



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 13, 2020

Parents,

We have concluded the third nine-weeks grading period of the school year. In my old coaching analogies, we are heading into the 4th quarter of the game! The first three quarters of the school year has passed by very quickly and this last quarter will be full of many activities and events that will help us to end a very successful school year.

Each school year is different in it's own way. Some are remembered by bad weather, some by great achievements, some by the loss of a friend, but this year, like all others, will have its own identity. It will be remembered as 2019-2020, by some the memory will stand out, for some it will blend in with other years. But no matter, this school year, different in its own way, will help to define who we are as a person and who we are as a school.

180 school days in the school year. 7 hours each day. 60 minutes each hour. If you do the math, your children attend school for 180 days x 7 hours each day x 60 minutes in an hour for a total of = 75,600 minutes of school each year. Minutes that include morning announcements, the Pledge, and prayer, attendance, teacher's lessons, bathroom breaks, traveling in the halls, recess, lunch, attending Mass, and much more.

We make every minute count. We map curriculum for the first day of pre-kindergarten through the last day of the 8th grade year. Each teacher accounts for every minute that they have students by listing the minutes into specific academic, religious, special classes, and other tasks categories. They adjust the minutes spent on topic by the needs of their students. Then the admin team makes sure that each grade level is vertically aligned so there are no gaps in learning and time on task.

These last nine weeks are sometimes challenging as students begin to look past the school year and to summer break. That is when our partnership with you becomes very important. By hearing the same words from you as your children hear from us is important. We stress daily the importance of finishing the year strong. This last quarter is just as important as the first quarter. We do not see this as the end of the year but a transition from one school year to another, and if this last quarter the students are peaking at the right time, they will go into summer ready for a great start to the next school year.

So as we enter the 4th quarter, we will pay close attention to detail. We will stress the importance of going hard until the last second of the last day. We will create excitement in the lessons we teach. And we will instill a deeper faith in God with more prayer, with our kindness to others, and our love for scripture. Have a great weekend and we will see you at Mass this weekend with your family!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson  
Principal  
St. Mark Catholic School

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Parents,

Mrs. Angela Dim will be available in the office for interpreting during the following hours:

- Monday - Friday
  - 8:00am - 8:30am
  - 11:30am - noon
  - 3:00pm - 3:30pm

Mar	17		Spirit Wear Delivered (sent home with oldest child in family)
Mar	19	<b>1:00</b>	<b>1:00 Student Dismissal-Teacher Professional Development (No Aftercare)</b>
	20	1:30	<b><u>POSTPONED</u></b> - Grandparent's Day Reception, School - <b><u>SEE NOTE IN BRIDGE</u></b>
	25	2:00	Living Stations, Church
	<b>26</b>	<b>1:00</b>	<b>1:00 Dismissal for Spring Break! (No Aftercare)</b>
<b>Mar/Apr</b>	<b>27-3</b>		<b>Spring Break, No School</b>
Apr	6		School Resumes
	9	9:00	Holy Thursday Prayer Service, church
	10	8:15	Good Friday Dramatic Reading of the Passion, Church
	<b>10</b>	<b>1:00</b>	<b>Dismissal for Good Friday (No Aftercare)</b>
	13		<b>No School ~ Easter Monday</b>
	16	<b>1:00</b>	<b>1:00 Student Dismissal-Teacher Professional Development (No Aftercare)</b>
	16		Dine Out Night at Firehouse Subs

**POSTPONED**

With ever-changing news of Coronavirus-COVID-19 we have made the decision to **postpone** our **Grandparents Day Celebration** this year. With many of our grandparents falling into the high-risk age bracket for Coronavirus and Influenza, we feel that it is important to reduce exposure to the germs that exist in schools for their protection. We hope to reschedule at a later date this school year and we will let you know as soon as we decide on a date.

We are continuing to monitor direction given by the Indiana Department of Health as well as the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. We are also working within our building to keep students washing their hands as well as disinfecting surfaces as much as possible. Please remember it is important to keep your children home if they are sick.

Thank you!

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## *Walking With The Saints*



### **St. Mark Catholic School Lent 2020**

This Lent each classroom has selected a Saint to pray with and walk with throughout the Lenten Season. Each day students will focus on a “Give” or “Give Up” that correlates with the lives of Saints. For example: Give Acceptance and Give Up Judgement.

Our School Wide Service Project is Pennies for Patients.

St Mark has accepted the challenge of Helping The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to find a cure for blood cancers and improve the lives of patients and their families. We are joining schools across the nation to make a difference and raise as much money as we can through the Pennies for Patients Program!

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### **Thank You from Girls Scout Troop 961!**

The Girl Scout troop 961 has reached their goal for collecting bottle caps for a park bench. Thank you for your support and look for the new bench this summer!

## St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

### Parish News

First Sacramental Prep: meeting on Sunday, March 15th from 1:30-3pm in Schafer Hall. We will participate in the parish wide Adoration service at 2:40 p.m. with Benediction at 2:50 p.m.

Questions? Please contact Angi Swiezy at [aswiezy@stmarkindy.org](mailto:aswiezy@stmarkindy.org) or 787-8246 x104.

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### **St. Mark Men's Club 17th Annual Fish Fry Friday, March 20 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

**English Style Fish and Chips Dinner**  
Includes pub-style battered fish, fries, cole slaw and  
your choice of lemonade or iced tea.

**Discounted price for Seniors (65+)**



Adults \$9  
Seniors \$7  
Kids Only \$5  
Choice of fish sticks or cheese  
pizza

Desserts  
Sold separately to support the  
8th grade class

**Drive-Thru Available!**

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### **A Note from the Cafe Regarding Lent 2020**

Meatless meals will be served on Fridays in Lent. The last Friday in Lent is April 10th. The following will be the lunch choices on those days:

Hot Lunch (Meatless, varies by week, see the menu.)	<b>HL</b>
Fish Nuggets and Goldfish Crackers	<b>FS</b>
Cheese Pizza	<b>PZ</b>
Lunchie Munchie	<b>LM</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.**

## Lunch Menu - March 16 thru 20

<b>Monday</b>	Beef Meatballs in Marinara, Rotini Pasta, Green Beans and Garlic Bread
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Smackers, Emoticon Potato Shapes, Shamrock Slushies and Shamrock Sugar Cookies
<b>Wednesday</b>	Awesome Asian Teriyaki Chicken, Pork and Veg Egg Rolls (Gr 2-8)
<b>Thursday</b>	Eggo Chocolate Chip French Toast, Pork Sausage and Orange Glazed Carrots
<b>Friday</b>	Cheese Pizza Rippers and Caesar Salad

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# Open Enrollment

Registration for St Mark Catholic School 2020-2021 Pre-K - 8th Grade is open! If you know someone that is interested in SMCS for 2020-2021 school year, please have them call the school office for more information (317) 786-4013. You may register in the school office or get more information by emailing Mr. Albertson at [ralbertson@stmarkindy.org](mailto:ralbertson@stmarkindy.org)

## 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!





## 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](mailto:gossteach@yahoo.com)
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Frank Litz at the following email: [flitz@stmarkindy.org](mailto:flitz@stmarkindy.org)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
56B Girls VB	Saturday 3/14	St. Barnabas	1:45, Nativity
56C Girls VB	Tuesday 3/17	TBD	6:15, Holy Spirit Indy

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### St Mark Catholic School Summer Programs:



Mark your calendars for the following St Mark summer programs:

- St Mark Lion Super Camp - Tuesday, May 26th - Friday, May 29th (8:00am - 11:30am) This camp is a high energy, hands-on camp for all our **incoming K-4th** 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 Friday, March 6th.
- St Mark Title One Summer Tutoring - Tutoring has moved to July! The summer tutoring program will meet on Mondays - Thursdays from 8:00am - 10:00am from July 13th - 16th and July 20th - 23rd. Teachers will recommend students for summer tutoring based on academic performance and invitations will be sent home in March.
- Question about summer programs? Email Mrs Grimes [cgrimes@stmarkindy.org](mailto:cgrimes@stmarkindy.org)



## **Roncalli Summer Sports Camp**

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/camps](http://www.roncalli.org/camps)

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

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### **Roncalli Exchange Student Seeking Host Family**

Have you ever been interested in hosting an exchange student? We have an awesome opportunity for you and your family for next year!

Isabel Rubi is 17, and she will join us from Panama as a senior for the 2020-21 school year. Rubi is a Catholic, cheerful girl who says, "I spend my free time running and competing in Triathlons." She plans to continue running while in the USA.

She is on her current school's debate team, and she enjoys watching movies, tv and listening to music with her family. Isabel has a sister and hopes to have a sibling while at Roncalli. She would love to have her own bedroom, and she is more than willing to help with chores around the house. Isabel is looking forward to meeting her host family, coming to the USA and experiencing the culture!

If you are interested in hosting Rubi, please contact Janet Shaffer with the Council On International Educational Exchange (CIEE) at [lazydlake@aol.com](mailto:lazydlake@aol.com).