshman Student Orientation on August 14.

Tuesday, August 4, from 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. – JA Welcome Meeting and Technology Session

- All Junior Academy students and their parents are invited to this meeting to learn and understand the expectations of this year. The Parent Technology Session is required for students to receive their laptops.
- This evening's parent meeting will be livestreamed for any parents who are unable to attend in person.
- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are limiting visitors in the building. We ask that each student bring no more than one parent.
- Please arrive early for temperature screenings prior to our meeting together.
- If you are unable to attend this session, you may attend the **Make-up Technology Session on Thursday, August 13 at 8:30 a.m.**
- For those attending the August 4 training virtually, laptops will be distributed during the JA Student Orientation on August 13.

Thursday, August 13–Tuesday, August 18 – Return-to-School Orientation/School Picture Day(s)

To safely bring the girls back to school and educate them in safety protocols and expectations, we will open the school year with each grade level attending a Return-to-School Orientation/School Picture Day from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Thursday, August 13 –Junior Academy Orientation/Shortened Rotation of Classes/Receipt of Laptops
- Friday, August 14 – Freshman Orientation/Shortened Rotation of Classes/Receipt of Laptops
- Monday, August 17 –Sophomore Orientation/Shortened Rotation of Classes/Receipt of Laptops
- Tuesday, August 18 – Junior and Senior Orientation/Shortened Rotation of Classes/Receipt of Laptops

Given that students will have their school pictures taken, all students must arrive in full school uniform including tie, long-sleeved uniform shirt with crest (high school) or SUA logo (JA), and school skirt. Sweaters will not be worn for school pictures.

Sophomore and Junior Transfer Students - Technology

- Students and parents must attend a Technology Session at 8:00 a.m.
 - Sophomore transfer students and parents (August 17)
 - Junior transfer students and parents (August 18)
- Students will receive their laptops during their respective Orientation.

SCHOOL HANDBOOK CHANGE FOR 2020-2021:

LATIN HONORS AS IT RELATES TO REDUCED CREDIT HOURS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

For the past three years, SUA has been planning to implement Latin Honors in place of SUA's valedictorian/salutatorian recognition beginning the 2020-2021 academic year. This recognition has been designed around students earning 31.75 credit hours. SUA is adjusting the credit hour requirement because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students will be recognized for their academic achievement based on both GPA and academic integrity. Students with academic integrity infractions will not be recognized regardless of GPA. Students earning Summa Cum Laude Latin Honors must have attended SUA all eight (8) semesters of high school.

Latin Honors are determined by final cumulative GPA with a minimum credit requirement as listed below:

- Classes of 2021 and 2022
 - 29.75 adjusted minimum graduation credit requirement because of fewer credits earned in 2020-2021
- Classes of 2023 and 2024
 - 30.75 adjusted minimum graduation credit requirement because of fewer credits earned in 2020-2021

Summa Cum Laude: Highest Praise	4.4 and above
Magna Cum Laude: High Praise	4.2 – 4.399
Cum Laude: Praise	4.0 – 4.199

Students earning respective GPA's will still qualify for all three levels of Latin Honors regardless of earning fewer credits during the 2020-2021 academic year. We remain committed to academic excellence while responding to student needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. If your daughter is interested in hearing more about the option to have a Quiet Study, please contact her counselor.

Soli Deo Gloria,

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