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January 20, 2022

Dear SMS Families,

January 22 will mark the 49th anniversary of the day that Roe vs. Wade was passed into law and abortion was made legal in the US. We are a pro-life church! Please join us tomorrow for the 9am Mass and afterwards for Eucharistic Adoration, until 3pm, to pray for the legislation and hearts to be changed so that all children can have the opportunity to live life to the fullness that God desires for them.

Dear Jesus, Word made flesh and splendor of the Father, our Light and our Life, I pray to You for the life of the unborn child I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Please give to the parents of this child the grace and the courage to bring their baby to birth and to the fullness of life you desire. Amen.

The 8th Graders, Mrs. Hartenstein, and I (who are participating in a spiritual adoption program for babies in danger of abortion) had the very great honor to sit at the feet of Mr. Nathan Gibson, father of three girls, two of whom currently are enrolled at our school, as he shared the powerful story of his middle daughter, Faith. When Nathan and his wife, Jamie, were expecting Faith, they were told by their doctor to terminate the pregnancy because of heart complications Faith was displaying in utero. They boldly refused, and after 2 heart transplants and 9 years, Faith is as strong, happy, and feisty as her peers, with hopes to go to school in person. Please join us in praying for her. After Nathan's talk, I had the opportunity to talk to the 8th Graders. What really struck us was the FAITH of Nathan and Jamie and the Gibson family. Our lives are meant to glorify God, no matter what they look like or which twists and turns they take. Thank you, Nathan, for being such a powerful witness to us today!

Please be aware of the following announcements:

- **A flyer from PTO with upcoming events** went home last week with your child. A flyer for BINGO also went home (see attached).
- **Thank you** to Mrs. Leighanne Bert and her dad for ordering and delivering our January Hot Lunch from Wendy's last week!
- The end of the 2nd 9 weeks was on Tuesday, January 18. Grades can always be checked on Option C. **Report cards** will be coming home next week.
- **Saint Michael School PTO is hosting a Bingo Night Saturday January 22nd at the Knights of Columbus:** 170 Clarksville Rd Greenville. Doors open at 4:00pm, bingo will begin at 5:00pm. Entry is \$10 which includes 10 games of bingo with cash prizes. Extra cards, daubers, basket raffle and more will be available. Join us for a fun evening. All proceeds benefit the SMS PTO. For tickets, please call the school office 724-588-7050 or Trichelle Eddy 724-456-7555. We need YOUR help to work this event! Please contact the school or Trichelle Eddy for volunteering.

- **If you can donate a basket for the basket raffle**, which will be a part of our Bingo Night, please send it into the school tomorrow or directly to the KofC on Saturday.
- **Lunch forms for the month of February will be in backpacks tomorrow, Friday, January 21 and due back to school on Tuesday, January 25.** Hot lunch for February will be on Thursday, February 10, and consist of Arby's 6-piece chicken nuggets, fries, and an applesauce. The cost is \$5.00.
- **A fun open gym for basketball (PreK-8) will begin next Friday, January 28, after school until 3:30pm.** Permission forms and more information will be going home with students next week. Thank you, Mrs. McCloskey, for volunteering to lead this!
- **Do you have your clearances with us and like working with our littlest students? We can use your help as a PreK Aide Substitute!** This will be a volunteer role, and only needed occasionally throughout the rest of the year. Call the school's office to get on our sub list!
- **HEY MUSCLES!** We are looking for some strong people to help us move a lot of heavy things in the school that are currently blocking room in the classroom used by the IU staff and the students they serve. Items need to be moved from the 3rd floor to the basement! Please call the school office, message, or email me to set up a time you can help after school!
- **Catholic Schools Week, arguably the BEST week of the whole year, is coming up!** CSW will be from Sunday, January 30 – Saturday February 5. See the attached flyer for more information! 😊 Start planning for Grandparents' Breakfast (in the afternoon) on Monday, January 31! Your child's grandparents or grandparent stand in are welcome to join us that afternoon for a round of Bingo and a doughnut in Lateran Hall! Time slots for families will be sent home next week!
- **YOU and your CHILD are the best PR for SMS!** Please share positive stories with your friends, family, and neighbors: in person and on social media to help bring more students and families into our community!
- Join the **40 Club!!** It is one of the biggest fundraisers for our school!! You can win 100s and even 1,000s of dollars! Call the church or school for more information! Spread the word to your family and friends!
- **Please bring your families to Mass! St. Michael School is a mission of and an integral part of St. Michael and St. Margaret Church!** Going to Mass on Sundays, I miss seeing and praying with young families, especially our school families. Our parish offers 4 Masses each weekend: 4:30pm on Saturday, 7:00am, 11:00am on Sunday (this is the Mass I always go to!) at St. Michael in Greenville and 9:00am on Sunday at St. Margaret in Jamestown.
- **Please be on the lookout for COVID symptoms in yourselves and your children.** If you suspect any symptoms, please have your child or you tested. In order to maintain a safe environment for all, please practice and help your children practice COVID protocol: proper mask wearing at all times, social distancing, and frequent hand washing with warm soapy water. **If your child is sick, please keep them at home!!** Kindly contact the school if you or your child does develop any symptoms and also check with your child's doctor for next steps. Talk with your doctor and your child's doctor about whether the COVID vaccine is right for you and your child. **COVID vaccines are available now for children ages 5-12.** Speak with your child's pediatrician about the right decision for your child.
- **If your child is in need of a uniform, please let us know!** We can save you a lot of money! We have a PLETHORA of uniform shirts and pants that we are willing to give away at no charge. If your daughter is in K-4, we have plaid jumpers of many sizes! If you have a

daughter in Grades 4-8, we have a LOT skirts of many sizes as well! All plaids from us are \$20. If you are *exchanging* a plaid, there is NO COST!

Thank YOU for partnering with us to make our students' year a great one!

Have a wonderful evening!

St. Michael, pray for us!

Many Blessings,

Emily Zgonc :)

Principal

"Open wide the doors of your heart to Christ! Do not be afraid!" - St. John Paul II