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*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.*

St. Ann Family,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! Our new semester began last week as students and staff braved the frigid cold temperatures to return to school. In a new year and new semester, we're all off to a fresh start in our academics, relationships, and work. St. Ann has even been blessed with a few new students in 2018!

Last Wednesday's all-school Mass was led by the 8th grade class. Fr. Ron was presiding and he talked to us about things we can feel thankful for in the new year. Many students were able to share the things they felt most grateful for including their families, parents, friends, and school.

There is NO SCHOOL this Friday, January 12th. The teachers will be in a staff meeting through the morning and will then attend a Professional Learning Team meeting with other Federation teachers in the afternoon.

There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 15th. We will be observing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day. This will, however, be our 9th annual Day Of Service. From 9AM-12 Noon we will open the school to volunteers for cleaning, de-cluttering, furniture moving, and general visual improvement of the building. This work will happen just in time for our upcoming Open House. If there are 7th or 8th grade Confirmandi looking for a service opportunity, this could be a good one! This is also a great chance time to rack up some parent volunteer hours.

Monday, January 29th, is the official opening of the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation Scholarship Application. THIS APPLICATION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. The applications are processed and scholarships are awarded on a first come-first served basis so it is very critical that your family logs in and applies for any scholarships and financial assistance for which you might be eligible. These scholarships are awarded to more than half of the St. Ann school community and are a big help to both our school and our families. More information will be coming soon as well as a schedule for support sessions at nearby schools for families who may need technological or paperwork assistance.

Open House is approaching fast. We'll be hosting prospective families for tours and information on Sunday, January 28th from 12:00 noon until 2:00pm. We're looking for student ambassadors to help lead tours, parents and alumni to greet and guide our guests, and students and family members to man extracurricular booths representing our various clubs and teams. Be sure to get the word out about St. Ann to friends, family, neighbors, and others who may be looking for a school in the 2018-2019 school year.

Yard signs will be heading home with students this week to help promote our school and upcoming Open House. Feel free to stake a sign in your yard to let your neighborhood know. Don't have a yard? Place it in your window. Additionally, we have new "evergreen" signs promoting St. Ann School in general. You can keep them up as often as you like to show your school spirit and promote St. Ann. If you have Open House yard signs at home already, please send them in so we can add an updated sticker.

Our St. Ann Robotics Team will be competing at the upcoming Clavius Robotics Jamboree at St. Louis U. High on January 20th. They will be joining with dozens of other schools to engage in coding and engineering challenges at the beautiful Danis Fieldhouse. We wish our Robotics Team the best of luck in their competition!

In this new year, it's a great time for parents to review the uniform policy and be sure their students are wearing uniform apparel that is both comfortable and appropriate for our cold and nasty weather, while still within the guidelines of the policy.

2nd quarter report cards will be coming home this Thursday afternoon in Friday folders. At this time, progress reports are turned off as teachers finalize grades. I know there were many students working hard to turn in missing work and improve assignments at the end of December. Hopefully that is reflected in their final grades. Keep in mind that in this 2nd quarter report card cycle, we will release hard copies to those families who are squared away on tuition. If you currently have a balance or want to learn more about how to receive your report card(s), please call Eileen at (314) 450-4852.

Confirmation preparation sessions will begin this Sunday after 11AM Mass. the official schedule has been emailed to families and is also accessible on Google Classroom. If you need another copy, please let me know. This past week's session was cancelled so this Sunday, January 14th, will be the first session. If you are a parent or parishioner who is interested in helping lead these sessions for our 7th and 8th grade students, please call the school at (314) 381-0113.

January 28th kicks off Catholic Schools Week. It's a special week of fun and celebration of our school community. Look out for more information soon regarding all of the events and activities planned for this week.

Trivia Night is Saturday, February 3rd. For more information, email Bill Hook at hooks2809@gmail.com. Progressive Dinner is Saturday, February 10th. Look out for a flyer coming home with more info!

Mark Your Calendar

January 8th-School Board

January 9th-Peaceful Shirt Day

January 11th-2nd quarter report cards

January 12th-NO SCHOOL-Teacher PLT's

January 15th-NO SCHOOL-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service 9-Noon

January 20th-Clavius Robotics Jamboree

January 28th-Open House Noon-2PM

January 28th-February 2nd-Catholic Schools Week

January 29th- Scholarship Application Opens

February 3rd- Trivia Night

February 10th-Progressive Dinner

Blessings,

Jacob Reft