



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 18, 2022

Parents,

As the temperature increases, the days get longer, and the birds start chirping, we start to see the onset of Spring! Flowers will start to bloom, trees will develop their leaves, and soon the grass will start to green. A time of renewal of nature, a time of renewal of our faith. Lent and Spring go hand in hand. From the dark, cold, deadness of winter, to the transformation of a renewal of life all around us.

We will soon see the farmers in the field, turning the soil and getting ready for another planting season. Many of us will get out and do work in our flower beds, yard and our gardens! Starting a garden with your children is a great opportunity to teach them about the life of Christ and His promise fulfilled by arising from the dead and a renewal of life for all of us!

Next Thursday, March 24th at 1:00pm we will release early and begin our Spring Break! This is such a special time of year as it gives us the opportunity to be with our family and make some memories with vacation, home projects, and spending time with each other! No matter what your plans, it will allow you and your family to enjoy the Spring weather and the season of Lent with different activities.

Many of you know that my daughter Grace (SMCS 2013) is in Vienna, Austria teaching high school English. My wife Julie will get to travel to be with Grace over Spring Break in Vienna. My youngest daughter Sophie (SMCS 2018), who is a Senior at Roncalli High School, and I will be making a voyage across the pond to visit Ireland. We look forward to seeing the country where some of our family members (Donohue's) originally came from, and enjoying the beautiful and spiritual setting that the Emerald Island possesses.

When we all return from Spring break we will be preparing for the last few weeks of Lent and then begin Holy Week on Sunday, April 10th. Such a special time for our students and staff to share our faith and to experience what Christ did for us so our sins can be forgiven, and we can live with our Father in Heaven.

A reminder this Sunday at 2:00pm at St. Mark Catholic Church we will be hosting a special Mass with Archbishop Thompson celebrating a Burmese Mass that all are welcome to attend. All of the Mass will be spoken in the Burmese language, except the Gospel reading and Archbishop Thompson's Homily (in English). For those of you that have never attended a Catholic Mass spoken in the Burmese language, this would be a great opportunity for you to experience, and be with your children's classmates' families! All are welcome to attend the Mass and a reception in Schafer Hall to follow.

Have a great weekend and we will see you at Mass!

Thanks and God Bless

Rusty Albertson  
Principal  
St. Mark Catholic School

## CALENDAR

Thursday	Mar 24	1:00	Spring Break begins!
Monday	Apr 4		<b><i>School Resumes after Spring Break</i></b>
Friday	Apr 15	1:00	1:00 Dismissal - <b><i>NO AFTER CARE</i></b>
Monday	Apr 18		No School - Easter Monday
Friday	May 6	1:00	1:00 Dismissal - <b><i>NO AFTER CARE</i></b>
Thursday	May 19		Last Day of School

## LUNCH MENU

### March 21 thru 25, 2022

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

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Popcorn Chicken, Sweet Potato Fries and Goldfish
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Pork Carnitas on Tortilla, Black Beans and Corn
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Homestyle Meatballs, Bowtie Pasta, Green Beans and Dinner Roll
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Personal Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><i>NO SCHOOL ~ HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!</i></b>

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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
<b>March 18 – March 25</b>			
Boys Wrestling	Saturday 3/19	CYO Tournament	9:00am, Cardinal Ritter HS

## 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 CatholicSchool". 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)



Kroger Community Awards is so easy to register you will wonder why you haven't registered yet! We can always count on Kroger and when you "go krogering", SMCS receives great benefits. This allows us to not have to do fundraisers throughout the year. So, please, if you can, please complete the online form and **Go Lions!**



## **Jr. Royals**

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

### **2022 Roncalli Football Cheerleading Callout**

Callout meeting for Future Roncalli Parents and Cheerleaders for the 2022 Football Season is Wednesday, April 13 at 6 PM in the Roncalli Cafeteria. Please attend for all the information on tryouts and the football season! Tryouts for the Roncalli Freshman Cheerleading Squad are being held Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12 from 4:00-5:30 PM in Roncalli's Bishop Chartrand Gymnasium. (You must be present on both tryout days). Please direct any questions to Coach Engel at [cheerleading@roncalli.org](mailto:cheerleading@roncalli.org).

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### **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](mailto:aross@roncalli.org) for all official camp details.

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### **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](http://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).