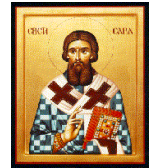


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Principal's Newsletter
November 2016

Dear Parents, Students & Teachers,

“Let them give thanks to the Lord for His mercies and his wonders to the sons of men; For He fed the empty soul and filled the hungry soul with good things.” (Psalm 106: 8-9)

The month of November brings us to the theme of giving thanks. Each November Americans celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, many people forget that we should give thanks to our Lord on a daily basis and not just at Thanksgiving. The services of the Orthodox Church institute prayers of thanksgiving at every service. Let us constantly remind ourselves to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all of our Earthly blessings. Let us give thanks and praises to the Lord, the Most Holy Mother of God, the Theotokos, our Holy St. Sava and the rest of the Saints, for blessing us with our family, health, home, belongings, church, St. Sava Academy and much, much more. “Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.” (Chronicles 16:33)
Happy Thanksgiving!

Since we are on the topic of Thanksgiving, I will transition towards the topic of feeding the poor and hungry. Each November also features our school's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. I encourage all students to bring in various food items throughout the course of the Food Drive which will last between November 1 and November 22. Food collection boxes are located in your child's homeroom classroom. Please refer to the Thanksgiving Food Drive correspondence for more information. Thank you and God bless!

Each November features one of the most important events of the year, the annual Fall Parent Teacher Conference Day. All parents in grades Kindergarten through 7th are required to attend conferences in order to discuss your child's progress and to receive the 1st quarter report card. Preschool parents are also strongly encouraged to schedule a conference even though the first marking period has not arrived for preschool. As I have mentioned before, it is crucial for teachers and parents to have open and frequent communication regarding their child's progress in all academic and social areas. Please take advantage of this special, formal opportunity to visit your child's teachers. Sign-up sheets have been posted next to the school bulletin board. For more information please refer to the important dates and announcements page and previous correspondences regarding conference day.

As always, thank you for supporting St. Sava Academy and have a great November! I am always thankful for serving such great students and their families! May God grant you many years!

Yours in Christ,

Marko Bojović

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Principal

NOVEMBER 2016
IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE-*November 1-22, 2016***
Our goal is to raise 600 pounds of food! Please place all food items in the appropriate grade level boxes. Please refer to the Thanksgiving Food Drive correspondence for more information.
- **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY SIGN-UP DEADLINE-*Thursday, November 3, 2016***
Sign-up sheets have been posted next to the main building school bulletin board which is located at the East dismissal doors. Please sign-up for a conference by this date. Please refer to previous e-mails and correspondences regarding guidelines for signing up for conferences.
- **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY AFTER SCHOOL CARE SIGN-UP DEADLINE
*Thursday, November 3, 2016***
Complimentary after school care will be offered on Conference Day. If you would like to have your child(ren) stay in after school care, please sign-up by this date. Families who have not signed up by the deadline, and have their children stay in after school care, will incur a \$10 per hour, per child, fee beginning at 12:45 p.m. A sign-up sheet has been posted next to the conference sign-up sheets.
- **CASUAL DRESS & STUDENT ICE CREAM DAY FUNDRAISER-*Thursday, November 3, 2016***
Students: Bring your \$1!
- **12:30 P.M. STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL & PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY
*Monday, November 7, 2016***
Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. on Conference Day. All parents whose children are in Kindergarten through 7th grade are required to attend conferences in order to discuss your child's academic and social progress and to receive your child's report card. For parents whose children are in Preschool, attendance is not required, however you are strongly encouraged to attend in order to discuss your child's progress. You must sign-up for a conference time by the November 3rd deadline.
- **ST. SAVA ACADEMY CHRISTMAS GREETING CARD CONTEST SUBMISSION DEADLINE
*Friday, November 18, 2016***
Open to all St. Sava Academy students in grades KG-7th. Please turn in your design, with your name on the back, to the school office. Students in grades KG-7th will vote to determine which design will be used on the official school Christmas Greeting Card which will be sent out to all Academy donors and supporters. Likewise, a scanned version of the greeting card will be sent to child-themed, Orthodox publications. Please refer to the Christmas Card Contest correspondence for more information.
- **FEAST DAY OF ST. ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, DIVINE LITURGY & "STUDENT COMMUNION DAY
*Monday, November 21, 2016***
- **THANKSGIVING FEAST-*Tuesday, November 22, 2016*** (during school hours)
Assistance will be needed in the set-up, cooking and serving of food to our students and teachers. Please contact the Parent Network at pn@stsavaacademy.org for more information or to volunteer.
- **THANKSGIVING BREAK-*Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25, 2016*** (NO SCHOOL)
- **START OF NATIVITY FAST (POST)-*Monday, November 28, 2016***