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*Principal's Newsletter*  
*January 2017*

Dear Parents, Students & Teachers,

***Мир Божију! Христос се роди! Срећна нова година!***  
***Христос рођається! С новим годом!***  
***Peace from God! Christ is Born! Happy New Year!***

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope your Christmas Break was safe and relaxing. The month of January features the Feast Days of the Nativity of Christ, Orthodox New Year, Holy Cross and Theophany. I wish all of you the blessed of Feasts and New Year of Our Lord, 2017! May God grant you many years of health, success, prosperity and all of the Lord's blessings!

Another highlight during the month of January is the Spelling Bee program at St. Sava Academy. Prior to Christmas Break all 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders received their spelling bee words. The individual classroom spelling bees will be held on Friday, January 13 and the final school spelling bee will be held on Friday, January 20. The winner and runner-up for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> will advance to the final school spelling bee. The winner of the final school bee will advance to a regional spelling bee final to be held in March. For more information on the Spelling Bee program please refer to previous correspondences. I wish all of our spellers much success!

The end of January brings us to the celebration of our school's patron Saint, our Holy St. Sava, the first Archbishop and founder of the Serbian Orthodox Church who established many schools during his Earthly life. Not only was St. Sava important to the Serbian nation, but even to other Slavs. To commemorate St. Sava, each year St. Sava Academy celebrates with a special slava banquet and student program where all preschool through 7<sup>th</sup> grade students participate. This year's special St. Sava Slava Banquet and Program will take place on Sunday, January 29 at 12:30 p.m., in our Auditorium. I call upon all of you to spread the word about this very important celebration by inviting your family and friends.

Many more important announcements and reminders are listed on the second page of this newsletter. If there is anything I can do to best serve your children, please feel free to contact me at (773) 714-0299, via e-mail at [principal@stsavaacademy.org](mailto:principal@stsavaacademy.org) or stop by my office. Have a wonderful January and a blessed New Year of Our Lord, 2017.

***Христос се роди! Христос рођається! Christ is Born! Indeed He is born!***

Yours in the New Born Christ-Child,

Marko Bojović  
Principal

**JANUARY 2017**  
**IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **CLASSES RESUME AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK-Monday, January 9, 2017**
- **TINA JOVANOVIĆ PIANO RECITAL-Wednesday, January 11, 2017@ 7:00 p.m. (Mobile Unit Music Room)**  
Young and up-and-coming musical talent Tina Jovanovic is a junior at the Bijeljina Middle Music School where she studies the piano. Tina has participated in performances and competitions throughout Republika Srpska and Serbia, and won first prize at the Banja Luka Republican Competition in 2016 and another first prize at the Competition of Regional Music Schools in Jagodina in March 2016.
- **READ-A-THON LOG PLEDGES & PLEDGE SHEETS DUE-Friday, January 13, 2017**  
Please hand in all pledge sheets, donations and logs to Administrative Assistant, Jovana Lamas, in the school office.
- **JANUARY TUITION PAYMENTS DUE-Friday, January 13, 2017**
- **1<sup>ST</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INDIVIDUAL CLASSROOM SPELLING BEES-Friday, January 13, 2017 (during school)**  
The winner and runner-up for grades 3-7 will participate in the final school spelling bee.
- **FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY CROSS, DIVINE LITURGY & "STUDENT COMMUNION"**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2017**
- **FEAST DAY OF THE THEOPHANY (БОГОЈАВЉЕЊЕ), DIVINE LITURGY, "STUDENT COMMUNION", GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS & ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE CLASSROOMS-Thursday, January 19, 2017**
- **3<sup>RD</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FINAL SCHOOL SPELLING BEE-Friday, January 20, 2017 @ 2:15 p.m.**  
The winner of the final school spelling bee will advance to the regional spelling bee in March. Parents of the 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade final school spelling bee participants are encouraged to attend.
- **END OF 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER MARKING PERIOD-Friday, January 20, 2017 (normal school day)**
- **START OF 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER MARKING PERIOD-Monday, January 23, 2017 (normal school day)**
- **ST. SAVA ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES SLAVA RECEPTION-Thursday, January 26, 2017**  
On the occasion of our Patron Feast Day, and in gratitude for your support to our mission and service to our community, the Academy Board of Trustees requests the pleasure of Your company at a reception. Festal Vespers in the Cathedral, followed by the cutting of Slava Kolach at 6:00 p.m. The reception will take place at the Cathedral/School Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP at 773-714-0299 or at office@stsavaacademy.org.
- **FEAST DAY OF ST. SAVA, DIVINE LITURGY & "STUDENT COMMUNION"**  
**Friday, January 27, 2017 (normal school day)**
- **KG-7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER REPORT CARD DAY-Friday, January 27, 2017 (normal school day)**  
Report cards will be distributed to KG-7<sup>th</sup> grade students at the end of the school day. Please sign and return your child's report card no later than by Friday, February 3, 2017.
- **ST. SAVA SLAVA BANQUET & STUDENT PROGRAM-Sunday, January 29, 2017 @ 12:30 p.m.**  
We kindly ask for all students to attend the 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. The **cutting/blessing of the slavski kolac (festal bread) will begin at 12:30 p.m.**, followed by lunch and the student program. All preschool through 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the program, including students from the Russian language program. Please invite all of your family and friends to this wonderful celebration. **Holy Saint Sava, light in the darkness, bearer of Jesus, show us the way! Srećna slava!**
- **ST. SAVA STUDENT & STAFF APPRECIATION DAY-Monday, January 30, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)**