



# St. Michael School News

10/16/2020

Dear St. Michael School Community,

I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the long Columbus Day weekend. Sadly, it looks as though cold days are lingering ahead. As the weather is rapidly changing this time of year, I would like to encourage parents/guardians to make sure that students wear, bring, or keep a jacket at the school. We make every effort to be outside as much as we can, but it makes it difficult if the children are not prepared for the cool or damp weather that comes with the fall season in New York.

We continue to be impressed with everyone’s vigilance and cooperation in maintaining the safety protocols for the school. Everyone has been routinely filling out the “PUP” health questionnaires each morning and very cautious about not sending ill children to school. We have had no positive cases to report but have taken extra precautions this week as we became aware of a situation of close contact with a positive case. We followed all precautionary protocols and reached out to public health to make sure that there was not a risk to the other staff or students at the school. We were deemed as very low risk and because of our enhanced health practices at the school (face mask use, enhanced cleaning, routine temperature checks, air filtration systems in every room, barriers in needed areas), there is currently no need for additional precautions. If this situation should change, notification will be made immediately. Thank you for all that you have done to help our students stay safe and to keep the school open. We ask that everyone continue to follow all health screening protocols and practice social distancing and masking guidelines.

Ensuring health and safety has put a strain on many relationships we have in our lives. It is no different for the school-family relationships that we have developed. We all miss the family interactions! In the coming weeks you should all be receiving communications from the teachers regarding information nights and upcoming parent-teacher conferences. These events will provide you with the opportunity to have any questions answered and see what it is like inside the classrooms. We miss seeing everyone in the school and hope that this will help you feel connected to your child/children’s learning. Family participation is vital in student success, and we want to make sure that you are a part of that process, even if you cannot be in the physical building. Here is a peek at some of the things happening in the classrooms. - With gratitude and prayers, Mrs. Marvin



## Looking Ahead

### October

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>- 5 week progress notes distributed

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>- Fall Fest

### November

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>- No School- Veterans Day

Wednesday 25-27<sup>th</sup>- No School- Thanksgiving Break

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – No School- Turkey Trot!!!!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**The Turkey Trot is going Virtual!!!!!!**

