



Dear Parents,

As we hit the doldrums of winter, our school is preparing for many exciting things in the next few months! We just concluded a great Catholic Schools Week with many faith filled, fun activities that allowed us to grow closer as a school and a church community. We prepare next week for the beginning of the 40 days of Lent on Ash Wednesday. The first part of ISTEP testing begins February 26th and we continue to enroll for next year and plan for the future of our school. Doldrums outside, great things inside!

I was asked the other day by a parent how we plan for future growth and changes that our school will encounter. We are constantly looking to the future in many ways. In our academics, through curriculum mapping, we have aligned all subjects in every grade, Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade, to ensure that from start to finish there are no gaps, nothing left out of our lessons that we teach each day. Our teachers meet regularly to discuss lessons that they are teaching, student needs in their class, and sharing best practices from their classroom.

Our St. Mark School Commission is a group of 12 individuals, from all walks of life, that meet as a group with me and our staff as an advisory group. They are given specific areas to focus on and help to plan and more importantly, implement action steps to help plan and prepare our school for our future. The School Commission members rotate on and off the commission and they bring a keen insight to our school's future from many backgrounds and cultures. Jeff Traylor is our school commission President and you can contact him at [jtraylor@roncalli.org](mailto:jtraylor@roncalli.org).

Our administrative staff consisting of Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Cline, Fr. Bill, and myself, meet daily to discuss the current status and future plans for our school. Topics include growth in student population, academic improvements, logistical issues, parent communication and involvement, parish relationships, building and grounds improvements and additions, budgets, and most importantly faith growth. We, like you, are often consumed by the daily events, but we must step back, look at the data, survey our community, and plan for the future, while doing God's work.

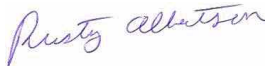
Five years ago our parishioners and school families helped to raise over \$750,000 in our "Roadmap to Success" campaign that allowed us to install new HVAC, lighting, lowered ceilings, flooring, windows, painting, and technology improvements to our school. What a great investment! Our primary grade wing (East Wing) of our school had a new roof installed this fall, and we just completed our new office which is a tremendous improvement for welcoming and greeting parents and visitors to our school. Our school has one of the largest one to one computer program that allows all students in grades 2-8 to have a Chromebook for use throughout the school day.

With our growth in student population that will move us to two classes per grade in every class, we are continuing to look at other changes that our school needs to have to facilitate our current and future needs. Fr. Bill has been very proactive in the gathering of information and planning for the future, and we look forward to partnering with our school families and our parishioners in future endeavors.

As we plan for the future, we must not lose sight of the present. The day to day operations of our school with regards to safety, academics, and with growth in faith is what we focus on. The future, while very fluid and changing, will be looked at with intentions of providing the best Catholic education for every child in our school. We thank you for your continued commitment and partnership with us. Please feel free to send me your thoughts on our future from your prospective.

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	14	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Mass, 9:00 am, Church
	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><i>is</i></b> in Session (Snow Make Up Day)
	26	Monday	ISTEP Part I Begins
March	9	Friday	End of 3rd Quarter
	<b>9</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b><i>No School (Snow Make Up Day)</i></b>
	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



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St. Mark Catholic School February 15, 2018

## Open Enrollment

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

### FROM THE CAFETERIA

#### **Lunch Menu - Week of February 12 thru 16**

<b>Monday</b>	Turkey Corn Dog and Baked Beans
<b>Tuesday</b>	Heart Shaped Chicken Nuggets, Spiral French Fries and Sugar Cookies
<b>Wednesday</b>	Toasted Cheese and Vegetable Soup
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Chili Cheese Filled Flautas, Flour Tortilla and Fiesta Corn
<b>Friday</b>	Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza and Caesar Salad

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:

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>

## 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 9 - 16</b>			
56 C Girls VB	Monday (2/12)	St. Joan of Arc	5:00, St. Mark
56 B Girls VB	Monday (2/12)	Holy Name	5:45, St. Mark
Cadet B Girls VB	Monday (2/12)	St. Anthony	6:30, St. Mark
Cadet A Girls VB	Monday (2/12)	OL Lourdes	7:15, St. Mark
K-8 Wrestling	Tuesday (2/13)	St. Pius X	5:00, St. Jude
Cadet A Girls VB	Thursday (2/15)	Holy Spirit Indy	5:00, CYO Center



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.

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### **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.

# 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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