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Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

January 4, 2018

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone enjoyed their Christmas Break. It is always wonderful to spend time with family and friends to celebrate the holidays.

There is so much to look forward to in 2018. As you make plans for the New Year, I ask you to make a resolution to help you grow in faith. A few examples are: set aside 15 minutes to pray as a family each day, place a Scripture verse in a prominent place for all to see, make going to Mass on Sunday a priority, and perform random acts of kindness.

I would like to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness and generosity during the Christmas Season. I was completely surprised and humbled by all of the cards and gifts. Please know I am greatly appreciative!

I want to remind you of the importance of dressing appropriately for the weather. We will we stay inside for recess on these bitter cold winter days; however, the students do travel between buildings for lunch and special classes.

Please look for your Wednesday Envelope today. We are sending home a form for lunch during Catholic Schools Week. This needs to be filled out and returned no later than January 10th.

We will have our January Spirit Day/Penny Power next Wednesday, January 10th.

Save the date! Catholic Schools Week is January 28-February 3 This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed". We have so much to be proud of here at St. Michael Parish School and invite you to attend our open house on **Sunday, January 21st, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you there. The most successful form of advertising is by word of mouth. If you know a family who has school-aged children, please contact them and invite them to come to our Open House.

Have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

Carolyn Murphy

Principal

School News

Cold and Flu Season is Upon Us!

Should my child go to school today?

Some mornings it is not clear if you should send your child to school or keep them home. Hopefully these guidelines will help you to make your decision easier. The St. Michael staff realizes the best way for our students to learn is to be present in the classroom; however, there are times that our children need to remain home to fully recover from illness. By keeping your ill child home, you limit the spread of illness to classmates and teachers. Here are a few simple guidelines:

- **Fever** - If your child has a fever (temperature of 100.0 F or greater), they should remain at home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Any child coming to school with a fever greater than 100 degrees will be sent home.
- **Vomiting/Diarrhea** - Your child should remain at home until they have had no episodes for a full 24 hours. Your child should be able to tolerate meals and return to normal activities.
- **Sore Throat** - If your child complains of a persistent sore throat or pain when swallowing, they should remain at home. If they develop a fever, tender glands, headache, stomachache and/or white patches on their tonsils, you should contact your child's doctor.
- **Earache** - if your child is complaining of ear pain, you should call their physician to see if they wish to see the child for further evaluation.
- **Cold Symptoms** - Runny noses and occasional coughs are part of childhood. Coughs that are constant and/or thick purulent nasal drainage can be signs of infections that need to be evaluated by your family physician.
- **Eye Issues** - Redness in the white of the eye or inner eyelid and thick yellow discharge that crusts over the eyelashes, especially after sleep, can be signs of "pink eye" or conjunctivitis. This is spread very easily from one child to another. If your child has crusted eyes in the morning, they need to be seen by the doctor. If the doctor determines the child has conjunctivitis, the child needs to be treated for a full 24 hours before returning to school.

If your child complains of feeling sick to their stomach, has a persistent cough or just complains of not feeling well, please consider keeping them home for the day to further evaluate their complaints. If you follow the above guidelines this will help prevent the spread of illness among the children.

If we all follow these guidelines it will make our school environment a safe and healthy one.

Important Dates to Remember

Jan. 15 - No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 21 - Open House—1:00-3:00 p.m.

Jan. 28 - Catholic Schools Week begins

School News (continued)

Catholic Education Foundation Scholarships

The Catholic Education Foundation is currently accepting applications for 2018-2019 elementary school tuition assistance scholarships. All scholarships are needs-based and can be used at any Catholic elementary school within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Awards range from \$250 to \$1,000 per student.

How to apply: www.catholicbestchoice.org

Deadline: January 31, 2018

Amount: Up to \$1,000 per child

The Catholic Education Foundation scholarship program became a reality in 2017-2018 through the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Capital Campaign. Due to the generosity of parishioners, the Catholic Education Foundation will again be able to offer over \$2,000,000 in financial aid! For more details and to apply visit: www.catholicbestchoice.org.

Art News

Our first graders and sixth graders studied at the art of Romero Britto. First graders made the stars and sixth graders created the Holy Family paper relief sculptures.

Third graders made the winter art quilt.



PTO News

Save the Date! Open House January 21

Our Open House will be held on Sunday, January 21, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We are in need of student and parent tour guides. If you or your student can help, please contact us at stmichaelpto@gmail.com.

Yearbook Committee

The Yearbook Committee is forming! If your eighth grader is interested in working with his or her classmates to design this year's yearbook, please let us know! Please contact Kaylene Schwab at kpschwab@outlook.com. This should be a lot of fun, and they will be proud of the work that they do!

We also need pictures! If you have any pictures to share with our school community (school events, sports, scouts, etc.), you can upload them at community.lifetouch.com and enter the access code **BDVSST** under New User. You can then create an account and upload your images. If you have issues with uploading, please contact Kaylene Schwab at kpschwab@outlook.com. You can also email your pictures (as email attachments!) directly to Kaylene.

Boosters News

Boys Volleyball

Join in the fun at the **January 6th** Open Gym for Boys Volleyball! Learn some basic skills and more about the St. Michael Boys Volleyball Program.

Who Should Attend: Parents, players, potential players

Boys in Grades 3-8 who attend St. Michael School (or who are enrolled in Religious Ed.) are eligible to play.

When and Where: Saturday, January 6th at Sharonville Recreation Center

- 1:00 for Grades 3 and 4
- 2:00 for Grades 5 and 6
- 3:00 for Grades 7 and 8

Please contact Lori Skeldon with any questions. lori.skeldon@gmail.com

News to Share?

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If you have any news that you would like to share with our St. Michael Parish School community, please email Kaylene Schwab at kaylene@saintmichaelchurch.net.