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Principal's Newsletter
September 2016

Dear Parents, Students & Teachers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and Holy St. Sava! Welcome to the first Principal's Newsletter of the 2016-2017 Academic Year.

Each beginning of the month features a new Principal's Newsletter. The newsletter communicates important information on events, activities, deadlines and themes that affect your student(s). I hope you find each month's Principal's Newsletter informative and worthwhile. Likewise, every Thursday each family will receive a weekly reminders and announcements e-mail. Please be sure to regularly check your e-mail.

The new school year brings new things to the Academy. I am pleased to announce that we have reached a new school enrollment record of 125 students! We surpassed last year's record of 105 students by 20! With this being said, we have reached classroom capacity at our current facilities. The Holy Resurrection Cathedral Executive Board and the Academy Board of Trustees have been working diligently throughout the course of the past year to address the school's need for additional classrooms along with a growing need for more modern school facilities. Throughout the past year there have been many discussions and debates regarding the potential construction of a new school building on the current Redwood Drive/Serbian Road property along with the possibility of the relocation of the school to another site. One site being considered is a building on 1695 S. River Road in Des Plaines. At a recent special assembly of the parishioners of Holy Resurrection Cathedral, the Assembly voted by a significant majority to "authorize Saint Sava Academy to purchase the property on its own and to assume mortgage obligations on its own, and to revoke Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral's financial guarantees for Saint Sava Academy, while remaining a parochial school of the Cathedral." The Board of Trustees is currently pursuing the purchase of the property. The potential move to the Des Plaines property would most likely be for the 2017-2018 school year, dependent on inspections, permits and renovations to the building.

Also, new this year is the establishment of a language arts, science and social studies department for our 4th-7th grades. Last, but not least, we have several new faculty/staff members this year. I would like to welcome the following individuals: Zeljko Tadic (4th-7th grade math) Kimberly Marinac (4th-7th grade science), Janice Doyle (4th-7th grade language arts), Milos Zivkovic (Kindergarten-7th grade religious education), Uros Kalicanin (Kindergarten-7th grade physical education) and Katarina Vujetic (preschool teaching assistant). Welcome!!!

Our first major event of the 2016-2017 school year is the annual Curriculum Night. This year's Curriculum Night will take place on Thursday, September 8, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is your first formal opportunity to hear about your child's curriculum and their teacher's expectations. Attendance of Curriculum Night, by at least one parent, is mandatory. A separate correspondence on Curriculum Night will be distributed. Please refer to the correspondence for more information.

Please take note of the important dates and announcements listed on the second page of this newsletter. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback. Have a wonderful September!

Yours in Christ,

Marko Bojović
Principal

SEPTEMBER 2016
IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL HOURS POLICY**
Before and after school hours, students are strictly forbidden to congregate and/or play in and around the Cathedral even if they are being supervised by a parent/adult. Students are also strictly forbidden to enter the school building without a parent/adult after school hours. Likewise, all students must be accompanied and supervised by a parent/adult at all times after school hours. Students are strictly forbidden to play in the park or to congregate and/or play around the grounds without parent/adult supervision.
- **AFTER SCHOOL CARE IS NOW AVAILABLE-Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**
After school care is available Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. If you are in need of after school care please e-mail or call Academy Administrative Assistant Jovana Lamas at office@stsavaacademy.org or 773-714-0299. The after school care rate is a \$5 per half hour, \$10 per hour, per family. **Cash (only) payment is expected at the time of each pick-up.** Please take note that after school care services end at 6:00 p.m. Beginning at 6:01 p.m., a \$25 late pick-up fee will be automatically assessed. Each 15 minutes thereafter (6:15, 6:30, 6:45 . . .) an additional \$25 will be assessed. If you will be arriving later than 6:00 p.m., please call the Cathedral office at 773-693-3366 as the school office closes at 4:00 p.m. Please be informed that by simply calling to inform the Academy of your tardiness does not automatically exempt you from being assessed the \$25 late pick-up fee. Only in extreme emergency circumstances will the late pick-up fee be waived.
- **KG-7TH GRADE CASUAL DRESS & MONTHLY STUDENT ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER DAY**
Thursday, September 1, 2016
Each 1st Thursday of the month, unless otherwise noted, Kindergarten-7th grade students (and faculty/staff) may be out of their daily uniform. Please be reminded that your dress must be appropriate for a parochial school/church environment. Please refrain from wearing clothing items involving, but not just limited to, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanities, politics, PG/R rated television/movie material content and/or characters, tight fitting or revealing clothing, "short shorts", flip-flops, high heels and etc. Likewise, preschool-7th grade students will have the opportunity to have a special ice cream treat each casual day. Please have your child bring in \$1. There is a limit to (1) ice cream treat per student.
- **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY-Monday, September 5, 2016 (NO SCHOOL)**
- **CURRICULUM NIGHT-Thursday, September 8, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**
Please plan on joining us for Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 8, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our parents to visit the school, meet our faculty and hear specific information on curriculum, instruction, policies and etc. Attendance by at least one parent is mandatory.
- **COMPLIMENTARY CHICAGO FIRE SOCCER CLINIC (AGES 6-14)**
Saturday, September 17, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Contact the school office at 773-714-0299 or at office@stsavaacademy.org to register. All children must have a waiver form on file in order to participate. The deadline to register is Wednesday, September 14.
- **FEAST DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS & "STUDENT COMMUNION DAY"**
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
All students will be attending the Divine Liturgy on this day. Likewise, students baptized in the Orthodox Faith will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Lunch will be served after the Divine Liturgy.
- **VISIT BY ROYALCROWN PRINCE ALEXANDER & CROWN PRINCESS KATHERINE KARADJORDJEVIC**
Monday, September 26, 2016 (during school hours)
- **FEAST DAY OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS & "STUDENT COMMUNION DAY"**
Tuesday, September 27, 2016
- **ST. SAVA ACADEMY 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND**
Saturday, October 1-Sunday, October 2, 2016
If you have not done so already, please save this date as our school will be celebrating its 15th anniversary as a parochial school of Holy Resurrection Cathedral. Students will participate in both of the weekend's events.