



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."

January 24, 2020

Parents,

Our letter of Intents are in and we have one of the highest retention rates (students coming back) in the history of our school! Thank you to everyone who has chosen to continue their partnership with us in your child's Christ-centered education at St. Mark Catholic School. We have openings for next school year in some of our classes. We have begun enrollment for St. Mark parishioners that do not currently have children at St. Mark Catholic School and we will open our remaining seats for the 2020-2021 school year at our Open House on Wednesday, February 5th from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. If you know of someone that is looking for more Christ in their children's lives, bring them to the Open House!

The national Catholic Schools Week will begin this Saturday with our Spaghetti Dinner in Msgr Schafer Hall (Gym) from 5:00pm until 7:30pm. This year we will use the proceeds to help people in need in our own community. Please bring your family for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatballs, Ziti, Salad, Rolls, Desserts, and drink served and prepared by our teachers and only \$20 for the entire family!! We will also have student artwork on display all around the gym!

On this Sunday, our students will lead the 9:30am Mass just like our All School Masses! Students that are participating in Mass (readers, intentions, gifts, choir, cantors, etc) should wear school uniform. This is a great time to bring some friends and family that may need a "Spiritual Boost" by having them attend Mass with you! All are Welcome!

We will have articles in the local papers this week and next for Catholic Schools Week. Each classroom will be making a "Coat of Arms" for their door to represent our school and our faith. We will have a Catholic "I SPY" bulletin board outside of my office. The teacher and staff will be provided items from the Admin Team "Sunshine Cart" including drinks and treats. Dress up day for Monday is "Disney Day". Students will get together with their prayer partners to make a card for charity. Our staff will be treated to lunch throughout the week!

Tuesday we will have "Decade Day" with classes being assigned different decades to dress up like. Our students will create a "Time Capsule". Our entire school will participate in a "ST. MARK KAHOOT" contest over our Google Meet channel. Ice cream treats for all students and staff at lunch complements of our awesome Cafeteria Staff!!

Wednesday will be "Charity Day" where students and staff will wear shirts (with school uniform pants, socks, shoes as it is a Mass day) that represent their favorite Charity! Teachers can give students ideas if needed. On Wednesday we will have a special "MAD SCIENTIST" visit St. Mark Catholic School and give an exciting presentation to the students with awesome experiments!

On Thursday is an always favorite “Pajama Day” or “Comfy Day” where students and staff can wear their favorite Pajamas (no slippers please) or sweat suit to school and be comfy! Thursday is also “MOVIE DAY” as each class will watch a movie with popcorn! Our staff will be treated to lunch!

Friday will begin with our All School Mass at 8:15am. Our dress up day for Friday is “SMCS Spirit Wear Day”! Wear your SMCS spirit wear, St. Mark CYO shirt WITH School Uniform Pants, socks, shoes. Friday will conclude with the always exciting 8th Grade vs the Staff Volleyball Game at 2:00pm in a sold out Msgr Schafer Gymnasium!

A reminder if female students choose to wear leggings, tights or other types of material, they must wear an appropriate top that must come to the middle of their thigh. If students are not dressed appropriately, parents will be called to bring in proper clothes. If students choose not to dress up for the day, they are to wear school uniform with shirt tucked in.

We look forward to a FUN and FAITH FILLED Catholic Schools Week. While we will enjoy this week, we also will continue to grow in our academics and faith. We appreciate your help with the dress up days and we hope that your child can participate fully! Have a great Catholic Schools Week and we will see you at Mass with your children at 9:30am on Sunday! St. Mark, Pray for us!

Thanks and God Bless,



Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Jan | 26-31 | | Catholic Schools Week-See Dress Day Details below |
| | 27 | | Spirit Wear Sale Begins! |
| Feb | 5 | 5:00-7:00 pm | Open House for prospective families, School |
| | 7 | | 3rd Quarter Progress Reports |
| | 7 | | Last Day to Order Yearbooks |
| | 13 | | Dine Out Night at City BBQ |
| | 17 | | President’s Day (No School) |
| | 18 | | Spirit Wear Sale Ends |
| | 20 | 1:00 | 1:00 Student Dismissal-Teacher Professional Development (No Aftercare) |



Catholic Schools Week Dress Up Days

Monday, January 27th: Disney Day! Wear your favorite Disney themed t-shirt or dress up as a character from a Disney Movie or Disney television show.

Tuesday, January 28th: Decade Day! Grades assigned to a specific decade. Come in clothes from that decade.

- Pre-K-1st Grade: 2010's/2020's
- 2nd - 3rd Grade: 90s/00s
- 4th-5th Grade: 70s/80s
- 6th-8th Grade: 50s/60s

Wednesday, January 29th: Charity Day! Dress in clothing that represents your favorite charity with school uniform bottoms. Ex: Students may wear a t-shirt color (yellow represents awareness for Leukemia) or a t-shirt from a charity-sponsored event (5K T-Shirt - Katie's Run/Walk for Hope).

Thursday, January 30th: Pajama Day- Wear comfy clothes or pajamas to school. **No slippers** will be allowed.

Friday, January 31st: St Mark Spirit Wear Day! Wear your St Mark spirit wear or CYO jersey **with school uniform bottoms**.

Dress Up Day Dress Code

If female students wear leggings, tights, or other types of material, **they must wear an appropriate top that must come to the middle of the thigh**. If students are dressed inappropriately, they will call their parents to have them bring proper clothes.

Lunch Menu - January 21 thru 24

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| Monday | Popcorn Chicken, Wild Mike's Breadstick Bites and Sweet Potato Fries |
| Tuesday | Beef Meatballs in Marinara Sauce, Rotini Pasta, Dinner Roll and Broccoli |
| Wednesday | (PK-1) Mini Cinnis; (2-8) Home Baked Cinnamon Roll; (All) Eggstravaganza and Roasted Butternut Squash |
| Thursday | (PK-1) Mini Corn Dogs; (2-8) Corn Dogs; (All) Baked Beans |
| Friday | Pepperoni Pizza Ripper, Green Beans and Catholic Schools Week Treat! |

Important Enrollment Dates for 2020-2021 School Year



Tuesday, January 21, 2020

St. Mark Parishioner Families that do not currently (2019-2020 school year) have children at St. Mark Catholic School, may begin registering students for the 2019-2020 school year to be considered for any available spots.

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

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

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)

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)

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!

St. Mark Spaghetti Dinner



Saturday, January 25th, 5-7:30

Mark your calendars, the St. Mark PTG Spaghetti Dinner is quickly approaching! The Spaghetti Dinner is a great social event that brings our St. Mark families together for a great meal while raising money.

Prices

- Family \$20
- Adult \$8
- Youth (5-12) \$5
- Senior Citizen \$5
- Children 4 and under eat free!!!


Desserts

We will be asking for individually plated dessert donations the week of the dinner. Desserts will be collected on Friday, January 24th. More information to come.

Questions?

Contact Lauren Cline at lcline@stmarkindy.org

Order Your YEARBOOK



You may order your yearbook between now and **February 7, 2020** for \$17.00. If you pay by cash, please submit exact amount as we are not able to make change. Extra order forms are available in the school office.



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 |
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| 4 Boys BB | Saturday (1/25) | St. Matthew | 3:00, Nativity |
| 56 C Boys BB | Saturday (1/25) | St. Charles | 12:00, St. Luke |
| 56 A Boys BB | Saturday (1/25) | TBD | 1:00, Holy Cross |
| 56A Girls VB | Saturday (1/25) | St. Joan of Arc | 2:45, St. Joan of Arc |
| 56B Girls VB | Saturday (1/25) | Immac. Heart | 9:45, Immac. Heart |
| 56C Girls VB | Sunday (1/26) | Holy Name | 4:15, Central Catholic |
| Cadet A Girls VB | Sunday (1/26) | Central Catholic | 2:00, Central Catholic |
| Wrestling (3-6) | Sunday (1/26) | Jim Troy Tour. | 12:00, Guerin Cath. HS |
| Cadet B Girls VB | Monday (1/27) | Holy Cross | 5:00, CYO Center |
| 4 Girls VB Cline | Tuesday (1/28) | SS. Francis & Clare | 5:30, SS. Francis & Clare |
| 4 Girls VB English | Wednesday (1/29) | Little Flower | 7:15, Central Catholic |

St. Mark Cadet Wrestling (Grades 5 – 8) Registration - Registration for boy's wrestling is now underway. St. Mark cadet wrestling is open to all Parish boys in grades 5-8. This season, the cadet wrestling team will again be joining with St. Barnabas and OLG/SSFC to field a St. Barnabas cadet team. All cadet practices will be held at Roncalli High School. Cadet wrestling registration is on the CYO website. To register for CYO wrestling, go to www.cyoarchindy.org and follow the "Participant Registration" link and select "I Need To Access Two Schools" option for St. Barnabas (School Code 180SBAR-IN) and complete the information requested. A physical exam is also required for grades 5-8 and forms are available in the church narthex, parish office, school office, and the school and parish web site. Please contact Patrick Collier at collierfamily8@att.net for more information.

St. Mark Little Lion Wrestling (Grades K – 4) Registration - Registration for boy's wrestling is now underway. St. Mark Little Lion wrestling is open to all Parish boys in grades K-4. All Little Lion practices will be held in the St. Mark cafeteria. You can request a Little Lion registration form from Coach Patrick Collier at collierfamily8@att.net. Please contact Patrick Collier at collierfamily8@att.net for more information.



Roncalli High School Application

Roncalli is excited to welcome the Class of 2024 in August! 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 with any questions.

RONCALLI CURRICULUM MEETING FOR 8TH GRADE PARENTS

All parents of current eighth grade students who are planning to attend Roncalli High School next year are invited to our annual Curriculum Meeting for 8th Grade Parents on Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 PM in the RHS auditorium. This informative presentation consistently has received strong, positive reviews from parents. Please plan to join us!

Questions may be directed to:

Mrs. Jane Dias, Administrative Assistant: jdias@roncalli.org

Mrs. Mary Sheets, Registrar: msheets@roncalli.org

Mrs. Jessica Engel, School Counselor: jengel@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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