



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."

March 11, 2022

Parents,

A few reminders and updates:

- Report Cards were sent home this past Wednesday, March 9th. Please return report card envelope signed
- The 4th quarter grading period began on this past Wednesday, March 9th
- IF YOU WANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP PAY ALL OR PART OF YOUR 22-23 TUITION Please turn in a copy of the first page of your 2021 Federal Tax Return (the one that has your children listed as dependents and your Adjusted Gross Income) as soon as possible. You can either bring a copy into the office (we can make a copy of your original) or scan a copy and email it to bleszcynski@stmarkindy.org. We need a copy of your tax return for us to apply for a voucher, SGO Scholarship, or Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship for your child. If we do not receive a copy of your tax return, we cannot apply for a voucher, SGO Scholarship, or Pre-kindergarten scholarship, and you will need to pay your entire tuition cost for 2022-2023.
- Most classes at St. Mark Catholic School are full for 2022-2023, but we have a few spaces in Pre-Kindergarten and a few spaces in other classes. If you know of someone who is interested in joining our St. Mark Catholic School family, please have them contact Mrs. Leszcynski as soon as possible at (317) 786-4013. We are also taking names for the waiting lists for many classes as well.
- We are still accepting pledges for our Capital Campaign to help fund our new and exciting building project that includes two new, large Pre-kindergarten classrooms, a new full size gym that will also act as our cafeteria, a new state of the art kitchen for our cafeteria, and new parish offices. If you have made a pledge last spring, please make sure you are keeping up on your payments. If you want to pledge more, or have not had an opportunity to pledge yet, please see Mr. Albertson or Alison Archer in the parish office and they will help you to complete your pledge card.
- As we transition out of the COVID19 pandemic and into an "endemic" we continue to make wearing masks optional in school and in church. We are not contact tracing any longer and we have not had any positive COVID19 cases in several weeks. We still continue to have hand sanitizing machines, deep clean our building each week and make masks optional for those that want to wear them. We are following all the local health guidelines and treating the COVID19 cases as we would the flu. If numbers increase, we will also change our protocol to match our local health officials guidelines. Please continue to monitor your children's health at home and do not send them to school if they have a fever or other multiple symptoms.
- As we do each spring, we will allow students to wear proper fitting school uniform shorts to school after Spring Break has concluded. **So starting MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022**, students may wear PROPER FITTING SCHOOL UNIFORM SHORTS as part of their school uniform. The shorts must be proper fitting (not too tight, not too baggy or loose), made of the proper material (cotton, not stretchy material), with no pockets on the outside (no cargo shorts). They must be the proper colors for each grade level (K-5: Navy Blue, Middle School: Khaki). If the shorts do not follow the above guidelines they are not to be worn to school and if they are worn to school, parents will be called and they will need to bring in proper clothing for their children to wear.

- Please make sure if you use Before Care or After Care your amount owed is paid each day or each week if you use them all week. We are not suited to carry amounts over each week and we asked that in order to keep costs down, that you pay your Before Care and After Care bill as you use it each day or each Friday.
- We will be having a special Burmese Mass on Sunday, March 20th at 2:00pm at St. Mark as Archbishop Thompson will join us, along with the Myanmar communities of St. Barnabas, St. Pius, and our own St. Mark Myanmar community to celebrate Mass. All of the Mass parts, except the Homily by Archbishop Thompson, will be spoken and sung in the Burmese language. We hope that many of our school families can come and experience this special Mass, even if Burmese is not your native language!
- Remember to keep good, positive, communication with your children's classroom teachers. With only NINE weeks remaining in the school year, it is very important that you keep informed of your child's academic, behavioral, and spiritual growth. Please always feel free to set up a meeting or phone call with your children's teacher to discuss your child's progress. If you need an interpreter, just contact Mrs. Leszcynski and she will help you arrange for one.

Lot's going on! We look forward to continuing our Lenten season and ask that you help us raise funds for our two Lenten fundraisers: Pennies for Patients (for Cancer research), and Mary's Blessings (to aid the people of Myanmar). Thank you in advance for your help! Have a great weekend and enjoy the warmer weather!

Thanks and God Bless

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

CALENDAR

Tuesday	Mar 15		<i>IF</i> you ordered spirit wear, it will be delivered today
Thursday	Mar 24	1:00	Spring Break begins!
Monday	Apr 4		<i>School Resumes after Spring Break</i>
Friday	Apr 15	1:00	1:00 Dismissal - <i>NO AFTER CARE</i>
Monday	Apr 18		No School - Easter Monday
Friday	May 6	1:00	1:00 Dismissal - <i>NO AFTER CARE</i>
Thursday	May 19		Last Day of School

LUNCH MENU

March 14, thru March 18, 2022

On Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, we will be serving fish nuggets instead of chicken and we will not offer chicken patties.

- Monday** Daily Choice or Sandwich Sampler (a variety to choose from) and French Fries
Tuesday Daily Choice or Chicken Terriyaki, Asian Noodles w/ Mixed Vegetables
Wednesday Daily Choice or Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Peas
Thursday Daily Choice or Pasta with Meat Sauce, Stuffed Breadstick and Caesar Salad
Friday Daily Choice or Cheese Pizza and Broccoli (**NO CHICKEN**)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday, May 23rd - Thursday, May 26th (8:00am - 11:30am)

This camp is a high energy, hands-on camp for all our current PreK - 3rd grade students that will help your child(ren) continue to grow in their academics and faith. Registration forms have been sent home. Please return by Thursday, March 24th.



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: SMAC@stmarkindy.org

Event	Day of Week	Opponent	Time, Location
March 11 – March 18			
4 th Boys Volleyball	Saturday 3/12	St. Jude	10:45am, St. Jude
56B(B) Girls Volleyball	Saturday 3/12	Christ the King	1:30pm, Nativity
3rd Boys Basketball	Saturday 3/12	TBD	TDB, Holy Name

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

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)



It's Not Too Late--Get Your Roncalli Application Completed Today!

The Roncalli Class of 2026 continues to grow, and it is not too late to get your Application for Admission completed! Visit <https://apps.roncalli.org/application> to get started. Contact Allie Ross at aross@roncalli.org with any questions. Let's go, Royals!

Jr. Royals

Grade School Families - Check Out all the opportunities for your child to be a part of Roncalli High School this summer!

Roncalli's Academic Summer Camps

Roncalli will offer multiple academic camps this summer! For the first time, a Psychology Camp (June 6-9) will be offered for students going into grades 6-8. Drafting & Woodworking Camp (June 13-16) is back, and it's going to be for students in grades 5-8. A Coding Camp (June 13-16) will also be offered for the first time this summer, and students going into grades 6-8 are welcome to attend. Grades for all camps indicate the grade students will be in for the 2022-23 school year. Please contact Allie Ross at aross@roncalli.org for all official camp details.

Athletic Summer Camps at Roncalli

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 Roncalli 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.

Registration begins March 1, 2022. We encourage you to please register online. We communicate camp updates via text and email. Your contact information is obtained via our online registration form. The cost for each camp/online registration is \$50 per camper/per session. Information/Online Registration is available on the Roncalli High School website: www.roncalli.org/camps

Please note: Walk up registration fee - \$55 per camp

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