



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."

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for Holy Week next week, we also continue to prepare and plan for next school year and for many years after. We continue to register new families and our enrollment continues to increase with families that want a Catholic education in a small school setting, that has diversity and one that continues to grow in its Catholic identity. Our school is like no other in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, as we continue to be a mirror for our community we live in and to further our mission of putting Christ at the center of all we do.

As our school and church community continues to grow and change, we understand that what we are becoming is not for everyone. Our school, as it always has, will continue to be a place where all are welcome, where growing in faith is more than a hashtag, where academic rigor is a daily occurrence, where teachers and staff take over the parental role for their students and love them as if they were their own, where the fine arts are not only encouraged, but promoted and emphasized, where students have a place to learn that is free of noise and full of excitement. God is truly present at St. Mark Catholic School.

Next school year, after several years of preparing and planning, we will be implementing an intermediate school setting for our 4th and 5th grade students. The intermediate school setting will have four core teachers: Mrs. Farrell teaching Math, Mrs. Merkel teaching reading, and two new teachers, Miss Fanelli teaching writing, and Mrs. Bossu teaching Science and Social Studies. All four teachers will each teach religion to their homeroom students. The 4th and 5th grade student's homerooms will be rooms 8, 10, 11, and 12. We will move the 1st grades next to each other (rooms 20 & 22) and the 3rd grades next to each other (rooms 19 & 21). All other classrooms will remain the same.

This new intermediate setting will give our students in grades 4 and 5 an opportunity that few students have as they will be using a bell schedule similar to the middle school, continue to have art, music, PE classes, and get a consistency in learning that is unmatched in most schools. The collaboration and planning of the four teachers, along with vertical alignment of curriculum, will ensure students academics will prepare them in a way that allows for their differences and promotes their creativity.

This intermediate setting also will help our 9 and 10 year old students continue their foundation of faith and help them to create a mindset of making good, Christ-like decisions in their lives. Society has pushed many things at our children and the ages of which they are exposed to potential dangers in their lives has gotten younger. We plan on using this talented team of teachers to create and grow many opportunities to work with students and parents, to confront societal choices head on, and give them tools to make good choices in all situations they are confronted with using strategies that are based on Christ's teaching and our Catholic faith

While there are many new fangled ways to teach and educate, we continue to use our foundation of faith to help our students grow in their academics, their social skills, and most importantly their relationship with


God our Father. We continue to work together with parents in helping our children make good choices, become prepared academically, and foster a passion for God, and his Son Jesus Christ, in their lives through prayer and service to others.

I had six new families enroll in our school this week. The word has gotten out. We truly have something special in this place. We have a church and parishioners that support us with prayers, with ministries that help others, and with their time and talents. We have parents that are engaged and involved in their children's education, that work with us, that trust us, that supports us in what we do here at St. Mark Catholic School. We have teachers and staff that love to come to school each day, that feel supported, that love one another and love your children. And we have a feeling of family, of community, of faith in our building and hallways every day.

Our school is not for everyone. Some families will decide that they want different things than what we have. Some families will find a better fit for their children and their family. Some families will make choices in what is best for them, and all of this is how it should be. I always tell new families to visit other schools before you make a choice. I tell them that this school is not for everyone. I tell them what our expectations are for them and what we will do for their children. Many factors go into school choice and everyone has different needs and wants. Be prayerful and diligent in your process.

So as Holy Week approaches and Lent begins to end, we continue to wait for Christ to return in our lives. We asked that you pray for our school and all schools, that they do God's will, that they work with parents to partner in their children's education, that they work hard to prepare their students and that they welcome and love all of the children in their school. I hope your weekend is a good one and we will see you at Mass with your family!

Thanks and God Bless,



Rusty Albertson

Principal

St. Mark Catholic School

1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity"

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

March	28	Wednesday	All School Mass, 9:00 am, Church
	29	Thursday	Holy Thursday Prayer Service, 9:00 am, Church
	30	Friday	Good Friday-Dramatic Reading of the Passion, 8:15 am, Church
	30	Friday	<i>Students Dismissed at 1:00 pm-No After Care</i>

April	2	Monday	<i>Easter Monday-No School</i> (snow make up day)
	5	Thursday	<i>Students Dismissed 1:00 pm (No After Care)</i> <i>Spring Break Begins!</i>
	16	Monday	Classes Resume
	16	Monday	ISTEP Multiple Choice Begins
	20	Friday	4th Quarter Progress Reports
	27	Friday	Molli Cassetty Bowl-A-Thon, 6:00 pm, Expo Bowl

Open Enrollment

Become a St. Mark Catholic School Lion!

There are still openings for the 2018/2019 school year. If you know of anyone who is interested in St. Mark Catholic School please have them contact us via our website (<http://school.stmarkindy.org/>) or by phone at (317) 786-4013

We will be happy to answer any questions and arrange a tour of the school.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

Lunch Menu - Week of March 26 thru March 30

Monday	Fried Chicken, Biscuit and Potato Wedges
Tuesday	Cheddar Omelet, French Toast Sticks, Sweet Cooked Carrots and Syrup
Wednesday	Chicken & Noodles, Bow Tie pasta, Mashed Potatoes and Homemade Apple Crisp
Thursday	Pork Tenderloin Sandwich, Cauliflower and Cheese Sauce
Friday	Pepper Jack Enchiladas, Refried Beans and Queso

The following will be the lunch choices on Fridays during Lent:

Hot Lunch (Meatless, varies by week, see the menu.)	HL
Fish Sticks or Fish Nuggets and Goldfish Crackers	FS
Cheese Pizza	PZ
Lunchie Munchie	M
Peanut Butter & Jelly	PBJ, PB

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.

CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. You will need your Kroger Plus Card Number.



Box Tops

Please place Box Tops in the collection boxes in the church narthex or school entrance.



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 office.



CYO SPORTS

Event	Day of Week	Opponent	Time, Location
March 23 – 30			
K-8 Wrestling	Saturday (3/24)	Banquet	6:30, St. Mark

For CYO athletic questions, please contact one of the following on the St. Mark Athletic Commission Board:

- SMAC President ~ Andy Swiezy at the following email:
andyswiezy83@gmail.com
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Kris Able at the following email:
kable@stmarkindy.org.

CYO Team Night Out Indiana Pacers vs. Miami Heat Sunday, March 25, 2018

Tipoff 5:00pm | Doors Open 4:00pm* * Subject to Change

Congratulations on participating in a fantastic CYO Youth Basketball Season. To celebrate the Indiana Pacers would like to invite you, your teammates, and family and friends to CYO Team Night Out! CYO Team Night Out is your opportunity to:

- Enjoy an NBA Game with your teammates
- To win exclusive Jr. Pacers Socks
- Sit Courtside and watch NBA players warm up
- Participate in a post-game Q & A with a Pacers Player

ORDER ONLINE www.pacersgroups.com/tickets/1381 Passcode: CYO

St. Mark Junior Track



The first Jr. Track *practice* will be held on Wednesday April 4th from 6:30-7:30pm at St. Mark. Please come prepared to have fun! Got Questions? Email us at Karly.Harlan@gmail.com or longmike317@gmail.com.

SAVE
the
DATE

Molli Cassetty Bowl-A-Thon

- Friday, April 27 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- Expo Bowl in Beech Grove

RONCALLI REBEL NEWS



Attention All 8th Grade Parents of Future Roncalli Rebels

Earn money towards tuition through the Future Foundations Program!

Roncalli offers families the opportunity to work events at Lucas Oil Stadium and Victory Field in order to earn money towards tuition. We are currently filling our schedules for the Indy Eleven at Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indianapolis Indians at Victory Field. A percentage of all money earned is also contributed to the school's Endowment. If you or any family/friends would be interested in working these events, please contact Jeff Traylor at jtraylor@roncalli.org or (317) 787-8277, ext. 203

Roncalli High School Summer Sports Camps

Roncalli High School will again be offering summer camps in 19 different sports for boys and girls. The camps are reasonably price at only \$50 per camper per camp. More information is available online at www.roncalli.org/athletics/summer-sports-camps.