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January 13, 2022

Dear SMS Families,

As we are in these very short days and long nights of January, I am reminded of a prayer that a very wise friend once taught me: "Only enough light for my next step, O Lord." It has been an extremely powerful prayer for me: sometimes a hard one to pray and always one which requires complete trust in Jesus. It is the walk of faith that we are continually being called to live: moment by moment. There is a profound peace that comes from living in the moment at hand with Jesus. Not dwelling on the past. Not anxiously looking toward the future, but thanking God for and being with Him *right now*. Thank You, Jesus, for lighting only my next step.

Please be aware of the following announcements:

- Please be on the lookout for COVID symptoms in yourselves and your children. If you suspect any symptoms, please have your child or you tested. In order to maintain a safe environment for all, please practice and help your children practice COVID protocol: proper mask wearing at all times, social distancing, and frequent hand washing with warm soapy water. **If your child is sick, please keep them at home!!** Kindly contact the school if you or your child does develop any symptoms and also check with your child's doctor for next steps. Talk with your doctor and your child's doctor about whether the COVID vaccine is right for you and your child. **COVID vaccines are available now for children ages 5-12.** Speak with your child's pediatrician about the right decision for your child.
- A flyer from PTO with upcoming events went home today with your child. A flyer for BINGO also went home today (also attached).
- As per our [school calendar](#), **there will be no school for students on Friday, January 14** (the teachers will be on retreat) **and no school for students and staff on January 17** in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- The end of the 2nd 9 weeks is on Tuesday, January 18. Grades can always be checked on Option C.
- **Saint Michael School PTO is hosting a Bingo Night Saturday January 22nd at the Knights of Columbus:** 170 Clarksville Rd Greenville. Doors open at 4:00pm, bingo will begin at 5:00pm. Entry is \$10 which includes 10 games of bingo with cash prizes. Extra cards, daubers, basket raffle and more will be available. Join us for a fun evening. All proceeds benefit the SMS PTO. For tickets, please call the school office 724-588-7050 or Trichelle Eddy 724-456-7555. We need YOUR help to work this event! Please see the Google Form to sign up to volunteer and for donations!

- **Catholic Schools Week, arguably the BEST week of the whole year, is coming up!** CSW will be from Sunday, January 30 – Saturday February 5. See the attached flyer for more information! ??
- **YOU and your CHILD are the best PR for SMS!** Please share positive stories with your friends, family, and neighbors: in person and on social media to help bring more students and families into our community!
- Join the **40 Club!!** It is one of the biggest fundraisers for our school!! Call the church or school for more information! Spread the word to your family and friends!
- **Please bring your families to Mass! St. Michael School is a mission of and an integral part of St. Michael and St. Margaret Church!** Going to Mass on Sundays, I miss seeing and praying with young families, especially our school families. Our parish offers 4 Masses each weekend: 4:30pm on Saturday, 7:00am, 11:00am on Sunday (this is the Mass I always go to!) at St. Michael in Greenville and 9:00am on Sunday at St. Margaret in Jamestown.
- **If your child is in need of a uniform, please let us know!** We can save you a lot of money! We have a PLETHORA of uniform shirts and pants that we are willing to give away at no charge. If your daughter is in K-4, we have plaid jumpers of many sizes! If you have a daughter in Grades 4-8, we have a LOT skirts of many sizes as well! All plaids from us are \$20. If you are *exchanging* a plaid, there is NO COST!

Thank YOU for partnering with us to make our students' year a great one!

Have a wonderful evening!

St. Michael, pray for us!

Many Blessings,

Emily Zgonc 😊

Principal

"Open wide the doors of your heart to Christ! Do not be afraid!" - St. John Paul II