

## Principal's Message-May 1, 2020

Today is May 1<sup>st</sup> and we begin the month of May in which we honor our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary. We call upon Mary for her guidance and protection for St. Michael's Catholic Academy and for our nation. Each day we will be posting a meditation and some of the students' work in honor of Mary.

Beginning this Monday evening, I will be having **grade level parent meetings**. The ZOOM invite will be shared each day on your child's Classroom Dojo or Google Classroom. I would like to meet with parents to discuss any concerns they might have and to keep communication open.

This week the Progress Reports will be distributed. This means we are half way through the trimester. The reports have been changed from our traditional reports to reflect the challenges of distance learning. The Diocese and principals have worked together in trying to be fair to all students and families. **However, students must submit work.** I gave today, May 1<sup>st</sup> as a deadline so teachers would have time to grade all work. If students do not submit all work this does not mean they will fail. The late work will be counted towards the report cards in June. The Third Trimester Report Cards are also being amended to reflect the changes in our instruction.

As a reminder, if you lost your job, the deadline for the Relief Fund is May 15<sup>th</sup>. The financial aid deadline for next year is May 31<sup>st</sup> as well as the deadline for the 5% discount for registrations for September 2020.

If you need food for your family, there is food available through St. Michael's Food Pantry. Please contact me or the classroom teacher and we will give you an appointment to pick up food for your family. It must be by appointment as the rectory is not opened, and we need to distribute it outside when it is not raining.

We are here to support all families-not only with your child's academics but with whatever needs your family has.