



Dear Parents,

Who are you trying to please? It is a question that, why you may not ask yourself every day, the question is in front of us in our daily life. Who are we trying to please? With our words, with our thoughts, with our actions. Who are we trying to please? Are we trying to please our spouse, our children, or our parents? Are we trying to please our employees, our co-workers, or our boss? Are we trying to please a neighbor, an acquaintance or a friend? Who are we trying to please?

As a child growing up in a home with 8 people, I often times tried to please anyone I could to get attention. Being number 7 in the pecking order of 8, I seldom did not please anyone. But I learned very quickly that I could not please everyone with the choices I made. I would sometime please my mom, but not my dad. The actions I took may have pleased one of my sisters, but infuriated the others. I could often please Mrs. Oaks my 3rd grade teacher, but Mr. DeHart, my principal, was not as pleased with me or my antics.

But I have learned after many years of mistakes, that I really only need to please God. My focus of pleasing everyone shifted to doing what it takes to please God and to garner his approval. I figure that if my actions are good enough for God, they are good enough for everyone else. Not always true. In a world of wall to wall scrutiny, by people that may not always be informed correctly. Pleasing others, while maintaining your principles, has become a lost art.

I find that in today's world, people think they have a "right" to know things that are really not their business or their concern. As a principal, I get people that want to know specifics about children other than their own. Not their concern, not their business. I often tell parents that I will be happy to discuss your child's situation, but will have a conversation about other children, with their parents. Not always pleasing to those parents, but it is the right thing to do.

Sometimes people will want to "suggest" how we teach, how we handle discipline issues, or what teacher they would like their child to have. But others will send their children to our school with the understanding that they have a trust in those that are educating their children, that we are the professionals, and if they have concerns, they can voice them and allow us to make adjustments if needed. As the principal, while I hope people are pleased, my actions are not intended to please everyone. My actions are intended to bring every child in this building closer to the one that I am trying to please, closer to God.

So as my focus has shifted from pleasing people to pleasing God, my life and its purpose has become more clear to me. The meaning of my life has changed from one that is centered on others, to one that is centered on God and his plan for me. While I hope your are pleased with my actions, your approval is not the one I seek. Have a great weekend and we will see you at Mass with your family!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson

Principal

St. Mark Catholic School

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"

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

February	26	Monday	ISTEP Part I Begins
	28	Wednesday	Stations of the Cross led by 4th gr, 2:30 pm, Church
March	6	Tuesday	Communion Service instead of Mass, 9:00 am, Church
	6	Tuesday	Stations of the Cross led by 6th gr, 9:25 am, Church
	8	Thursday	All School Mass, 9:00 am, Church
	9	Friday	End of 3rd Quarter
	9	Friday	No School (Snow Make Up Day)
	12	Monday	Stations of the Cross led by 7th gr, 2:00 pm, Church
	13	Tuesday	Begin 4th Quarter
	14	Wednesday	Report Cards
	16	Friday	Grandparents Day Mass, 9:00 am, Church
	21	Wednesday	Living Stations, 2:00 pm, Church
	23	Friday	Eucharistic Adoration following 8:15am All School Mass
	28	Wednesday	All School Mass, 9:00 am, Church
	29	Thursday	Holy Thursday Prayer Service, 9:00 am, Church
	30	Friday	Good Friday-Dramatic Reading of the Passion, 8:15 am, Church
	30	Friday	Students Dismissed at 1:00 pm-No After Care
April	2	Monday	Easter Monday-No School (snow make up day)
	5	Thursday	Students Dismissed 1:00 pm (No After Care) Spring Break Begins!
	16	Monday	Classes Resume
	16	Monday	Istep Multiple Choice Begins
	20	Friday	4th Quarter Progress Reports



First Sacramental Prep Reminder

Our next meeting is Monday, February 26th at 7pm in the church.
 Questions? Contact Angi Swiezy at 787-8246 x104



Open Enrollment

Become a St. Mark Catholic School Lion!

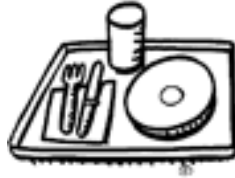
There are still openings for the 2018/2019 school year. If you know of anyone who is interested in St. Mark Catholic School please have them contact us via our website (<http://school.stmarkindy.org/>) or by phone at (317) 786-4013

We will be happy to answer any questions and arrange a tour of the school.

2018-2019 Tuition Rates				
	Tuition Rate 18-19	Monthly FACTS Amount (x12 Months)	Monthly FACTS Amount (x10 Months)	2% Discount on full tuition amount if paid in full by June, 1, 2018
Active Parishioner - K-8 Tuition Rate				
1 child family	\$4,725.00	\$393.75	\$472.50	\$4,630.50
2 child family	\$6,580.00	\$548.33	\$658.00	\$6,448.50
3 child family	\$7,650.00	\$637.50	\$765.00	\$7,497.00
4+ child family	\$8,700.00	\$725.00	\$870.00	\$8,526.00
Non-Parishioner- K-8 Tuition Rate				
1 child family	\$5,700.00	\$475.00	\$570.00	\$5,586.00
2 child family	\$8,900.00	\$741.67	\$890.00	\$8,722.00
3 child family	\$10,300.00	\$858.33	\$1030.00	\$10,094.00
4+ child family	\$11,000.00	\$916.66	\$1,100.00	\$10,780.00
Pre-Kindergarten				
Full Day (after \$200 registration is paid) There is no tuition assistance, SGO Scholarship, Voucher, Archdiocese or family discount rate for our Pre-Kindergarten Class	\$3,800.00 (after the \$200 registration fee is paid)	\$317.00	\$380.00	No Discount for paying in full

FROM THE CAFETERIA

Lunch Menu - Week of February 26 thru March 2



Monday	Cheesy Ketchupy Beef Patty on Hamburger Bun and Shoestring Fries
Tuesday	Chicken Pepperoni Pizza Ripper, Roasted Zucchini and Goldfish Crackers
Wednesday	Seasoned Chicken Walking Tacos, Nacho Chips, Corn and Cheddar Cheese
Thursday	Sausage Patty, Pancakes, Sweet Cooked Carrots and Syrup
Friday	Cheesy Lasagna Roll Ups, Garlic Knot, Marinara Sauce, Green Beans and Mozzarella Cheese

A Note from the Cafe Regarding Lent:

LENT

The cafe will begin the observance of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, 2018. Meatless meals will be served on Ash Wednesday and Fridays in Lent. The first Friday of Lent is February 16th and the last Friday in Lent is March 30th. The following will be the lunch choices on those days:

Hot Lunch (Meatless, varies by week, see the menu.)	HL
Fish Sticks or Fish Nuggets and Goldfish Crackers	FS
Cheese Pizza	PZ
Lunchie Munchie	M
Peanut Butter & Jelly	PBJ, PB

Please note that Fish Sticks and Cheese Pizza will only be served on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent. They will not be available Monday - Thursday.

CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. You will need your Kroger Plus Card Number.



Box Tops

Please place Box Tops in the collection boxes in the church narthex or 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:

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



CYO SPORTS

Event	Day of Week	Opponent	Time, Location
Feb. 23 – Mar. 2			
56 B Boys VB	Saturday (2/24)	Holy Spirit Geist	11:30, CYO Center
K-4 Wrestling	Sunday (2/25)	McClellan Inv.	12:00, Scecina Mem. HS
4 Girls VB	Sunday (2/25)	St. Malachy	1:30, St. Malachy
56 B Girls VB	Sunday (2/25)	OL Greenwood	1:45, OL Greenwood
56 C Girls VB	Sunday (2/25)	Nativity	1:45, Nativity
Cadet B Girls VB	Sunday (2/25)	Central Catholic	2:45, Central Catholic
56 B Boys VB	Monday (2/26)	St. Lawrence	5:00, CYO Center
Cadet A Girls VB	Tuesday (2/27)	Holy Name	5:30, Holy Name
K-8 Wrestling	Thursday (3/1)	St. Louis deMont.	5:00, St. Louis deMont.

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.

Do you have a K - 3rd Grader that has energy to spare?

Then, St. Mark Junior Track is for you!!



A flyer was sent home with students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade with details regarding St. Mark Junior Track.

RONCALLI REBEL NEWS

Reminder: Roncalli High School Application

Roncalli is excited to welcome the Class of 2022 next fall! With scheduling for freshman year starting in a month, if you haven't started the application process yet, you will want to get on that ASAP!

The Application for Admission is now available online at <https://www.roncalli.org/application>. Once the application is complete and the \$100 registration fee is received, you may continue the registration process. Please contact Director of Admissions Allie Ross at aross@roncalli.org or (317) 787-8277, ext. 243 with any questions.

Indy Junior Rebels Lacrosse

Interested in the fastest growing sport on two feet? Come see what lacrosse is all about! Indy Junior Rebels Lacrosse (the feeder program for Roncalli High School Lacrosse) is registering now for our spring season. Visit jrrebellax.com or our facebook page for more information. We currently have teams for grades 3-8. Questions? Contact Julie at juliealdrich@att.net or 317-496-7339.

Roncalli High School Cheer Clinic

(You don't have to be a cheerleader to attend!)

When: Saturday, March 3, 2018

Where: Roncalli gym and cafe

Time: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm for 1st-4th grade-cost \$20.00

9:00 am - 2:00 pm for 5th thru 8th grade-cost \$30.00

Please email questions to Kara Applegate at ksuemiller7@gmail.com

Junior Rebel Theatre
12th Annual Summer Camp
Two camp times to choose from!
June 4-June 29* 9am-12pm
July 9-July 27* 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
Registration form can be downloaded at:
<https://www.roncalli.org/pdf/aIW-Registration-and-info-letter.pdf>



Roncalli High School will again offer many different sport camps this summer for elementary age student athletes currently in grades K-8. These camps are conducted by members of the Rebel coaching staff and serve to provide fundamental instruction in each sport as well as a wonderful opportunity to have fun in a friendly and nourishing environment.

CAMPS for BOYS in 2018:

Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Wrestling
Baseball
Soccer
Volleyball
Lacrosse

CAMPS for GIRLS in 2018:

Basketball
Cross Country
Volleyball
Softball
Soccer
Gymnastics
Cheerleading

CO-ED CAMPS in 2018:

Golf
Tennis
Swimming
Diving

The cost for each camp is \$50 per camper/per session. Registration begins March 1

Information/Online Registration is available on the Roncalli High School website:

www.roncalli.org/athletics/AthleticCamps

For more information, please call the athletic office at Roncalli High School (788-4094 or 787-8277 ext. 263).