



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 20, 2020

Parents,

From a young age, I knew that I was a hands-on learner and growing up on a farm only confirmed this. I struggle with the current situation as I'm not able to give high-fives and shake hands with people. But I always understand that God does not put us in situations that we cannot handle if we seek his guidance through prayer.

Hearing Governor Holcomb say at his press conference on Thursday that all schools will be closed until at the earliest May 1st was like a punch in my stomach. I understand completely the rationale and I pray every day that this health crisis ends soon and completely.

I am so proud of the job our teachers and support staff are doing not only with the eLearning process, but how they have been so creative in communication through videos, written materials, and even through phone calls to students and families.

We have learned a lot about eLearning in the first 4 days. Our admin team is continually monitoring the amount of work that our teachers are sending and we see sometimes that we need to scale back what we are sending out to our families as it can be overwhelming, especially for the large families.

We will make adjustments to help ensure that every student has an opportunity to grow and their academic achievements and their faith in God. I am very moved each time I get an email or see a positive Facebook response to how our teachers are connecting with their students even at home.

But the one thing I see the most is how much our teachers miss being with your children each day. How much they worry about them and pray for them.

While no one wants to go through this, we will be a better school and a better Church community because of this crisis. We will grow stronger and closer together as we climb upon the rock of Jesus Christ during this storm.

If there is anything you need in these unprecedented times, please let me know. My prayer every day is for God to use me. May your faith grow stronger and your love grows greater during this time of crisis. Please tell your children I love them and I can't wait to see them soon!

Thanks and God Bless

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You from Girls Scout Troop 961!

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

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

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
 - SMAC Athletic Director ~ Frank Litz at the following email: flitz@stmarkindy.org
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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

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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

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

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.