



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 3, 2021

Parents,

This week was met with excitement as we began our celebration of the Advent Season with our Living Advent Wreath ceremony led by some of our PreK and 7th Grade students. We learned about the meaning of the Advent candles and the importance of preparing our hearts and minds with hope, peace, and joy as we await Christ's birth as well as His return to this earth.

Our classrooms were prepared by setting up our Advent wreaths and we heard about our Advent theme "The Names of Jesus." We talked about how we would be focusing on a different name of Jesus found in the Bible each day, such as Son, Savior, Servant, Good Shepherd, and Prince of Peace, and how by studying the names of Jesus, we allow ourselves to know Him more fully.

We also began our Advent Service Projects: the collection of hats, gloves, and socks!

The hats and gloves will be donated to Elsie's Hats and Gloves. Elsie Hoovler was a long time St Mark parishioner who saw a need to provide hats and gloves to those in need in the community; in addition to the winter coat drives that were in place at that time. So, she started the annual hats and gloves collection that continues today.

The socks may be of all kinds and sizes for men, women, and children. The socks will be donated to David S Moore Food Pantry and will be given as part of blessing bags to those most need in our community.

Your child can bring in items to their classroom teacher through next Friday, December 10th.

The excitement of the Advent Season will continue to fill the halls of St Mark Catholic School throughout the upcoming weeks as we continue to learn about the names of Jesus, participate in our service projects, share in Eucharistic Adoration and The Rosary, join in Mass together, and celebrate the feast of Lucy Light led by our 3rd Graders. Fr. Tim also invites all our school families to attend a special Penance Service on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00pm at St. Jude.

Finally, let us continue to keep Mr. Albertson in our prayers while he is on his spiritual sabbatical. May he, as well as each of your families, experience the hope, peace, and joy that this Advent Season brings, and may we each find ourselves growing in our own faith journey. Have a great weekend and a blessed Advent Season!

Thanks and God Bless,

Carol Grimes

Carol Grimes
Assistant Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec 8	Wed	8:15	All School Mass-Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec 13 & 14	Mon & Tues		Santa Shop-see more information below
Dec 16	Thurs		Spirit Wear orders delivered to school and sent home with student
Dec 17	Fri	1:00	Christmas Break begins! 1:00 Dismissal - NO AFTERCARE
Jan 3	Mon		School Resumes
Jan 3	Mon		22/23 Letter of Intent sent home with oldest/only child in the family
Jan 14	Fri	1:00	1:00 Dismissal -Teacher Professional Development- No After Care
Jan 14	Fri		Letters of Intent and \$100/family Registration Fee Due

LUNCH MENU

December 6 thru 10

<u>Monday</u>	Daily Choice or Popcorn Chicken, Breadstick Bites and Sweet Potato Fries
<u>Tuesday</u>	Daily Choice or Beef Tacos and Refried Beans
<u>Wednesday</u>	Daily Choice or French Toast, Sausage and Glazed Carrots
<u>Thursday</u>	Daily Choice or Pasta and Meat Sauce, Caesar Salad and Bread
<u>Friday</u>	Daily Choice or Stuffed Crust Pizza and Salad Bar



Santa Claus is coming to town on Monday, December 13th and Tuesday, December 14th, and opening his shop from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for the boys and girls to do their Christmas shopping! All of the proceeds from the Santa Shop will benefit the 8th grade class.

For questions? Please contact Angi Swiezy at aswiezy@stmarkindy.org. The elves look forward to seeing you there!

Pre-Kindergarten Class 2022/2023

Registration forms are available on our web site www.school.stmarkindy.org. For any additional questions, please contact Beth Leszcynski in the SMCS school office (317) 786-4013

Other Important Information

- \$200 Registration Fee
- Tuition Cost: \$4500 - \$200 Reg Fee = \$4,300
- Tuition Scholarships are available
- Full-Day, Five Days per Week
- Before care and Aftercare available at additional cost

Important Enrollment Dates for 2022-2023 School Year



Almost all of our classes for the 21/22 school year were full with a waiting list. We anticipate this to be the same for the 22/23 school year. It is important that we receive your Letter of Intent and registration fee no later than 1:00 pm on Friday, January 14, 2022 to secure your child's spot for next year.

Monday, January 3, 2022

Letters of Intent for the 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 school year.

Friday, January 14, 2022

This Letter of Intent and \$100 family registration fee is due back to the school office by Friday, January 14, 2022 by 1:00 pm

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

St. Mark Parishioner Families that do not currently (2021-2022 school year) have children at St. Mark Catholic School, may begin registering students for the 2022-2023 school year to be considered for any available spots.

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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

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

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)



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: SMAC@stmarkindy.org

Event	Day of Week	Opponent	Time, Location
December 3 – December 10			
56B (W) Boys Basketball	Saturday 12/4	Little Flower	10:00am, Little Flower
4th Boys Basketball	Saturday 12/4	St. Jude	11:00am, St. Jude
56B (B) Boys Basketball	Saturday 12/4	Nativity	12:00pm, CYO Center
Cadet A Boys Basketball	Sunday 12/5	OL Lourdes	1:00pm, OL Lourdes
Cadet B Boys Basketball	Sunday 12/5	Central Catholic	1:00pm, Roncalli HS



Roncalli High School Application for Admission

Roncalli is excited to welcome the Class of 2026 next fall! As a reminder, the Application for Admission is now available online at <https://apps.roncalli.org/application>. You CAN fill out the application before your student takes the High School Placement Test.

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 January 11, 12 or 13 (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 High School is hiring!

The Office of Institutional Advancement is seeking an individual(s) to be a part of a dynamic team. We are seeking a candidate to manage our school website (app management, day to day web updates, proficient at HTML, CSS, JavaScript and SQL). We are also seeking someone to do videography/video production and also do broadcast and streaming for our Roncalli Media Network. This position(s) could be full-time or part-time and is a 12 month position. Interested and qualified candidates should contact Terese Carson at tcarson@roncalli.org or at 317.788.4098.