



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# The Bridge

February 2, 2018

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."**

Dear Parents,

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018 (#csw2018) we continue to be reminded of the many things that make us a "Catholic" school. We celebrate what makes us a community of many nationalities, from many different walks of life, all with one purpose: to grow in our faith (#comegrowinfaith). Catholic Schools Week 2018 at St. Mark Catholic School has been an opportunity for us to wear fun clothes, do fun things, and share our faith as we grow together.

We started the week with having four people speak at the end of each of the weekend Masses about their experiences at St. Mark Catholic School and how it has affected them. Words like "this is a special place" and "my faith has been changed forever" as well as "the teachers and parents work together" and "...a place where everyone is welcome" come to mind. But more than the words, was the passion that you could feel as each of the four people spoke to the parishioners. Their excitement and genuine love for our school and what it meant to them, was evident.

Throughout the week we have continued to work on our academic rigor by progressing with the lessons in our classes. While we may be dressed up as a bobsledder from Jamaica, we still take tests and turn in homework. Even in our pajamas, we do our homework and work on our social studies project. Even if we take time to watch a movie with our classmates, we know we are responsible for our IXL and ALEKS for the week. Having fun while the learning continues.

We also have found countless ways to grow and celebrate our faith. We have been very prayerful of the things going on in our community and our world around us that needs our prayers. We had over 250 students saying the Rosary together on Tuesday morning. Our students had the opportunity to attend Eucharistic Adoration with their classmates and sit in the presence of the body of Jesus Christ. We prayed for our families, our friends, our classmates, and our school. Catholic Schools Week 2018 has been a time of celebration of our faith.

But Catholic Schools Week 2018 is a special time for many reasons. Our school has been host to many new families that are considering St. Mark Catholic School for their children's Catholic education. We continue to plan for our future by adding another 4th grade class and 5th grade class next school year, to complete our growth to 2 classes per grade in every class. We enjoy this week with our new priest, Fr. Bill and all the joy and spirit he brings to our school and church. We recognize the many alumni of St. Mark Catholic School and the blessing they are to our community and our world.

Catholic Schools Week has been a blast, it has been fun, it has been exciting, and it has been faith filled. Much like our other 35 school weeks! As we continue our faith journey together, we ask that you continue to support us with your prayers and your kind words to others that are seeking a Catholic education in a special place, where God is present, and the Holy Spirit fills our halls! Have a great weekend and we will see you at Mass!

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 | 5-9       | Mon-Fri       | Book Fair, Room 13   |
|          | 7         | Wednesday     | St. Mark Catholic School Open House, 5:00-7:00 pm                            |
|          | 9         | Friday        | 3rd Quarter Progress Reports   |
|          | 9         | Friday        | St. Mark Parish Dinner Dance, 6:00 pm, Valle Vista                           |
|          | 14        | Wednesday     | Ash Wednesday Mass, 9:00 am  |
|          | 15        | Thursday      | Dine Out Night at City BBQ   |
|          | <b>16</b> | <b>Friday</b> | Staff Development, <b><u>Students Dismissed at 1:00 pm, No Aftercare</u></b> |
|          | 19        | Monday        | President's Day - School <b><u>is</u></b> in Session (Snow Make Up Day)      |
|          | 26        | Monday        | ISTEP Part I Begins  |

## **Important Enrollment Dates for 2018-2019 School Year**

### **Monday, January 22, 2018**

St. Mark Parishioner Families that do not currently (2017-2018 school year) have children at St. Mark Catholic School, may begin registering students for the 2018-2019 school year to be considered for any available spots.

### **Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

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

### **Friday, April 6, 2018 (or earlier)**

Tuition will be established and letters will be sent home informing families of the new tuition rates for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **Monday, May 7, 2018**

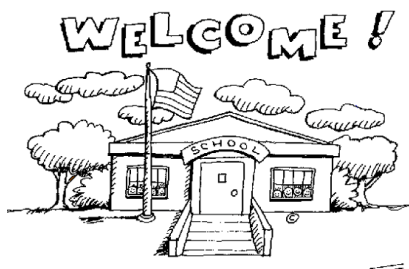
All parents using FACTS Tuition Management to pay their tuition monthly must be enrolled online with their information current.

### **Thursday, May 31, 2018**

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

### **Thursday, May 31, 2018**

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



## St. Mark Catholic School Open House

Parents,

A reminder, if you know of someone that is interested in their children attending St. Mark Catholic School next year, tell them about our Open House, next Wednesday, February 7th from 5:00 pm until 7:00pm!

We will begin enrolling new students at the Open House next Wednesday!

### FROM THE CAFETERIA

#### Lunch Menu - Week of February 5 thru 9

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|------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwich, Cauliflower and Cheese Sauce                         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Popcorn Chicken in Asian Sauce, Fried Rice and Sugar Snap Peas                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Turkey Meatballs and Gravy, Bow Tie Pasta, Green Beans and Banana Bread                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Pork Gorditos on Gordito Loco Bread, Pepper Medley and Shredded Cheese                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | PK-3 Ham and Cheese Rippers; 4-8 4x6 Sausage Pizza; All - Broccoli and Animal Crackers |

A Note from the Cafe Regarding 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:

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

**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.**

# ENGLISH PRACTICE

COME TO ANY CLASS THAT IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU

**Mondays**                      **10:00 am – Noon**                      **The Cenacle at St. Mark Church\***

February 5, February 12, February 26

March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26

April 2, April 16, April 23, April 30

Instructor:    Ginny O'Brien                      Text: 317-306-5263

**Mondays**                      **6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**                      **St. Mark School Media Center**

February 5, February 12, February 26

March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26

April 2, April 16, April 23, April 30

Instructors:    Janice Klaiber                      Text: 317-201-1573

Debbie Martin                      Text: 317-515-7008

Joyce Alte                      Text: 317-294-9312

**Tuesdays**                      **8:00 am – 10:00 am**                      **The Cenacle at St. Mark Church\***

February 6, February 13, February 20, February 27

March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27

April 3, April 17, April 24

Instructors:    Cathy Weinmann                      Text: 317-697-1088

Kathy Pierce                      Text: 317-414- 0585

\*The Cenacle at St. Mark Church is the building south of the football field on Smock Street.

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## CONVERSATION GROUPS

**Saturdays**                      **9:00 am – 10:30 am**                      **St. Barnabas School Cafeteria**

Volunteers and English Language Learners talk about various topics of interest. Children welcome!

We meet most Saturdays – [pcain@stbindy.org](mailto:pcain@stbindy.org) to receive weekly email updates.

For additional information: Patty Cain                      Text: 317-319-2974

## Book Fair!

The online fair is open and will close on February 13. All purchases will be shipped to Saint Mark School after February 13. The online fair has an expanded selection of books in addition to the books that will be at the fair. You may purchase using this link:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmarkschool8>

**Preview Day** is Monday, February 5.

**Purchase Days** are Tuesday and Wednesday February 6 and 7.

**Family Night** is Tuesday, February 7 from 3:00-7:00.



**Volunteers are needed** to help with the fair-

Monday-8:00-10:00-tag books with the "Last Copy" tags

Monday-10:00-11:20-Student Preview

Monday-12:00-2:30-Student Preview

Tuesday-12:00-2:30-Student Purchase

Wednesday-12:00-2:30-Student Purchase

## CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS



### **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://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

| <b>Event</b>          | <b>Day of Week</b> | <b>Opponent</b>     | <b>Time, Location</b>    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>February 2 - 9</b> |                    |                     |                          |
| 56 B Boys VB          | Saturday (2/3)     | St. Jude            | 10:30, St. Jude          |
| 56 B Girls VB         | Saturday (2/3)     | St. Charles         | 11:15, CYO Center        |
| 3-6 Wrestling         | Sunday (2/4)       | Golden Eagle Tour.  | 12:00, Guerin Catholic   |
| Cadet B Girls VB      | Sunday (2/4)       | Cardinal Ritter Jr. | 2:30, Cardinal Ritter HS |
| 56 C Girls VB         | Sunday (2/4)       | Holy Name           | 3:15, Holy Name          |
| 4 Girls VB            | Monday (2/5)       | St. Roch            | 5:00, St. Mark           |
| Cadet A Girls VB      | Monday (2/5)       | Christ the King     | 5:45, St. Mark           |
| K-8 Wrestling         | Tuesday (2/6)      | Christ the King     | 5:00, Christ the King    |
| Cadet B Girls VB      | Tuesday (2/6)      | St. Phillip Neri    | 5:30, St. Phillip Neri   |
| Cadet A Girls VB      | Tuesday (2/6)      | St. Mich – G’field  | 6:00, St. Mich – G’field |
| 56 B Girls VB         | Tuesday (2/6)      | Little Flower       | 6:15, Little Flower      |
| 56 C Girls VB         | Tuesday (2/6)      | St. Michael - Indy  | 7:00, St. Michael - Indy |
| 4 Girls VB            | Thursday (2/8)     | St. Jude            | 5:45, St. Mark           |
| 56 B Boys VB          | Thursday (2/8)     | OL Mt. Carmel       | 6:30, St. Mark           |

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](mailto:andyswiezy83@gmail.com)
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Kris Able at the following email:  
[kable@stmarkindy.org](mailto:kable@stmarkindy.org).

## 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](mailto: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](http://jrrebellax.com) or our facebook page for more information. We currently have teams for grades 3-8. Questions? Contact Julie at [juliealdrich@att.net](mailto:juliealdrich@att.net) or 317-496-7339.

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### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual RHS Athletics Cash Bash & Raffle—Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**Presented by the Roncalli Athletic Booster Club**

*The Atrium - 3143 East Thompson Road*

**Doors open @ 6:30**

**Dinner served @ 7:30**

**Raffle begins @ 8:00**

*\$5,000 in Cash Draws and Raffles*

*Tip Boards, Ticket Draw prizes, 50/50's and Pull Tabs*

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#### REGISTRATION, PAYMENT & TICKET OPTIONS

Cut off bottom portion and return, with payment, to Roncalli High School:  
3300 Prague Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46227 – Attn: Athletics

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**General Ticket** and **Corporate Sponsor** includes dinner for two, drinks, and one raffle chance

General Admission Ticket: \$100

Corporate Sponsor: \$150—includes program and banner recognition

Table Sponsor: \$500—includes 4 tickets, reserved seating, with program and banner recognition

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Sport:

RSVP For Dinner (1 or 2):

We'll confirm your registration, payment, and your raffle ticket #. Please contact if you have questions. Chris Lauck: [clauck@roncalli.org](mailto:clauck@roncalli.org) or David Lauck: [dlauck@roncalli.org](mailto:dlauck@roncalli.org)

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