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Up Up And Away - Notes from the Upper School Director

January 20, 2020

Happy Martin Luther King Day! We honored the legacy of Dr. King last Wednesday with our annual MLK Day of Service. If you haven't yet, check out photos from the day on our Facebook page ([here](#)). The enthusiasm of our students in rolling up their sleeves and plugging away at their various tasks was gratifying--it's one of my favorite days of the school year.

If you were on campus this past Saturday, you would have seen the breadth of the St. Michael's program in action. About 130 students from more than a dozen local schools (including ours) descended on the school to take part in a Mathleague.org event in the Smith Parish Center and Tankersley Hall. Meanwhile, a team of eighth graders gathered in the school kitchen to prepare a meal to serve at Primavera Men's Shelter, and the Student Center was abuzz with rehearsal and set construction for the school musical next weekend.

Speaking of which, don't wait any longer to get your tickets for *Into the Woods*, which is scheduled for January 24-26. An enormous amount of time and effort has gone into the show on the part of students, staff members, and parent volunteers. It promises to be a dazzling performance. For more information or to purchase tickets online, click [here](#).

Events This Week:

- The next \$2 "fee dress" day is this Wednesday, January 22. Proceeds pay for the Primavera meal preparation each month.
- Chris Gunnin, the Head of School at St. Stephen's in Austin and the chair of the SAES Visiting Team for our re-accreditation, will be visiting briefly on the morning of Thursday, Jan. 23. He is planning to attend chapel services as well as observe classrooms. This will lay the groundwork for the full team's visit the week of March 23-27.

● This year's school **musical**, *Into the Woods*, premieres on Friday. Cast members will be allowed to go home at noon on Friday to rest up for opening night.

● **Co-ed Soccer** games this week:

Tues., 1/21 - "B" team @ home (Sewell) vs. Pusch Ridge: early release 3:00; game 4:00.

Wed., 1/22 - "A" team @ home (Sewell) vs. Acad. of Tucson: release 3:00; game 4:00.

Playoffs for the "A" team will occur the week of Jan. 27-31.

Events Beyond This Week:

● This year's **Math-a-thon** kicks off the week of January 27-31. Collection packets with results will go home at the end of that week.

● Also on the horizon is **Science Fair** week, February 3-7, which concludes with **STEM Night** on Friday, February 7. There will be a uniform exchange and Eighth Grade graduation meeting for parents that same evening. And there will be food trucks!

● The next group to miss school time for 8th grade community service is **Team Six**, who will be spending the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Casa Maria.

● Parent information nights for the 6th grade Crow Canyon trip and 7th grade Catalina Island trip are both scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, February 12, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

● There's no school for our **Rodeo Break** the week of February 17-21.

That's all for now...

Best wishes,

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