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<u>Principal's Newsletter</u> <u>April 2017</u>

Dear Parents, Students & Teachers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and Holy St. Sava! Welcome to the month of April at St. Sava Academy! I hope your "Lenten Journey" has been uplifting and successful. If not, you still have time as we still have the first half of this month to achieve our "Lenten Journey" goals.

The faculty, staff and administration are all excited to enter yet another busy month at St. Sava Academy. With less than 40 days of school left in this 2016-2017 school year, there is still much more awaiting all of us. Time sure does fly when you are having fun!

As we near the end of this year's "Lenten Journey" and inch ever so closely to the Feast Day of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I encourage all of you to continue preparing for this glorious feast day through fasting, prayer and the attendance of the various services of Great Lent. Our students will continue to learn about Great Lent and the crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ. Please be reminded that Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, along with other local Orthodox churches, offers various Great Lenten and Holy Week services. Please contact our Cathedral office, or visit the Cathedral's website or Facebook page, for more information on services. I wish all of you a fruitful "Lenten Journey" and a blessed upcoming Pascha!

The annual spring parent-teacher conference day will take place this month. This year's spring parent-teacher conference day has been scheduled for Thursday, April 13. On conference day, all preschool-8th grade students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Complimentary after school care will be offered to families that sign-up their child (ren) by Friday, April 7. Please refer to previous correspondences and the announcements page regarding parent-teacher conference sign-up procedures.

Typically April marks the arrival of the long-awaited Spring Break. This year's break will be a joyous Paschal-Spring Break since it will take place after Pascha. This year's Paschal-Spring Break will take place during the period of April 15-23. I encourage you to take full advantage of the break to rest up and "energize" yourself for the last 29 days of school. Despite the break from daily school routines, the administration, faculty and staff encourage our students to partake in educational activities during break, such as visits to local museums or a visit to the library. Also, be sure to keep active though physical activities such as playing sports or games that involve physical (aerobic) activity! I certainly need much more physical activity myself! I wish all of you a safe, fun and relaxing Paschal-Spring Break.

Last, but not least, our final student program-fundraiser will take place on Sunday, April 30 at 12:30 p.m. On this day all preschool-8th grade students will be participating in a Resurrection/Spring themed program. Please refer to the announcements page and future correspondences for more information.

I wish all of you a great month of April! God bless!

Yours in Christ,

Marko Bojović

Principal

<u>APRIL 2017</u> IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- START OF 4TH QUARTER MARKING PERIOD-Monday, April 3, 2017 (regular school day)
- 3rd-8TH GRADE STANFORD 10 ACHIEVEMENT TESTING-Monday, April 3-Friday, April 7, 2017
- QUIET ZONE IN MOBILE UNIT BUILDINGS AND VICINITY DURING TESTING HOURS OF 8:45 A.M.-11:30 A.M.-Monday, April 3-Friday, April 7, 2017
- FEAST DAY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, DIVINE LITURGY & "STUDENT COMMUNION DAY"
 Friday, April 7, 2017
- PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE SIGN-UP DEADLINE Friday, April 7, 2017
 In order to attend Parent-Teacher conferences, parents are expected to sign-up for conference times. 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 your child by Friday, April 7 at 3:30 p.m. 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 11:45 a.m. Sign-up sheets for conferences and after school care are located next to the main building school bulletin board which is located at the east entrance, leading to the main parking lot.
- 4TH-8TH GRADE "FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN" FIELD TRIP/LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT Monday, April 10, 2017 (during school hours)
- APRIL TUITION PAYMENT DEADLINE-Monday, April 10, 2017
- OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE (NEW) FAMILIES-Wednesday, April 12, 2017 (9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)
- MARIJA LJUSTINA & HILANDAR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE-Wednesday, April 12, 2017
- HOLY THURSDAY DIVINE LITURGY, "STUDENT COMMUNION DAY", 11:45 A.M. EARLY DIMISSAL & PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (12:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.)-Thursday, April 13, 2017
 All parents whose children are in Kindergarten through 8th 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. If you have not done so already, please sign up for conferences.
- AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AGES 4-12 SIGN-UP DEADLINE Thursday, April 13, 2017

To register please access the following link: https://form.jotformpro.com/mikabajic/saint-sava-soccer-club

- GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY-Friday, April 14, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)
- PASCHAL (EASTER) SPRING BREAK-Saturday, April 15-Sunday, April 23, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)
- CLASSES RESUME AFTER PASCHAL-SPRING BREAK-Monday, April 24, 2017
- AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AGES 4 THROUGH 12-April 26-May 31, 2017 (Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.)
- A-B-C SCHOOL YEAR-END COUNTDOWN BEGINS-Thursday, April 27, 2017 (more information forthcoming)
- SPRING STUDENT PROGRAM & BANQUET FUNDRAISER-Sunday, April 30, 2017 @ 12:30 p.m.

 This event is our last major student program and fundraiser of the 2016-2017 school year. A buffet style lunch and a student program will take place on this day. All preschool-8th grade students will be participating in the program. Please spread the word!