

COVID-19 Update

May 13, 2020

Saint Ursula Community,

Lelia and I remain committed to staying attentive and present to daily COVID-19 updates from Governor DeWine, even though the frequent changes, especially related to education, continue to weigh heavily on us as we plan for the future. We believe that regular COVID-19 updates ensure that we maintain regular and transparent communication with the SUA Community. We plan to continue the COVID-19 updates throughout the summer.

Therapy Dog

On May 4, seniors were invited to suggest names for our puppy. Inviting the seniors to name him was simply the right and thoughtful way to ensure that their fingerprints are left on the school in many different ways. Please join me in welcoming Angelo, our new therapy dog, to SUA! Thanks, seniors. We LOVE his new name.

Senior Addresses

We look forward to hearing the words of our Valedictorian and Salutatorian in their speeches at Graduation this June. This year, we are giving **ALL** of the seniors an opportunity to share a senior address in May. Led by Grace Yi '20 and Sara Utecht, all seniors have been invited to submit a video of their Senior Address. The composite video of all senior addresses will be sent to the entire SUA student body on the seniors' last day of exams (MAY 14) as parting words from the Class of 2020. These memories, pieces of advice, and stories will be the senior gift to the classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023. Please ask your daughter about the Senior Address video. You will be impressed!

Graduation

Graduation remains scheduled for **June 28**. Weather permitting, the Class of 2020 Graduation will take place at 3:00 pm at the Saint Ursula Academy Buenger Field Stadium. Unfortunately, the event is closed; only the Class of 2020 Graduates and their 2 guests are permitted to be in attendance. We are working through details to live stream the event so the SUA community at large can view remotely.

Year-end Housekeeping

During the week of May 26, we will begin the process of bringing the Classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023 onto campus to take care of year-end business. Students must schedule a specific time to come on campus for an appointment in June. Have your daughters watch their email at the end of this week for the document to sign up for a time. Masks are required for all students.

Here is a sampling of a few of the scheduled activities:

Computer drop-off

Collect personal items from classrooms/lockers, etc.

Return textbooks/athletic uniforms
Receive personal items from the Health Office

While on campus, the girls will be **required** to engage in social mitigation practices that include:

Temperature Check before entering the building

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Wearing Masks

Washing Hands frequently

AND, rescheduling IF SICK

Since the girls will be scheduled for one-hour blocks of time, we ask that they arrive on time and exit campus at the end of their scheduled slot. We want to remain compliant with **Ohio mandates**, as well as to ensure everyone's safety. Important Note: No student will be permitted to enter the school without a mask.

If your family has traveled or plans to travel outside of Ohio/Northern Kentucky/S.E. Indiana between today and June 1, please email [Betsy Bissmeyer](#) to receive a COVID-19 Re-entrance form. All forms must be completed ONE DAY prior to your daughter's visit to campus.

If your daughter would prefer an individual session, versus a group session, please email [Betsy Bissmeyer](#).

Educational Services

We are in the final stretch of the 2019-2020 Distance Learning. Educational Services teachers continue to make every effort to provide online instructional support to students in the ES program. **If you or your daughter have a need**, please direct questions to your daughter's ES advisor via email.

Counseling

The SUA counseling team **remains committed** to the continual care and support of each of our students. 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 10 am to 3 pm on school days. Please use [this brief survey](#) to let us know if your daughter has a need.

AP Updates

Over the past two days, we have been hearing from other schools and over social media that there have been issues with submitting AP exams. Thankfully, we have had very few problems arise because of how well we prepared you with resources and content. However, we do want to provide you with some information we are now hearing from the College Board.

The College Board has remarked that some of the students who experienced issues had trouble cutting and pasting their responses within the exams. After looking into the problem, they found that outdated browsers were a primary cause of these challenges. The College Board would now like each student to check that they have the most up-to-date browser on their computers. Google Chrome is the preferred browser and after speaking with our Technology Department, Google

Chrome automatically updates on student tablets. To double check if you have the latest version, click on Settings on your Google Chrome page (the three little dots or arrow on the right), Help => About Chrome): <chrome://settings/help>. [Here is a support link](#) from Google for more information.

Additionally, please have your daughter review Mrs. Wilker's emails with resources and checklists to best prepare students for their exam day. Going through the checklist and understanding the information on the resources pages issued from the College Board will help students be ready for their exam day.

[2020 AP Exam Checklist](#)

[2020 AP Testing Guide](#)

If students accidentally close a browser or tab, temporarily lose internet connection, or experience some other disruption, they can click back on their e-ticket sent by the College Board to rejoin the exam. Unfortunately, if your student can't rejoin the exam for any reason, loses too much time trying to regain access, or does not see a "Your AP Exam is Complete" message at the end of the exam, your student will need to request a makeup test by completing the form at cb.org/requestmakeup. The College Board will then be in touch regarding the next steps.

As we mentioned to the students in previous communications, we, unfortunately, are unable to troubleshoot if your student experiences issues during her exam. The College Board made it clear that AP coordinators and school administrators will not be able to fill out tickets or communicate on the behalf of students experiencing issues. If problems like these or any other issues do arise during an exam, please have your student complete her exam as best as she can and then feel free to have her reach out to her counselor and Mrs. Wilker to let them know of the issue. Both your daughter's counselor and Mrs. Wilker will do whatever they can to support your daughter after the exam has been completed. The College Board has now temporarily turned off its main number for student support and has also told us that they are unable to troubleshoot during the exam times as well. As we tried to prepare the students to the best level possible, we are aware that some problems still may arise and we will be here to support your daughter after the completion of her exam.

Extracurricular Activities, After-School Programs

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

Community Service Learning

The Community Service Learning Department continues to provide your daughters with an array of service opportunities. Please encourage your daughter to visit the CSL Google Website. The website will link your daughter to [SUA Community Service Opportunities](#). The CSL team will continue to update the tab for [Other and Summer Service Opportunities!](#) As always, email [Mrs. Kemper](#) or [Mrs. McCormick-Platz](#) with questions.

Athletics

OHSAA update

1. Per the Governor, school facilities are now closed through June 30.
2. Per OHSAA, when school facilities are closed, so are all athletic facilities.
3. Per OHSAA, when school facilities are closed, the no-contact period is extended to that date.
4. The 10-day rule will not apply this summer. No connections with athletes until after June 30 or school facilities are reopened.
5. OHSAA is making contingency plans for the fall season. Right now, athletics are scheduled to begin August 1.

With school facilities closed, and student-athletes are not permitted to gather together, OHSAA launched the [#HOWICOMPETE](#) campaign. This campaign encourages athletes to train on their own at home and with instructions sent electronically by their school coaches. Student-athletes and teams are encouraged to set goals and compete against themselves and others while complying with social distancing guidelines. Content can be found on OHSAA's social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram) on its handle [@OHSAASports](#).

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, Mari Thomas or Lelia Kramer will be on campus. If you have needs during this time, please call Lelia's Administrative Assistant, Patrice Eby, at 961-3410 ext. 132. We are all in this together!

Keeping the SUA Community Healthy

According to Governor DeWine and ODH, Ohio will continue to see an increase in COVID-19 cases. Please do your part to stop the spread.

Watch for Updates

SUA will continue to upload updates on a special section of our website dedicated to COVID-19 information.

Lelia and I will continue to provide weekly COVID-19 updates throughout the summer. Thank you for taking the time to read these resources.

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