



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

Dear Parents,

Greetings, mingalabar, saludos. With much anticipation and preparation our 2017-2018 school year is underway! On Monday, our entire staff traveled together to St. Agnes in Brown County for a day of spiritual retreat that allowed us to recharge our faith batteries for this school year. On Tuesday our teachers and staff attended Mass together at St. Mark and spent the remainder of the day working together to prepare for this school year. On Wednesday, it finally was here, the first day of school! With lines of parents and students that stretched from the main doors of school back to the parking lot, as we welcomed our 369 students and parents into our school building for the first time this school year.

With the start of every school year, there were some logistical adjustments, some new students who couldn't find their classroom, but the day went smooth because of the cooperation of our teachers, parents, staff members, and students. I witnessed a few tears in the lower grades from the students, and a few tears from the parents as they walked out of our building. But our first day went smoothly from drop off in the morning, all the way through pick up in the afternoon. It was a great start to the school year!

We hit the ground running at St. Mark Catholic School. The teachers were teaching, the students were attentive, the prayers were being said, the academics had begun, and the faith continued to be shared. And that was only day one. We don't put "X"s on the calendar and countdown the days until the end of the school year, we embrace each day as an opportunity that God has given us. The days go by very fast and we value every minute as a chance to share God's word.

Much like an exciting book you can't put down, this school year will have many twist and turns to it. And you as parents will each have a different version of this book. Your children will have good days, great days, and days that could be better. There will be days when they get up before you do, excited for the day, and days that they may drag a little. There will be days where they come home full of stories about what they learned, and others where you may have to ask the question again to get an answer. But no matter what they say, or how they feel, they need your love and consistency.

You see, you are your child's first teacher. You lay the foundation of learning and of faith. You read to them, you help them when needed, you watch them succeed, you see them fail. You don't hover over them, you don't coddle them, but you support them, and you have high expectations for them. You let them try new things, you trust them, you laugh with them, you cry with them, and you hold them accountable. What you do with your children at home, we do with them here at school.

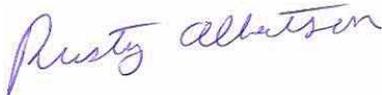
True partnership is trust. We want to truly partner with you on your child's Catholic education. When you drop of your child in the back parking lot and watch them walk through door #1, you trust that we will take care of them, keep them safe, help them to grow academically, and most importantly, help them to grow in their faith in God. We know how important that trust you have in us is to you. We know how important that every child that walks through our doors is. The trust you have in us, is the same trust we have in you.

A trust to communicate with us. A trust to support us. A trust to allow us to be your child's parent when they are with us each day at St. Mark Catholic School

As we progress into our school year, please trust that we have your child's best interest at heart. We will make mistakes, just as you do as parents, but we will correct our mistakes, and continue to embrace the opportunity to bring your child closer to God. We are not a perfect school. Your home is not a perfect place. You love your child. We love your child. Let's communicate with each other, let's partner with each other, let's help your child grow in their academics, in their service to others, and in their faith. We use the hash tags #comegrowinfaith and #ourchoiceisstmarkcatholicsschool and we understand the importance and meaning of both.

So get ready for a fun ride that is the 2017-2018 school year! We are excited, we are prepared, and we are ready! Have a great week end and we will see you at Mass this weekend (Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday's 7:30am, 9:30am, or 11:45am)!

Thanks and God Bless,



Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School
"Come Grow in Faith"

1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity"

Notes from Mrs. Cline

Open Computer Lab: At this time we will not be offering Open Computer Lab after school. With the changes to the Computer Lab/Art Room it will be unavailable after school. If this situation changes, we will send notification.

Jupiter Grades online accounts: If you have any questions about how to log on to your JupiterEd account please contact Mrs. Cline, lcline@stmarkindy.org

Parking- Parents, please do not park in the funeral home parking lot for drop off or pick up unless all other spots in the church or back parking lot are taken. Also, when dropping off in the morning please do not park in the back parking lot and walk your child in. The back parking lot in the mornings is for drop off only. Thanks so much for doing a great job this week with drop off and pick up!!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

August	7	Back to School Night (6:00pm) starting in the church
	11	Magazine Sale Kick Off
	20	Parish Picnic~St. March Church, noon
September	1	<i>Teacher In-Service Day, No School</i>
	4	<i>Labor Day, No School</i>
	6	Picture Retakes
	8	1st Quarter Progress Reports
	18-22	Fall Spirit Week
	28-29	6th Grade Camp Tecumseh trip

St. Mark Men's Club Golf Outing



St. Mark Men's Club will be having their annual Golf Outing and Fundraiser.

- Saturday, August 26, 2017
- Winding River Golf Club, which is located at 8015 Mann Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46221.
- Cost is \$75 per golfer and they receive the following: Balls at Driving Range; Sandwich Lunch Buffet; Dinner Buffet; Chances sold to Win Raffle Prizes; Opportunity to purchase Mulligans.
- Registration and Driving Range starts at 10:30 a.m., then lunch, and at 12:30 p.m. is the Shot Gun Start with Dinner
- Awards and Prizes following at 5:00 p.m.

If anyone is interested in playing, providing Sponsorship or has any questions, contact Dan Deak at 317-698-8419 or at ddeak@hotmail.com.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

Lunch Menu - Week of August 7 thru 11

- Monday** PK-1 ~ Chicken Sticks, Whole Grain Goldfish Crackers; 2-8 ~ Premium Chicken Patty Sandwich; All ~ Power Up Peas
- Tuesday** Egg-stravaganza, Eggo Chocolate Chip French Toast, Sweet Cooked Carrots and Yogurt
- Wednesday** Macho Nachos Dos ~ Beef Chili with Tostito Rounds, Queso Amarillo and Corn
- Thursday** PK-1 ~ Mini Beef Hot Dog; 2-8 ~ Beef Hot Dog; All ~ Baked Beans
- Friday** PK-1 ~ Breaded Mozzarella Sticks; 2-8 ~ Buffalo Chicken Pizza; All ~ Green Beans And Chocolate Chip Cookie

CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. You will need your Kroger Plus card number.

Box Tops (The Labels for Education program has been discontinued)

We will continue to collect Box Tops in the collection boxes in the church narthex and school entrance.

Coca-Cola Rewards Program is back this year!

Caps and boxes that have a "My Official Coke Rewards Code" on them can be redeemed for money and the money goes back to St. Mark School! Here are some of the brands that can be redeemed for points:

Coca-Cola	Diet Coke	Sprite	Barq's Root Beer
Fanta	Fuze	Mello Yello	Minute Maid
Pibb	Powerade	Tab	

And many more! Just turn your coke reward products into Mrs. Leszcynski in the office! Thank you for your donations!"



CYO SPORTS

Sports Notes

Southside Flag Football League

St. Mark Athletic Committee is accepting flag football registration for 2017. Boys and girls entering grades K-2 are eligible to play and the registration fee is \$55.00. Registration deadline is August 11, practices will begin on August 14, and the first games are scheduled for August 26. The season ends on September 30. Practices are normally once per week and are scheduled by the coaches. Games are held on Saturday mornings at St. Mark. For further information, please contact Patrick Collier at collierfamily8@att.net.

For CYO athletic questions, please contact one of the following on the St. Mark Athletic Commission Board:

- SMAC President ~ Andy Swiezy at the following email:
andyswiezy83@gmail.com
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Kris Able at the following email:
kable@stmarkindy.org.

RONCALLI REBEL NEWS



RONCALLI HOMECOMING **Save the Date: Friday, September 22nd**

We're Bringing Homecoming Home! Roncalli High School is excited to announce that this year's Alumni Homecoming will take place on our campus on September 22nd!

5:30-7:00 p.m. Come to campus early for the pregame tailgate that includes free hamburgers, hotdogs and soft drinks in the north parking lot tent! All are invited.

7:00 p.m. Rebels vs Brebeuf Jesuit

Immediately following the game: Stay on campus in the north parking lot tent to enjoy the tunes of *Tastes Like Chicken* while enjoying food and drink catered by Big Daddy's Bar and Grill--all for just \$10 per person. Alumni, parents, past parents, and friends of Roncalli are all invited to this post-game event. Join us for all the fun at Roncalli and celebrate another Rebel WIN! Get your ticket by calling Gary Armbruster at 317-787-8277 ext. 242.

Post game event is for guests ages 21 and over. \$10.00 includes entry, food and (1) beverage ticket.