



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."

February 21, 2020

Parents,

The next few months may be as exciting a time as we have had at St. Mark since I started back in the fall of 2009. We are about to embark on a process that will help to facilitate the continued growth in our school and our parish at St. Mark. This process has already begun as we have had a company come in and evaluate all of our current buildings and grounds to see what repairs may be needed now and in the future. Every structure including the school, church, Msgr. Schafer Hall, Rectory, Parish Center, and Cenacle were evaluated. Some aspects of our buildings are in good shape, some need repairs.

The next step in this process will be to survey parishioners, school families, and other stakeholders to determine what you see as our needs to continue to provide ministries for our parish at St. Mark. This will give you an opportunity to share your ideas, your vision for the future growth of facilities of our school and church, to let your opinion be heard to what you think is needed. St. Mark Catholic is YOUR school! Your voice needs to be heard.

Whether your vision includes more meeting space, a new gym, a new cafeteria, connecting the school and the church under one roof, additional classrooms, additional parking, or other ideas, we want to hear from you. The process of listening to school and church families, gathering their ideas, will be completed by an outside firm that specializes in this process. The same company will then help to survey school and parish families to see what capabilities for giving we currently have to fund this campaign.

Once this process is completed, a clearer, more concise vision of what we need, and what we can afford through giving, will move to the next phase. A Capital Campaign, the process to raise money to repair current and build new structure will then begin. You will have a chance to put your ideas into motion by giving to this campaign to help facilitate the growth of our school and church at St. Mark. Your monetary commitment can be spread out over time and will represent you taking ownership of your school and church in a way that helps spread God's word to you, your family, and to others.

No ideas or thoughts are off the table. Think of what we can do as a collective group to provide an even better place to worship, to pray, to learn, and to receive God's message each day. What do you see as important moving forward to your children's and others' Christ-centered education? And then look inward to all the gifts God has provided for you and make a commitment to this campaign. A commitment that is an investment of Faith. Having every school family to be a part of this upcoming

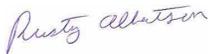
growth of our school and church is important. Important to you, your children and children that are yet to walk through our doors.

You have an opportunity to do God's work through your ideas and your treasures. You can be a part of something much bigger than yourself, something that will ensure the continuation of putting Christ at the center of students education, that will help this school, this church to honor the first 72 years, and to help be here for 72 more years, teaching with our faith, with Christ at the center, where all are welcome, where God is present.

So you may be contacted soon, or you may hear Fr. Tim talk about the excitement that is about to begin. When you do, get ready to take ownership of your school in a way that ensures a quality Catholic education for your children and others. In a way that continues what our St. Mark parishioners some 72 years ago started. In a way that will allow St. Mark Catholic School to continue to be a leader in Catholic education for many years to come. And in a way that God's word is spread to as many people as we can, in a way that reaches many and strengthens all.

Have a great weekend and we will see you at Mass this weekend with your family!

Thanks and God Bless,



Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb	26	8:15	Ash Wednesday, All School Mass, Church
Mar	10/11		End of 3rd Quarter; Beginning of 4th Quarter
	13		3rd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
	19	1:00	1:00 Student Dismissal-Teacher Professional Development (No Aftercare)
	20	9:00	Grandparent's Day Mass, Church
	25	2:00	Living Stations, Church
	26	1:00	1:00 Dismissal for Spring Break! (No Aftercare)
Mar/ Apr	27-3		Spring Break, No School

Lunch Menu - February 24 thru 28



Monday	Popcorn Chicken, Wild Mike's Breadstick Bites and Sweet Potato Fries
Tuesday	(PK-1) Chicken Tenders; (2-8) Fried Chicken; (All) Biscuit Stick, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Wednesday	Toasted Cheese Sandwich and Tomato Soup
Thursday	(PK-1) Mini Cinnis; (2-8) Home Baked Cinnamon Rolls; (All) Cheddar Omelet and Roasted Butternut Squash
Friday	Cheese Pizza Rippers and Caesar Salad

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)

Open Enrollment



We are now accepting registrations for any families seeking enrollment for any available classroom spots.

Tuition Notes for those registered for the 20/21 school year:

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)

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

Do you have an interest in helping out at St. Mark but you're not sure what you can do?

The Saint Mark Athletic Committee (SMAC) has an opportunity for you!! We are in need of a Concession Stand Manager for our home events that take place in Schafer Hall. The Concession Stand Manager would need to open and supervise the concession stand for each of our home events throughout the year (so far this school year we have had 8 and we could have a handful more during the upcoming volleyball season). Additionally, this person would need to keep an inventory of food items (candy, drinks, popcorn, etc) sold in the concession stand. There will be a monetary stipend attached to this position. If you are interested contact Frank Litz flitz@roncalli.org. Thanks, GO LIONS!!

GAME SCHEDULE



Event	Day of Week	Opponent	Time, Location
56B Boys VB	Saturday (2/22)	St. Malachy	10:00, St. Malachy
Wrestling (5-8)	Sunday (2/23)	Southside Scuffle	12:30, St. Roch
56B Boys VB	Monday (2/24)	St. Joan of Arc	5:45, St. Mark
56A Girls VB	Monday (2/24)	St. Christopher	6:30, St. Mark
Cadet A Girls VB	Monday (2/24)	St. Rose	7:15, St. Mark
Wrestling (K-8)	Thursday (2/27)	Christ the King	5:30, St. Barnabas



Roncalli High School Application

We are less than three weeks away from the start of scheduling season for incoming freshmen...three weeks! Have you started/completed your student's application yet? If not, I would encourage you to do so ASAP to snag one of those coveted scheduling appointments with our guidance counselors.

The Application for Admission is available online at <https://www.roncalli.org/application>. Once the application is complete and the \$100 registration fee is received, you may continue the enrollment process. Please contact Director of Admissions Allie Ross at aross@roncalli.org with any questions.

We can't wait to welcome Roncalli's Class of 2024 this August!

Roncalli and the German-American Partnership Program

The GAPP (German-American Partnership Program) exchange program and the German program will be hosting exchange students from our partner school in Germany this fall (school year 2020-2021). We are now looking for Roncalli families to host one of our exchange students for two weeks this September. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for your student to live with a host sibling, learn about each other's culture, and show our German hosts what's so great about American life - all at no cost to you! If you are interested, please email German teacher Louise Hibner at hibner@roncalli.org.

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

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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“R Family Day”

Saturday, March 7th - 12:00pm to 2:00pm



Roncalli High School is pleased to invite you to the first “R Family Day” to celebrate the diversity of the Roncalli Family. Join us on Saturday, March 7th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM in the Roncalli main lobby, cafeteria, and old gymnasium as we take a trip around the world to learn about cultures, ethnicities, and races.

As you enter the main lobby, you will be greeted by the sounds of a mariachi band and be given a passport to lead you on your adventure for the day. The first hour will feature educational booths in the cafeteria from countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, North America and South America. The second hour will be in the old gymnasium, as students showcase singing, dancing, and a fashion show to highlight their cultures and heritages.

Sui Par, a senior at Roncalli and co-founder of the event, says, “On ‘R Family Day,’ we hope to celebrate a few of the numerous cultures and ethnic groups that make up our uniquely diverse community. The guests will be able to explore cultures, try new foods, and enjoy different traditions as the representatives share their respective cultures. It is a unique opportunity to travel the world in just one room.”

“It is our mission that through this event we will showcase how the Roncalli Family encompasses our diverse world. It has been a true joy to watch our students envision, lead, and execute this event,” said Assistant Principal for Student Life, Kevin Banich.

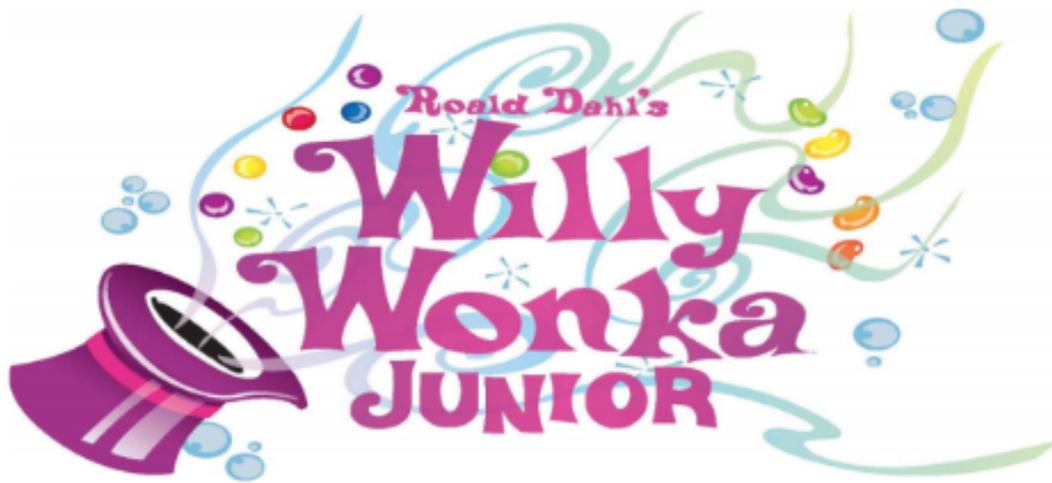
The event is open to the public and free of cost; however, donations will be gratefully accepted to support the event.

Please contact Kevin Banich, kbanich@roncalli.org if you have any questions.

Student Booths: Burma, China, Columbia, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Lebanon, Malawi, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Spain, and Switzerland

Outside Organization: Archdiocese Intercultural Ministry, Burmese American Community Institute (BACI), Center for Leadership Development, Central Catholic, Grupo Folclorico Macehuani, Hope for Tomorrow, Indiana Latino Institute, Mariachi Sol Jalisciense, Saint Mark’s Catholic Church, Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church

Junior Rebel Theatre
14th Annual Summer Camp
Two camp times to choose from!
June 1-June 26 * 9am-12pm
July 6-July 24* 8:30am-12:30pm



Open to all students who have just completed
2nd - 8th grades.

The cost is \$200.00 per participant
with a \$50.00 discount
for each additional sibling.

*Camps will meet at 2:00pm on the last day
with 2 performances at 4:00pm and 7:00pm

Registration begins March 1!

For more information, please contact:

Roncalli Performing Arts Center ticket office at 317-787-8277 X 249

Roncalli High School, 3300 Prague Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Or go to the website: <https://www.roncalli.org/fine-arts/theatre/junior-rebel-theatre-camp>