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Up Up And Away - Notes from the Upper School Director

January 5, 2020

Happy New Year!

As mentioned in the previous memo before Christmas, parent-teacher conferences are scheduled to be held between now and January 24 (depending on the teacher). Families will receive progress reports for the second trimester as well as results of the first two rounds of Renaissance standardized testing. Students are required to attend these meetings and will largely be driving the conversations about their general progress, personal triumphs, most challenging obstacles, and goals for the second half of the year. Please check with your child's homeroom advisor to schedule this valuable session.

Events This Week:

● **Co-ed Soccer games this week:**

Wednesday, 1/8 - "B" team @ home (Sewell Elementary) vs. Lemman East: early release at 3:00; game at 4:00.

Thursday, 1/9 - "A" team @ Gregory School: early release at 3:00; game at 4:00.

● **Upper School admissions testing** for next year is scheduled for Saturday, January 11, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. If you know of any interested families, please send them our way!

Events Beyond This Week:

● There is a noon dismissal / half day on Wednesday, January 15. Students in grades 6-8 will be going off campus that morning to one of a variety of

destinations as part of our annual **Community Service Day**. We will be looking for parent drivers to help with transportation.

● The next group to miss school time for 8th grade community service is **Team Two**, who will be spending the morning of Thursday, January 16, at the Community Food Bank--a double dose of service for the week!

● On the morning of Friday, January 17, we will host our school **Spelling Bee** for students in grades 5-8. The representatives from each grade are as follows:

5th grade: Thomas Allen, Carl Neher, Jacob Schoff (alternate: Anthony Son)

6th grade: Piper Kukla, Preston Miller, Dilan Ramakumar (alternate: Owen Brosanders)

7th grade: Griffin Birkinbine, Delaney Reuter, Ben Teller (alternate: Chris Lundin)

8th grade: Riley Egan, Ryan Hays, Phineas Roberts (alternate: Teagan Smith)

● We are hosting a major **math competition** (elementary and middle school) on campus on Saturday, January 18. On a related note, the **Math-a-thon** kicks off on Monday, January 27. More information to come...

● There is no school on Monday, January 20, in recognition of **Martin Luther King Day**.

● The next \$2 "**fee dress**" day is Wednesday, January 22.

● This year's school musical, *Into the Woods*, is scheduled for January 24-26. For more information or to purchase tickets online, click [here](#).

● Also on the horizon is **Science Fair** week, February 3-7, which concludes with **STEM Night** on Friday, February 7.

That's all for now...

Best wishes,

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[School Facebook page](#)
[School Instagram page](#)
[St. Michael and All Angels Church](#)

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[Google Classroom](#)
[McGraw-Hill ConnectEd Textbook Login](#)

[School Uniforms](#)
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