



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 6, 2020

Parents,

I want to take a few keystrokes to recognize some groups of students, staff, and teachers that are very important and have added much to our school over the years here at St. Mark Catholic School. Their hard work and effort sometimes goes unnoticed by many, but our school is in a better place because of what they do and how they do it.

The first is Mrs. Lesczynski. Beth does the work of five people in our main school office. She greets people professionally, kindly and efficiently. She is our school "nurse" for boo boo's, runny noses, and fevers. She calls parents with news that their children are ill, or to ask about an absence, or to let the parents know their child forgot their backpack in their car. And she does much more. Beth is our school's biggest cheerleader. Her positive, but straightforward demeanor welcomes new families into our building and makes them feel a part of our school. Mrs. Lesczynski's email is:

bleszczynski@stmarkindy.org if you want to drop her a line and let her know how much you appreciate what she does for your children! (She also loves flowers!)

The second group of people is our Cafeteria Staff at St. Mark Catholic School. Led by Dawn Collier, her team of Stephanie Hornek, Andreina Cereceres, Laura Linder, Johnna Stone, Emily Cing, and Kara Linder are the super team that prepares a delicious and nutritious meal each day for our students and staff. The time and care they put into each meal is phenomenal. They arrive early each morning to prepare lunches that our students and staff love to eat. They are always friendly with the students and staff and know all of their names. The email in the cafeteria is: stmarkcafeteria@stmarkindy.org if you want to send The Lion's Cafe staff a note of thanks! We are very blessed to have them as part of our school!

Another is a small group of students that are chosen to be Sacristans each year. This is usually a group of 3-6 8th graders that have been Altar Servers and are in charge of setting up each of our All School Masses on Friday. This group has many important responsibilities and are seen as leaders in our school by being named Sacristans. It is one of the highest honors of leadership that we give to an 8th grader. For more information on what the Sacristans do email Mrs. Gehret at: rgehret@stmarkindy.org.

A group of students and staff I would like to acknowledge is our Quest for Excellence Team (QFE) members and Coaches. Every year Roncalli hosts an interdisciplinary competition for all of the South Deanery Schools. Previously under the leadership of Ms. Karozos, our teams have always prepared and performed well at the QFE contest each year. The contest is open to only 7th and 8th grade students and even being one of the smaller schools in the South Deanery, our team is always large, well coached, and wins many medals! This year was no different. Mrs. Grimes now coordinates our QFE teams and coaches. Our students did an outstanding job in many categories including: Art, Music, Science, Math, History, Current Events, PE, Speech, and Super Quiz Team! If you have a 6th or 7th grader currently and want more information on Quest for Excellence, email Mrs. Grimes at: cgrimes@stmarkindy.org .

The final two people that I must recognize are my two assistant principals. Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Cline should be moved to the front of the line for Sainthood for sharing an office with me each day! The knowledge, the hard work, the calmness, the humor, and the strong faith they both bring to our school is what helps make us a great school! The recent 6 year growth in our school could not have been possible without the proactive thinking and ability to get things done quickly by Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Cline. Having both of them just a paper wad throw away allows us to be an admin team that shares thoughts and info quickly and react to positive and negative situations in a way that is most efficient and good for our school. I know Mrs. Cline likes Starbucks and Mrs. Grimes likes chocolate, in case you want to recognize them for all they do!

There are many other individuals and groups that I could have mentioned but I know people get tired of reading after one page (kind of like the Mass that last for more than 1 hour!). Thank you to all of you that help keep our place where we are safe, where we can learn, and where we can share our faith in God each day! 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	10/11		End of 3rd Quarter; Beginning of 4th Quarter
	13		3rd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
	19	1:00	1:00 Student Dismissal-Teacher Professional Development (No Aftercare)
	20	1:30	Grandparent's Day Reception, School
	25	2:00	Living Stations, Church
	26	1:00	1:00 Dismissal for Spring Break! (No Aftercare)
Mar/Apr	27-3		Spring Break, No School

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!

Grandparents' Day Reception

The Grandparents Day Reception will be held on March 20th from 1:30pm-2:30pm in the school.

Note: There is no Grandparents' Day Mass this year (This was a misprint in our Bridge Newsletter last week). With our positive recent student growth, the size of our church will not hold all of our students and grandparents. We are looking forward to showing our grandparents how blessed we are at St. Mark Catholic School!

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.

Adult Catechesis: Our next session is Sunday, March 8th from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Cenacle. The topic this week is *A Catholic Moral Vision - Virtues and Grace*. This is open to all adults in the school and parish.

Family Catechesis: Please join us this Sunday, March 8th at 3:30 p.m. in Schafer Hall. Our topic is "*Our Lenten Preparation*". A brief movie featuring "Brother Francis", activities and light refreshments will be provided. This event is open to families of all ages and is a great way to connect with other families in our parish while nurturing and growing your child's faith in the Sacred Traditions of our Catholic Faith.

Questions? Please contact Angi Swiezy at aswiezy@stmarkindy.org or 787-8246 x104.

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+)

<p>Adults \$9 Seniors \$7 Kids Only \$5 <small>Choice of fish sticks or cheese pizza</small></p> <p>Desserts <small>Sold separately to support the 8th grade class</small></p>	
Drive-Thru Available!	

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.)	HL
Fish Nuggets and Goldfish Crackers	FS
Cheese Pizza	PZ
Lunchie Munchie	LM
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.

Lunch Menu - March 9 thru 13

Monday	(PK-1) Chicken Smackers and Goldfish Crackers; (2-8) Hot & Spicy or Golden Premium Chicken Patty on Hamburger Bun; (All) Broccoli and Cheese Sauce
Tuesday	(PK-1) Mini Corn Dogs; (2-8) Corn Dogs; (All) Baked Beans
Wednesday	(PK-1) Chicken Nuggets; (2-8) Country Fried Steak; (All) Biscuit Stick, Mashed Potatoes and Country Gravy
Thursday	Macho Nachos!
Friday	Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Slice and Caesar Salad



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

Tuition Notes for those registered for the 20/21 school year:

Monday, May 4, 2020

All parents using FACTS Tuition Management to pay their tuition monthly must be enrolled online with their information current.

Friday, May 29, 2020

All parents paying their entire tuition upfront and receiving a discount must have full tuition payment to the school office.

Friday, May 29, 2020

All upfront partial tuition payments are due to the school office. (no discount given)

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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
March 6 – March 13			
Wrestling (5-8)	Saturday (3/7)	CYO City Duals	9:00, Bishop Chatard HS
56B Girls VB	Saturday (3/7)	Holy Cross	2:45, Nativity
Wrestling (K-4)	Sunday (3/8)	Little Guys City	12:00, Roncalli HS
4 Girls VB Gold	Tuesday (3/10)	St. Roch	5:00, St. Roch
4 Girls VB Black	Tuesday (3/10)	St. Malachy	5:45, St. Roch
Cadet B Girls VB	Tuesday (3/10)	St. Roch	6:00, OL Lourdes
56B Boys VB	Wed (3/11)	TBD	5:45, St. Monica
Wrestling (K-8)	Thursday (3/12)	St. Michael Indy	5:30, St. Michael Indy

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



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).