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**Update your Emails/Phone to Stay Connected-** Each year, we need your “digital signature” as evidence to our school message system that you want to receive our communication. By completing this survey ONCE you will be added to our weekly and monthly newsletter and will receive school updates. EACH adult (both parents) who wishes to receive information must complete the survey. If you completed the survey last week when class lists came out do NOT do it again.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/22TF5MQ>

**Movie Night-** Please join us on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> for a back to school Movie Night featuring, “Sing.” 5:30-6:15p.m. is pizza and then we’ll watch the movie in the gym at 6:30p.m. There is a \$5.00/family fee to cover refreshments but please email us to let us know you are coming so we can plan accordingly! Email [susan\\_gosselin@saintmichael.com](mailto:susan_gosselin@saintmichael.com) to RSVP with a total number of those attending. All students should be accompanied by an adult. Feel free to bring sleeping bags, lawn chairs, blankets to spread out on the gym floor.

**Class Lists-** Class lists were emailed home last week. The class lists are password protected. The password is sms2018.

[Click here for the class lists.](#)

**NJHS Volunteers-** We are looking for some of our NJHS members to help us at Movie Night. If your NJHS member is interested in helping serve/clean this night, please have him/her email Mrs. Gosselin at [susan\\_gosselin@saintmichael.com](mailto:susan_gosselin@saintmichael.com)

**School will re-open on Wednesday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> for students in K-8.** School will be in session from 9:00a.m.-11:45a.m. Aug. 30 and 31. There are no buses to/from school on these 2 days so please make arrangements for your child. Students should be dressed in uniforms. School will be closed on Friday, Sept. 1. **Please note that Full day Pre-K students will attend school on Thursday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> but only until 11:45a.m.** Half day student parents and nursery parents should read below for information on visit days.

**Bus service will begin on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for K-8-** The town of North Andover will mail your child his/her bus tag that you should attach to your child’s backpack. If you haven’t received your bus ID tag from the town please call Lucy McCarthy at 978-794-1503 so that you don’t miss out on busing.

**Health Office News-** Please be sure to have sent in your immunization records to the health office. All new students need these records to be sent to the office. In addition, if your child had any shots since the end of the school year, those records should also be sent. Make it a habit to take a copy of this immunization form at each of your child’s annual physicals since they must be kept on file at school.

***Students who don’t have up-to-date records may not attend school until forms are on file.***

**Uniforms: Don’t wait to order!** All uniforms must be purchased from our sole uniform carrier (JB Pride Uniforms). The only embroiderer who has permission to use the school logo is JB Pride. You may NOT

go to any other retailer to have the logo printed on your uniforms. This is a breach of our logo policy and cause for a request to withdraw.

**Extended Day Care:** Extended Day Care is available from 7:00am-9:00am (enter through the gym door) and from 3:15p.m.-5:30pm each day. Extended Day Care from 7:00a.m.-9:00a.m. will be held in the Main Street Atrium (near the gym). An adult must escort all students (grade 3 and under) to Extended Day Care. The homework room for students in grades 1-8 will be open from 3:30-4:30p.m. Monday-Thursday (beginning Sept. 5th). Extended Day Care will be available on Aug. 30-31 from 7-9a.m. and again from 11:45-5:30 but will be closed on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> for the holiday weekend. Be sure to bring a lunch and drink if attending on these days. *Please note that the hourly rate for Extended Day Care has increased this year to \$8.00/hour.*

**Lunch Program-** Just Like Home will once again be our lunch program provider. Lunch will begin on Sept. 5th. Information will be sent home via email this summer on how to place orders online and credit card payments.

**Morning Line-Up:** Students will line up with their classes at 8:50a.m. School begins at 9:00a.m. Students are expected to be in their classrooms when the 9:00a.m. bell rings. Please be sure that your child arrives on time! If your child arrives to school prior to 8:50a.m. and you cannot stay outside with him/her, please register with Ext. Day Care. You'll be billed once each week. Those who arrive at school after the 9:00a.m. bell are considered tardy which is recorded on a child's permanent record which follows them to high school.

**First School Mass-** We'll gather on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15a.m. to celebrate the first mass of the school year.

**Playground Day Nursery, Pre-K and K-** Students in nursery, pre-k and kindergarten are invited to come play with us on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. Nursery should attend at 9:00a.m., pre-k at 10:30a.m. and kindergarten at 11:30a.m. We'll play in the playground and have popsicles. Parents and younger siblings should attend!

#### **Pre-Kindergarten Information-**

Each year, we invite the students and their parents (no siblings please) to come visit the classrooms before their official start of the school year. The schedule for these before-school visits is below:

**Mrs. Bagge's and Mrs. Godek's Full-Day Pre-K Classroom Visit is August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:15 AM**

**\*\*Mrs. Godek and Mrs. Bagge's students will attend school on Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> from 9-11:45a.m.**

**Miss Kropiwnicki (Miss K) Half day Pre-K Classroom Visit:  
The AM students should visit on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:15a.m.  
The PM students should visit on August 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:15-10:15a.m.**

**\*\*Miss K's half day students begin school on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> with regular hours.**

#### **Nursery Information-**

Each year, we invite the students and their parents (no siblings please) to come visit the classrooms before their official start of the school year. The schedule for these before-school visits is below:

**Mrs. Brady's Half day Nursery Classroom Visit:  
The AM students should visit on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:15a.m.  
The PM students should visit on August 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:15-10:15a.m.**

**\*\*Mrs. Brady's students begin school on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> with regular hours.**

**\*\*AM Students who registered to stay with us ALL day will begin their afternoon program on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Summer Assignments and Supplies:** Please remind, encourage and assist your child in completing his/her summer assignment that he/she received at the end of last year. Many students received supply lists at the end of the school year. Please be sure that your child has everything he/she needs on the first few days of school. Items such as Clorox wipes, bandaids, paper towels, etc are **completely optional.**

**Summer Reading...I've Got BINGO-** We hope you have been enjoying reading this summer and are completing your BINGO cards. Remember to post to our school Facebook page to be entered into a drawing to win a prize! Please be sure to return your sheet by September 8<sup>th</sup> to get your no uniform passes.

**Open Houses:** Please plan on attending our Open Houses. Parents will be welcomed by our PTO and administration in the cafeteria and then the teachers will talk with you about curriculum, their expectations, the school day, and homework.

- Parents with children in Nursery-grade 2 should plan on attending Open House on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.
- Parents with children in Grades 3-8 should plan on attending Open House on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are asked to arrive at 6:30p.m. for a brief meeting to discuss special 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities and events.

**PTO:** The PTO remains a great strength behind the success of Saint Michael School. Parents interested in becoming involved with the PTO should attend the Open House and speak with the PTO coordinators. We love to have new members who bring fresh ideas to the PTO. ALL parents at SMS are automatically part of the PTO so please know you are welcome to help however you can!

**Instrumental Program:** We are pleased to announce that we will be continuing our successful instrumental program for students in grades 3-8 and our violin program in K-2. There will be an informational meeting with the children on September 8th at 2:00p.m. Parents are welcome to attend. Instructional classes will be held during the school day. Students will be required to make up any work missed during their 30 minute lesson.

**PGC Workshops and CORI Checks:** All parents who wish to volunteer in **ANY** way at school **MUST** complete a new CORI form (a new one is required each year). **Everyone needs to complete a new CORI!** You must present a photo ID at that time and the form must be authorized by a school employee. Feel free to process your CORI when you attend an Open House. If you have never taken a Protecting God's Children Workshop, you must participate in one before you will be allowed to volunteer, coach, assist, chaperone, etc. The workshops are offered throughout the school year and you may also attend a workshop that is offered at another parish (be sure to bring us a copy of your certificate). The Protecting God's Children program for adults is a two-hour awareness session instructing adults of the Church that to protect children you must have continuous awareness and vigilance. This awareness session makes trainees understand the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five empowerment steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe!

- **Upcoming PGC Workshops:** August 30 at 9:30a.m. in the Parish Hall. Call Kim Silk at 978-686-4050 to register.

**High School Fair Night-** Students in grades 7 & 8 are invited to the High School Fair Night on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8p.m. in the school gym. We've invited all of the local catholic and private high schools and NAHS to attend. This Fair will be open to current grade 7 & 8 SMS students and students from our parish. Please mark this date on your calendar so you won't miss out on the opportunity to meet informally with representatives from all of the high schools.

We wish God's blessings on you and your family over the upcoming weeks. Spend some quality time together before the hustle and bustle begins with school work and extracurricular activities. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the office (686-1862).

Sincerely,

Sue Gosselin