



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

December 20, 2019

Parents,

As we approach Christmas break, we do so with much thanks to God for an awesome first half of the school year. We opened our doors welcoming over 430 students and 45 teachers and staff for a new school year on August 6th, progressed through the first few weeks of transition from summer break, got into a positive groove, and have continued to build a strong foundation of faith and academics in a very diverse setting.

As we welcome the time spent with our family and our faith for the next two weeks, we also know that we continue to look to the future of our school, church and our families. We will begin very shortly laying the groundwork for possible expansion and improvements of our school and church facilities and grounds. It is important to note that this "Campaign of Faith" will include the school and all of the other church ministries.

St. Mark Catholic School is one of the only Catholic schools to grow consistently over the last 11 years and our church and the other ministries are also growing! But this growth requires positive changes in many aspects of our church and school facilities and grounds with regards to upkeep and expansion. The process has begun in earnest and you will begin to hear how you can help in the very near future. This is your school and I hope that you will continue to see the benefits that it has on your children and your family!

On Monday, January 6, 2020 when we return from Christmas break, we will send home your "Letter of Intent". This letter is a very important piece of paper for your children's Catholic education. This letter, once completed and returned with the \$100 family registration fee, will secure your child's spot in their class for next school year. This piece of paper, completed and signed by you, will signify that you want your child to pray throughout the school day, hear God's word in scripture each day, experience service for others, and grow in their faith in preparation for eternity. A piece of paper, but so much more to your children's future.

But before you complete your letter of intent, I ask that you carefully consider if St. Mark Catholic School is the best fit for you child and your family. Ask yourself the following questions: Is my child loved at school? Are they in a safe place? Do they have opportunities to grow closer to God? Are they part of a diverse school setting? Do they have fun? When I drop off my child, do I have 100% trust that they are being cared for in a Christ-centered setting? Are they happy?

Whether you receive an Indiana Choice Grant (voucher), an SGO scholarship, or pay for tuition yourself, there are many good choices for your children's education. We stand for many things at St. Mark Catholic School. We stand for strong academic rigor. We stand for fairness and consistency. We stand for diversity and differences. We stand for hard work and fun. We stand for God and His Son Jesus Christ, who came to this earth, is the greatest teacher of all time, and died on the Cross so our sins could be forgiven. Christ is the reason for this school

We look forward to your continued partnership with us. You and your family are a part of our family. Please enjoy your Christmas, enjoy your time away, enjoy your family, and may God be with you during this season of the birth of His Son. Merry Christmas and may God Bless you!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson

Principal

St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jan	6		Classes Resume; Letters of Intent for 20/21 go home
	6		3rd Quarter Begins
	8		2nd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
	16	1:00	1:00 Student Dismissal-Teacher Professional Development (No Aftercare)
	17		Letters of Intent and \$100 Reg Fee for 2020/2021 Due
	20		Martin Luther King Day (No School)
	21		Parishioners without children at SMCS may begin registering for 20/21
	25	5:00-7:30 pm	PTG Spaghetti Supper, Monsignor Schafer Hall
	26-31		Catholic Schools Week

Lunch Menu - January 6 thru 10, 2020



Monday	Beef Patty on Hamburger Bun and French Fries
Tuesday	Hot & Spicy or Golden Chicken Tenders, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Wednesday	Macho Nachos!
Thursday	Popcorn Chicken in Asian Sauce, Fried Rice and Green Peas
Friday	(PK-1) Cheese Pizza Slice; (2-8) Personal Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza; (All) Roasted Cauliflower

Important Enrollment Dates for 2020-2021 School Year



Monday, January 6, 2020

Letters of Intent for the 2020-2021 school year will be sent home with the oldest child of current St. Mark Catholic School Families for the purpose of securing spots for the 2019-2020 school year.

Friday, January 17, 2020

This Letter of Intent and \$100 family registration fee is due back to the school office by Friday, January 17, 2020 by 3:30pm

Monday, January 20, 2020

St. Mark Parishioner Families that do not currently (2019-2020 school year) have children at St. Mark Catholic School, may begin registering students for the 2019-2020 school year to be considered for any available spots.

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Open House- Open Enrollment for any families seeking enrollment for any available classroom spots.

Monday, May 4, 2020

All parents using FACTS Tuition Management to pay their tuition monthly must be enrolled online with their information current.

Friday, May 29, 2020

All parents paying their entire tuition upfront and receiving a discount must have full tuition payment to the school office.

Friday, May 29, 2020

All upfront partial tuition payments are due to the school office. (no discount given)

Inclement Weather



There will be times we have a two hour delay or school closing due to inclement weather. This information can be found on our school website, Local TV Stations, and St. Mark's Social Media Pages. We will also send out communication to your email address and text via Jupiter.

Please make sure your email is up-to-date on Jupiter and you have enabled text messages. If you need any assistance with your Jupiter account, please contact Mrs. Cline at lcline@stmarkindy.org

St Mark School Schedule for Two-Hour Delay:

- Before Care Available at 9:00am
- School Doors Open at 9:30am
- School Begins at 9:55am
- School Day Ends Regular Time at 3:00pm (2:45pm Pre-K)

CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS



Kroger Community Rewards

Do you shop at Kroger? Sign up your Kroger's Plus Shopper's Card in the Kroger Community Rewards Program and choose "St. Mark Catholic School". Our organization number is: XM409. The web site is:

<https://www.kroger.com/topic/school-programs>



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! Just turn your coke reward products into Mrs. Leszcynski in the school office

Box Tops for Education

- Buy Box Top Products
- Scan your Receipt (use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase)
- Earn cash for your school!





CYO SPORTS

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

- SMAC President ~ Michelle Goss at the following email: gossteach@yahoo.com
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Frank Litz at the following email: flitz@stmarkindy.org

Event	Day of Week	Opponent	Time, Location
Cadet Boys BB	Saturday (12/21)	St. Jude	10:00, St. Jude
56 A Boys BB	Saturday (12/21)	Holy Name	11:00, CYO Center
4 Boys BB	Saturday (12/21)	Nativity	12:00, Nativity
56 C Boys BB	Saturday (12/21)	St. Charles	1:00, St. Charles
Cadet Boys BB	Saturday (12/28)	Holy Cross	10:00, Holy Cross
56 C Boys BB	Saturday (12/28)	St. Bartholomew	1:00, CYO Center
56 A Boys BB	Sunday (12/29)	OL Lourdes	3:00, OL Lourdes
4 Boys BB	Sunday (12/29)	Holy Name	4:00, Holy Name
56 A Boys BB	Saturday (1/4)	Holy Spirit Indy	10:00, Holy Spirit Indy
Cadet Boys BB	Saturday (1/4)	St. Roch	12:00, St. Roch
56 C Boys BB	Sunday (1/5)	St. Barnabas	4:00, St. Barnabas
4 Boys BB	Sunday (1/5)	St. Charles	4:00, CYO Center

St. Mark Cadet Wrestling (Grades 5 – 8) Registration



St. Mark cadet wrestling is open to all Parish boys in grades 5-8. This season, the cadet wrestling team will again be joining with St. Barnabas and OLG/SSFC to field a St. Barnabas cadet team. All cadet practices will be held at Roncalli High School and CYO practice will begin on Tuesday, January 7. Cadet wrestling registration is on the CYO website. To register for CYO wrestling, go to www.cyoarchindy.org and follow the “Participant Registration” link and select “I Need To Access Two Schools” option for St. Barnabas (School Code 180SBAR-IN) and complete the information requested.

A physical exam is also required for grades 5-8 and forms are available in the church narthex, parish office, school office, and the school and parish website. Please contact Patrick Collier at collierfamily8@att.net for more information.



Roncalli High School Application

Roncalli is excited to welcome the Class of 2024 next fall! As a reminder, the Application for Admission is now available online at <https://apps.roncalli.org/application>. Once the application is complete and the \$100 registration fee is received, you may continue the registration process. For those who have not been in a South Deanery Catholic grade school for grades seven and eight, those next steps will include scheduling an admissions interview for Saturday, January 11 (limited space available). For all others, it will be scheduling your appointment to meet with your student's counselor to create their freshman year schedule. Please contact Director of Admissions Allie Ross at aross@roncalli.org or (317) 787-8277, ext. 243 with any questions.

RONCALLI WRESTLING CYO WINTER BREAK CLINIC



Roncalli Wrestling is hosting it's 4th Annual CYO Winter Break Wrestling Clinic at Roncalli High School Wrestling Facility. RHS Head Coach Wade McClurg, the RHS wrestling staff and RHS wrestling team will be teaching the wrestling techniques. This is a great opportunity for wrestlers to kick off the CYO Wrestling Season!

Cost: \$20 pay at the door

Dates: Monday, December 23rd & Thursday, December 26th

Time: 12:00 PM -1:30 PM

Ages: Grades K-8

Contact Wade McClurg at wrestling@roncalli.org

SAVE THE DATE
21st Annual RHS Athletics Cash Bash & Raffle
Saturday, February 29, 2020

Presented by the Roncalli Athletic Booster Club



The Atrium - 3143 East Thompson Road

Doors open @ 6:30 PM

Dinner served @ 7:30 PM

Raffle begins @ 8:00 PM

\$5,000 in Cash Draws and Raffles

Tip Boards, Ticket Draw Prizes, 50/50's, Pull Tabs & Plinko

Tickets will go on sale January 13, 2020

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