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**Ursuline High School Plans Back-To-School Activities**

**1. Orientation Days**

All incoming Freshmen will report for a special half-day of school on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:50 A.M. until 12:30 p.m. The Freshmen will follow an abbreviated schedule to meet with all of their subject teachers. As part of the Freshmen Success Program, they will meet their National Honor Society Mentors and will be treated to a picnic lunch on the school grounds.

All transfer students in grades 10 and 11 will report from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for an orientation session.

**2. Opening Day**

The opening day for all students is Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. All students must be in uniform.

**3. Estimated Enrollment**

The estimated enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is 435: 235 boys and 200 girls. The faculty will include 1 Diocesan Priest, 2 Ursuline Sisters and 28 lay persons.

**4. New Staff Members**

Maggie Matune, (UHS '06), has been hired in the Social Studies Department. She is a recent graduate of John Carroll University. Maggie will teach American Law, American Government and American History.

Rev. Richard Murphy, (UHS '72), returns to Ursuline as the Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. For the past two school years, he has been the President of the Notre Dame Schools in Warren, Ohio.

## 5. **New or Revitalized Programs**

The *Freshmen Success Transition Program* is beginning its' second year. This program provides a smooth transition for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. In addition to promoting class and school pride through social and religious experiences, each student will participate in a special study skills unit in their English classes where they will learn about and practice effective study skills and work habits.

A new course has been added to the curriculum: Honors Chemistry for incoming sophomores is now a pre-requisite to Advanced Placement Chemistry.

The Ursuline Home and School Association will begin its 27<sup>th</sup> year of active participation in school activities. The Executive Board of the Home and School has planned a meeting for all parents on September 8th, four class dinners and a 250 Club Dinner.

The Ursuline Alumni Association will sponsor a tailgate party on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the YSU tailgate lot to welcome back 1989 Ursuline graduate and newly appointed YSU Head Football Coach, Eric Wolford. Complimentary food, t-shirts and beverages will be available. Reserve game tickets are discounted to \$10. Call the Alumni Office (330) 744-4563, ext. 125. Kick-off: 6:00 p.m.

The Feast of Saint Ursula, patroness of our school, will be celebrated with a Liturgy on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. in the school gymnasium. At this time, the Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction ~ *Celebrate Our Legacy* ~ will take place on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Ursuline High School. Reservations are \$60. The evening will begin at 6:00 P.M. with cocktails and bidding on silent auction tables and the live auction. If you would like to receive an invitation, please call the Advancement Office at 330.744.4563.

Renovations include the Athletic Training Facility. New boys and girls locker rooms, a weight room, coaches offices and a new Irish Cottage store complete the renovation.

## 6. **Opening Day Liturgy**

The opening week prayer service is scheduled for Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 a.m. in the school gymnasium. Rev. Richard Murphy will preside.

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