



Dear Parents,

The first trimester comes to an end next week. So, we are 1/3 of the way through the year. Marks will close next Wednesday, and the new trimester begins the Monday after Thanksgiving. The next trimester is always the fast one, with all the holidays in it, so the year will really start speeding along.

After the successful 5K which should make close to \$10,000 although final figures are not yet available, we also had a great time with the penny Wars. The final total was \$1,764.96. Eighth grade was our first place classroom with a total donation of \$394.09 and an average donation of \$26.27. Grade four came in second with a total of \$303.99 and an average donation of \$23.38. Thank you to all of our students for entering into the fun of the penny wars and raising money for the school. All of the students are enjoyed the dress down day, and grades four and eight are getting special ice cream treats today. Congratulation to all!

The students are decorating Tom Turkey in our main staircase. We will post pictures when we are done. Each student is filling out a feather to finish Tom's tail with all the things they are thankful for. You will be happy to know that most of them have mentioned their families!

I have been asked by several of the families of our older students about the possibility of basketball this year. There are several guidelines we would have to follow, but the biggest problem is finding a place to practice. We have a couple of ideas, but if you have any, please get in touch. I would like the kids to be able to do something!

We do have some bugs and viruses going around the building, although we are not seeing much COVID these days. As always, please keep your children home if they are not feeling well, and remind them to wear their masks and wash their hands. If you are traveling for Thanksgiving, it would not be a bad idea to get a rapid test for your children when you return, just to be sure. (Please note, we are not requiring this, just suggesting.)

One last note, when you are picking up your children, whether at the end of the day, after band, homework club, or any activity please get out of your car so that the teachers can see you. We want to make sure everyone gets home safely.

We have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. I am thankful for all of you, your wonderful children and our dedicated faculty. From all of us here at St. Michael School, have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

God Bless,  
Doris Messina