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*Principal's Newsletter*  
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Dear Parents, Students & Teachers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and Holy St. Sava! Welcome to March and meteorological spring even though we have had spring like weather during January and February and absolutely no snow. This is the first time in modern history that this has occurred in Chicago. The earliest National Weather Service weather records date back 146 years. Let's hope the snow less streak continues into the spring months so that we may all begin to enjoy regular outdoor activities.

It is hard to believe that we have already arrived at Great and Holy Lent. Great Lent is a time of preparation for the Feast of all Feasts, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In addition to increased prayer and fasting, Lent is a time of repentance, a renewal of our minds, hearts, and actions in accordance to the life and teachings of Christ. Each Lent, I, along with the clergy of Holy Resurrection Cathedral, encourage all of you to establish your very own "Lenten Journey" which will lead you through Lent, to the feast day of the Resurrection, and thereafter. Our students will learn about Lent, the crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ through their weekly religion lessons with Cika Milos and through various church services scheduled during Lent & Holy Week. On behalf of St. Sava Academy, I wish all of you a blessed "Lenten Journey".

Transitioning from the religious theme of Great Lent we move on to two important areas of study: mathematics and literacy. The importance of mathematics in children's lives continues to rise and is expected to continue to rise in the foreseeable future. Mathematical skills are necessary for a wide array of analytical, economic, scientific, security and technological applications. Preparing our students to become users of these mathematical skills is of outmost importance for their future. In addition to mathematics, literacy is another focus of attention in our schools. The overall ability of a child to read, view, comprehend, write, speak and listen in a way that allows them to communicate effectively is crucial. Unlike in the past, the focus is not on a child's ability to read and write, but rather in a child's capacity to apply these skills and interpret their experiences in the world in which they live.

Throughout schools in America, there is no doubt that there is high attention to training students in both mathematics and literacy skills and applications. In addition to student study in these core subjects, each March our school hosts a "Math and Literacy Hour". This year's "Math & Literacy Hour" will take place on Thursday, March 23 between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please refer to the important dates and announcements page and previous correspondences regarding "Math and Literacy Hour". Parents much register their child for this event.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that we are in the midst of our registration and open house season for the 2017-2018 school year. Planning and preparation has been underway since late 2016 and will continue throughout the upcoming spring and summer months. As always, I encourage you to share your feedback about our Academy. I value everyone's feedback. Let us all continue to work on the success and progression of our wonderful school. Thanks in advance!

Please take note of the important dates and announcements page on the second page of this newsletter. Have a wonderful month of March and a blessed "Lenten Journey"!

Yours in Christ,

Marko Bojović  
Principal

**MARCH/APRIL 2017**  
**IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **CASUAL DRESS & STUDENT POPSICLE FUNDRAISER DAY-Thursday, March 2, 2017**  
KG-8<sup>th</sup> grade students may dress casual on this day. All preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to bring in \$1 for the monthly "ice cream" fundraiser day.
- **2017-2018 OPEN REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT & NEW FAMILIES-Thursday, March 2 through May 19, 2017**  
We strongly advise current families to register their child ASAP as your child's spot is not guaranteed after the March 1 priority registration deadline. We especially urge families with children in grades preschool-1st to register ASAP.
- **CASUAL DRESS DAY, 12:30 P.M. STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL & TEACHER INSTITUTE AFTERNOON Friday, March 3, 2017 (NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE)**  
All preschool-8th grade students must be picked up at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at the regular time of 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Students may choose to dress "casual" on this day. **There will be no gym class or after school care on this day.**
- **PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY & "STUDENT COMMUNION" DAY-Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
- **OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE (NEW) FAMILIES-Wednesday, March 15, 2017 (9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)**
- **MATH & LITERACY HOUR REGISTRATION DEADLINE-Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.**  
The sign-up sheet is located next to the school's main building bulletin board.
- **MOTHER-SON LEGOLAND DAY-Saturday, March 18, 2017 (5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)**  
This year's annual Mother-Son outing will take place at Legoland in Schaumburg, IL. If you have not done so already, please complete your reservation form and submit your payment.
- **MATH & LITERACY HOUR-Thursday, March 23, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.**  
This one-time, complimentary after school program is being offered to all students in grades preschool-8th. If you wish for your child to participate, please register your child(ren) on the sign-up sheet which is located next to the main building bulletin board. The last day to register your child is Thursday, March 16, 2017.
- **\$150 EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT DEADLINE FOR CURRENT ACADEMY FAMILIES Friday, March 31, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.**
- **END OF 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER MARKING PERIOD-Friday, March 31, 2017 (regular school day)**
- **START OF 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER MARKING PERIOD-Monday, April 3, 2017 (regular school day)**
- **3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STANFORD 10 ACHIEVEMENT TESTING-Monday, April 3-Friday, April 7, 2017**
- **FEAST DAY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, DIVINE LITURGY & "STUDENT COMMUNION DAY" Friday, April 7, 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**
- **GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY & PASCHAL (EASTER) SPRING BREAK-Friday, April 14-Sunday, April 23, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)**