

COVID-19 UPDATE

April 8, 2020

Saint Ursula Community,

Lelia and I continue to monitor [COVID-19](#) through Governor DeWine's daily briefings. Unfortunately, the spread of the virus in Ohio and beyond is not yet slowing down, and the State of Ohio remains under a *Stay at Home* Executive Order through May 1. On April 2, Dr. Acton clearly communicated that the peak of impact will occur around mid-May and that the impact will not wane immediately after the peak. It is with this information that Saint Ursula Academy has made the decision to continue Distance Learning through the end of the scheduled school year.

Because of these mandates and research-driven projections, all year-end celebrations, including the currently scheduled events for the Class of 2020 have been canceled or postponed. Lelia and I are determined that the Class of 2020 will be honored and celebrated on campus as soon as we safely can.

We are very excited to let you know that graduation IS going to happen! **Graduation is scheduled for June 28 at 3:00 pm in the Harold C. Schott Gymnasium and Convocation Center.** A special reception celebrating the seniors will follow graduation on campus.

Lelia and I are working slowly and smartly to ensure that no member of our Saint Ursula community is placed in an unsafe situation! As noted by Governor DeWine, some may view the state of Ohio decisions as Chicken Little. We view our decisions as helping in the fight to save lives!

Easter 2020

The Easter Triduum and Easter are going to look and feel very different this year. Let's do something together as a community for our greater community! Let's celebrate Easter the SUA way...by putting our faith in action! Join us in creating #SUAPinwheelPrayers! Here's the plan: Easter weekend and the week afterwards, use [this template and directions](#) to create beautiful, meaningful pinwheels and spread some SUA love in our neighborhoods. Then take a picture of your pinwheel and send it back to me or load it into [this shared drive!](#)

And, if you are looking for personal reflections resources, Mrs. Caito has selected a few to share: [personal reflection opportunities, please take a look at these resources!](#)

Please watch a special [Easter Message](#) from Mrs. Kramer and Dr. Thomas. Happy Easter!

COVID-19 FAMILY VIDEO SERIES, EXCLUSIVE FOR SUA FAMILIES

On March 27, SUA launched our COVID-19 Family Video Series. Today's exclusive session is with Dr. Julie Wigton. Dr. Wigton shares the COVID-19 complications that come from vaping.

April 8 - Dr. Julie Wigton, Pediatrician

Topic: COVID-19 and vaping

[WATCH HERE](#)

Videos Still to Come

April 22 Ann Berger

Education Consultant

Video Topic: **COVID-19 and Educational Shifts**

April 24, Dr. Karen Graves

Mayerson Academy, VIA

Video Topic: **COVID-19 and Character Strengths**

Previous Videos

March 27 - Dr. Dean Whitfield, M.Ed., Ed.D., SUA Instructional Technology Coordinator

Topic: **[COVID-19 and work school balance](#)**

April 1 - Dr. Lisa Damour, Psychologist, best-selling author, monthly New York Times columnist, and regular CBS News contributor

Topic: **[COVID-19 and anxiety](#)**

April 3 - Ms. Sara Hyzdu, Owner *Why Grey Matters*, Neuroscience Trainer, Leadership Coach

Topic: **[COVID-19 and concentration](#)**

SUA will continue to upload updates on a special section of our website dedicated to COVID-19 information. You can find the Coronavirus Planning and Information section on the [homepage](#) or under the Family Resources section of the site.

Community Service Learning

Last week, Community Service Learning sent out this [link](#) to the students and staff. This document outlines outreach opportunities in our region and across the globe. The agencies listed in the link are working to help those in the margins during this crisis. Please check out some additional resources, as well as some interesting and powerful clips, articles, and timely prayer below.

Local

National

Global

[Prayer for a Pandemic from Mercy Neighborhood Ministries](#)

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Counseling

The SUA counseling team remains committed to the continual care and support of each of our students. While we are all handling the transition to distance learning differently, we understand the need to continue to process how to live and thrive in this new norm. If your daughter wishes to set up a chat video, please have her email her counselor to set up a time. Counselors are available through email or Google Chat video between the hours of 10am to 3pm.

Hope Squad

HOPE Squad has been working on resources to give our community ways to reach out and learn more about mental health during our distance learning. Check out the [Hope Squad website](#) where you can find personal stories, resources, contact information, and more.

Hope Squad is also active on instagram, [@suahopesquad](#). A different member of the HOPE Squad is taking over instagram every week.

Hope Squad email: hopesquad@saintursula.org. This is a great resource if you want a private way to reach out to any member of the Hope Squad.

AP exams

According to the College Board, registered students will be receiving information regarding AP exam information very soon. You can find some of the information [here](#).

All AP testing will be administered online (45 minute free-response questions). Since the format is different from what students signed up to take, they may **opt-out of taking AP exams**. Students will have until April 22 to decide. **All AP students must complete this [Google Form](#) by April 22** to let us know her plan this year. There will not be any fees associated if you plan on opting-out of an exam. This applies to all students currently in AP classes as well as those who took AP courses last semester. Again, online exams will not apply to any AP Art courses or AP Computer Science Principles.

The College Board is encouraging all students to utilize their online teaching [resources](#) and [instructional videos](#). Take advantage of these free online tools to ensure that you are prepared to answer the specific questions on your exams.

We will continue to update you as more details and information become available. Thank you for all of your flexibility through this changing time!

SAT Tests

The College Board has confirmed the following information:

*The next SAT is scheduled for the first weekend of June. At this time, the test is still scheduled.

*Additional test administrations will be scheduled in response to canceled administrations. The SAT will be available in school and out of school as soon as the public health pandemic allows.

*Khan Academy provides students with personalized practice support online for free.

ACT Tests

Since it is important that juniors (Class of 2021) take an ACT test and/or the SAT test, it is imperative that you sign your daughter up to take the [ACT](#) and/or [SAT](#) in June, July, August, or September.

Both ACT and SAT have indicated that they intend to add additional summer testing dates to meet need. However, with so many test dates canceled around the nation this spring, the entire US population of juniors will be needing to test within a finite number of available sittings. Please sign your daughter up ASAP if she is intending to take either test again or for the first time so that she is secured a spot. Register for the [ACT](#) here or the [SAT](#) here.

Sports, Extracurricular Activities, After-School Programs

All activities, including athletic events, are cancelled while Saint Ursula Academy uses distance learning.

GAA

The GAA Flower Sale is cancelled this year due to COVID-19. Families that ordered flowers will have their money refunded after Easter Break by Saint Ursula Academy's business office. Thank you for your support and understanding.

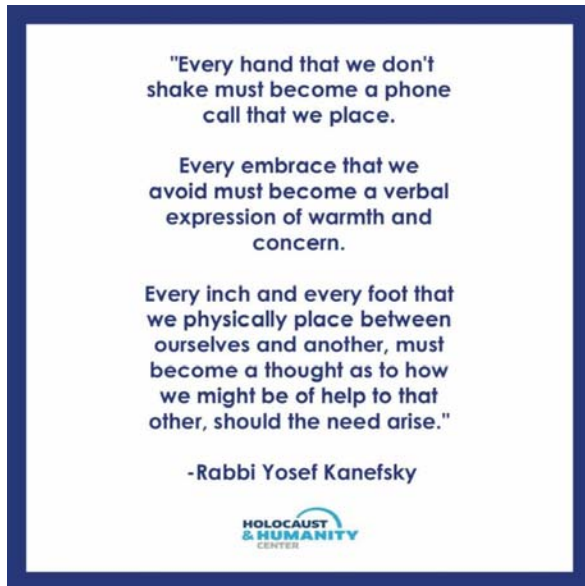
Trips

2020 Spain/Portugal tour has been tentatively rescheduled for June 28, 2021.

On-site Staffing

SUA continues to ensure continuity of services despite the campus being closed to all but essential staff. As long as Governor DeWine's office permits, Dr. Thomas or Mrs. Kramer will be on campus during the distance learning period. If you have needs during this time, please call Mrs. Kramer's Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Patrice Eby, at 961-3410 ext. 132. We are all in this together!

Keeping the SUA Community Healthy



Watch for Updates

There will not be a Parent Bulletin Friday, April 10; the next bulletin will be Friday, April 17. COVID-19 updates will be sent as needed. Given the rapid pace of change, and the critically sensitive nature of the updates, please take time each day to check your email in the event we need to communicate COVID-19 updates and essential information.

At this very difficult time please heed the words of Fr. Joseph M. McShane, "Continue to love each other, to look out for each other along the way, to welcome whoever comes close...when you are at home, hug and kiss your children (your parents)...And when you find them with tears to dry, give them a good word. Give anyone who suffers a word of comfort. And then, all together, may we always come alive -- whether to sing, to breathe or to cry, but always full of faith in God who helps us and hears us, let us continue along our path."

Dr. Thomas