



Dear Parents,

As we finish the Lenten season and prepare for Easter this Sunday, we look back individually on our own journey and reflect on where our path to God has taken us. While we often make plans on how our day will go, or what our life will look like, people, events, and circumstances often change those plans. What we think things will look like tomorrow, or in the future, often look totally different because of the choices that we make along the way.

I approach each day as a unique opportunity to change the world. I listened to Matthew Kelly say that he renamed his "alarm clock" his "opportunity clock". As many of you know, I am an early riser. From my early days of growing up in a rural home and working at a dairy farm, my sleep patterns were changed forever, and for the better. I always set my "opportunity clock" each evening, but most of the time I am awake before it goes off. I awake each day as a new one. I get excited whether it is going to school, heading to an auction, feeding my cows, or just fixing breakfast before anyone else arises.

I play in my head what is on my calendar of things to do and get accomplished, but those things are usually rearranged, put off, or changed completely once the day starts. I think if you stick to a rigid schedule in your daily life, you will miss many opportunities. If you ignore a chance to visit with your parents, to talk to your child, to say hi to a colleague or neighbor, you may stay on schedule, but you have missed a chance to change someone's, and your own, life.

I am going to let you in on a secret. I have the best "job" in the world. I get to come to school early, open up all the classroom doors, turn on all the lights, drink a Diet Coke from my pop machine at 5:00am, talk with Mrs. Boyle each day around 6:15am, greet the early bird teachers, get the announcements ready, open the doors at 7:35am, give lots and lots of high fives, and get excited about the chance to grow in my faith, while helping others do the same. And I also get PAID to do this!!

I embrace the challenges that come with being a parent and being the principal. While there is more to it than drinking Diet Cokes and giving high fives, what I do, what the teachers and staff do, is what you do, we are all parenting. We are trying to build the foundation of academics, of social skills, of community, and of faith in our students, our children. In today's world, this has become increasingly difficult. But I think with every step back we take, we take several steps forward. The presence of God in our school is evident in the feeling you get when you walk the halls and into the classrooms. Many challenges, much more opportunities.

I hope that your Easter weekend is full of opportunities for you to grow closer to God. We look forward to the day when our "opportunity clock" goes off and we can be with our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have a great weekend 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

April	2	Monday	<i>Easter Monday-No School</i>
	5	Thursday	<i>Students Dismissed 1:00 pm (No After Care) 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
May	4	Friday	May Crowning Mass and 8th Gr Pictures, 8:15 am, Church
	4	Friday	<i>Staff Development, Students Dismissed at 1:00 pm (No After Care)</i>
	10-11	Thurs and Fri	Spring Musical (Grades 6-8)
	18	Friday	8th Grade Trip
	18	Friday	KDG Graduation, 9:00 (Following Mass), Church
	21	Monday	8th Grade Picnic and Graduation Practice
	22	Tuesday	8th Grade Mass and Reception
	22	Tuesday	<i>Last Day for Pre-Kindergarten Students</i>
	22	Tuesday	Field Day
	23	Wednesday	<i>Last Day of School - 12:30 pm Dismissal (No Aftercare)</i>
May - June	29-1	Tues-Fri	<i>Lion Super Camp! Incoming K-4</i>

Molli Cassetty Bowl-A-Thon



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



Below are some summer camp opportunities. We have provided the web site for additional information.

- St. Mark Catholic School Lions Super Camp! Incoming Grades K-4. May 29th thru June 1st. **Registration forms will be coming soon!**
- CYO Camp Rancho Framasa, www.campranchoframasa.org
- Marian University STEM Summer Camps for kindergartners-8th graders to learn about the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and math in an engaging and exciting environment.” Deadline to register is May 18, www.marian.edu/summercamps
- National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis, www.indynjtl.org
- Girls Take Action Conference (one day only, Friday, June 29, 2018), Call (317) 221-8950 to register.

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 April 3 thru 5

Monday	<i>Easter Monday ~ No School</i>
Tuesday	Assorted Holiday Shaped Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy and Cookie Surprise
Wednesday	Teriyaki Chicken, Asian Noodles, Sugar Snap peas and (Grades 2-8 - Pork and Vegetable Egg Roll)
Thursday	4 x 6 Sausage Pizza, Twisted Breadstick and Steamed Broccoli
Friday	<i>Spring Break Begins! No School</i>

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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
Mar. 30 – Apr. 13			
Cadet Soccer	Tuesday (4/3)	Nativity	5:30, Nativity

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.

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.

RONCALLI REBEL NEWS



Attention All 8th Grade Parents of Future Roncalli Rebels

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.



RUN FOR THE ROSES, Rebelation
Saturday, April 28, 2018
5:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Roncalli High School
Derby or business casual attire

Please join us at the party! Don your Derby hat and help raise funds for Roncalli families in need of tuition assistance. Great food, drinks, entertainment and one-of-a-kind auction items await you.

Can't attend but want to be part of the action? Send in your **High Stakes Raffle** betting form and be in the running for up to \$10,000! And, **bid on silent auction packages from the comfort of your own home**—when you win, you can pick up your prize at RHS the following week.

Reserve your spot, print the High Stakes Raffle order form, browse auction items, make a donation and start the bidding by visiting:

www.roncalli.org/rebellion

Contact Rachel Brown at rcbrown@roncalli.org if you have questions.