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Dear St. Michael's Parents and Families,

I wish all of you safe travels, good health, and lots of rest over Fall Break. We will resume classes on Monday, October 19. If Covid concerns in Pima County shift for the worse this coming week, our medical experts, School Nurse, and I will communicate immediately with the St. Michael's community. For now, we anticipate continuing in hybrid mode on October 19. To date, 80% of families have opted for on-campus, beginning October 19, and 20% at home.

Please read, and respond as needed, to the following reminders:

### **Changes to the Annual Calendar**

In the interest of supporting our staff and teachers' health and wellbeing throughout a long and very complex year, we have added six days of vacation for all students, faculty, and staff, as follows, and noted in red on the attached PDF copy of the same:

November 23	Monday of Thanksgiving Week
November 24	Tuesday of Thanksgiving Week
December 18	Friday Start of Christmas and New Year Break
March 29	Monday of Holy Week
March 30	Tuesday of Holy Week
April 30	Planning Day/Rest Day for Faculty

If families anticipate challenges with childcare for any of these newly designated vacation days, please communicate your specific needs (days) to me. I will work with the YMCA of Pima County, as we did at the start of the academic year, to help arrange childcare for SMS families for these days.

### **Health Reminders for Break**

Continued adherence to physical distancing, masking, and hand hygiene are absolutely necessary for us to maintain onsite classes. Please continue to practice these common-sense mitigation measures while you are away for the upcoming break. We urge those families who are traveling by plane to be especially vigilant about close contact with other travelers. If you have any health concerns or questions regarding anyone in your family upon return from the break, please contact Mrs. Erika Huff, R.N., our School Nurse, immediately, at [ehuff@stmichael.net](mailto:ehuff@stmichael.net).

### **Admissions and Enrollment**

Typically, at this time of year, we are turning our attention in the Admissions Office to recruitment for the following year. However, due to the current instructional uncertainty in many of Tucson's schools, we are still receiving a higher than usual number of inquiries regarding enrollment for this year. If you know of any families considering an immediate change in their school choice, please encourage them to reach out to Dr. Matt Teller, our Associate Head of School and Director of Enrollment Management. Upper School grades are relatively maxed, with more room for new families in Lower School.

Thank you very much for your continued support here at school and at home with the essential work of teaching and learning.

Have fun this week!

Sincerely,  
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