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Up Up And Away - Notes from the Upper School Director

October 11, 2019

Are you interested in exploring the benefits of an alternative high school experience? While boarding schools are not the right choice for all students and families, a number of our recent St. Michael's graduates have made the bold decision to live away from home as high schoolers in immersive, academically focused environments. This coming week, we have the privilege to welcome representatives from two different boarding schools. They have asked to meet with interested families and students to share information about their wonderful high school programs. While not required, parents are more than welcome to join us at these meetings.

Kelly O'Mara, from the [Baylor School](#) in Chattanooga, Tennessee, will hold a session this Monday, Oct. 14, at 8:05 a.m. in the Art Room.

Sara Solomon, from [St. Stephen's Episcopal School](#) in Austin, Texas, will host a session this Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 2:30 p.m. in Tankersley Hall.

If you would like your student (Grades 7 and 8 only) to meet with either or both of these school representatives, please send Ms. Gould an email (jgould@stmichael.net) to grant your permission for attendance. NOTE: We will only dismiss from Chapel or class those students with permission to attend.

In Other News

● Student Council has voted to donate our October and November mass donations to **Meals on Wheels**. This is a local organization that delivers meals to senior citizens who are unable to go to the grocery store or cook for themselves. More information can be found [here](#). Thanks to all for last month's donations: we raised \$260 for the World Wildlife Fund!

● Our beautiful **Día de los Muertos** chapel which will be held on Friday, Nov. 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Don't miss this beautiful celebration, performed

by our 8th graders and filled with song, poetry, and tributes to those who are no longer with us. In honor of this special tradition, the 8th graders will be selling commemorative t-shirts. All proceeds go to support graduation efforts, including a class gift to the school. Adult shirts (XS, S, M, L, XL) are \$20. Youth sizes (S, M, L) are \$15. Email grad2020@stmichael.net with your interest in reserving a shirt for yourself or your student, indicating how many and which sizes you would like. We need your responses no later than this coming Tuesday, October 15!

Events This Week:

● Our second “**fee dress**” day is coming up this week on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Students who contribute \$2.00 to support our 8th grade meal preparations for Primavera Men’s Shelter can enjoy relaxed dress that day.

● Eighth Grade Community Service **Team Five** will be traveling to the Community Food Bank the morning of Thursday, Oct. 17. Then, on Saturday, Oct. 19, **Team Two** will prepare and serve a meal for the patrons of Primavera Men’s Shelter, drawing upon funds raised from Wednesday’s “fee dress.”

● Our beloved **Grandparents’ Day** event is scheduled for this Friday, Oct. 18, from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. That evening, the annual Upper School **Coffee Cabaret** musical performance will be held from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. so grandparents and other loved ones in town that day might catch both.

● There is a great opportunity for students looking to earn community service hours or just hang out around cool automobiles! Lea Marquez Peterson (mother of Luke) is a member of the Tucson Rotary Club, which is hosting their classic Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 19. The organizers could use volunteers to help on trash detail either from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or from 12:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If interested, let Lea or me know.

● This week in sports:

Co-ed Flag Football

Monday, 10/14 - home vs. TCDS (A game at 4:00; B game at 5:00)

Thursday, 10/17 - away at Calvary Christian (A team released at 3:00, game at 4:00; B team game at 5:00)

Girls' Volleyball

Monday, 10/14 - home vs. Gregory School (A game at 4:00; B game at 5:00)

Tuesday, 10/15 - home vs. Pusch Ridge (A game at 4:00; B game at 5:00)

The TIAL championship tournaments for both sports begin the following week on Tuesday, Oct. 22. (Details to be announced later.)

Fall intramurals (flag football) for 4th and 5th graders wrap up this week.

Events Beyond This Week:

- **Picture re-takes** for any students that missed individual photos are scheduled for Monday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 a.m.
- Our annual **High School Night** is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. While it is intended mainly for 7th and 8th grade families, any interested Upper School families are welcome to attend. Eight different local high schools will be represented. The Step-Up Day for **University High School** is the next day, Thursday, Oct. 24, for 8th graders considering UHS.
- The first middle school (grades 6-8) **dance** of the year is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 25, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. During the dance, 8th grade parents and guardians are invited to take part in a brief meeting with the **Graduation Team**, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Science Room.
- There will also be a **bake sale** on Friday, Oct. 25, during the school day to support the 8th grade graduation plans.

Best wishes,

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