



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."**

May 1, 2020

Parents,

I want to spend time writing this Bridge and focus on our 8th grade class. The class of 2020 is a class that has left its mark on our school in many positive ways. It is a class that is one of the smaller classes we have had in my 11 years as the principal, but what they lack in size of class, they more than make up in many ways. While we have had classes that have excelled in different areas, these 8th grade students will always be remembered for many things. Just like each one of them has their own talents, their own personalities, their own strengths, and their own areas that they improve upon, this class of 2020 is diverse, academically strong, gifted in the fine arts, and talented in athletics. But what sets them apart from other classes is their closeness with each other, their welcoming of new students, and their strong faith in God.

While one of the most racially diverse classes in our school, they see no color, they hear no language difference, they reflect Jesus in how they treat each other and how they care about their classmates. While it is natural for students to migrate to other students who have similar likes, and they do, this class of 8th graders go out of their way to make sure no one is left behind. In the classroom, at recess, during time away from school they care for each other. And this is the thing that all parents, and teachers, want to hear about their children

We can put bumper stickers on our cars that say our children made the honor roll. We can post on Facebook how many points our child scored in their basketball game. We can brag to others how much money they make in their summer job. But those are self-serving, and self promoting. The stories you won't hear is how they watch out for their pre-kindergarten prayer partner. How they are humbled by going to the Cathedral Soup Kitchen and doing service for those in need. How respectful they are to teachers and other adults. How other people, who don't even know them, will comment on what good kids they are. Those are what parents long to hear about their children, what teachers enjoy sharing about their students.

On a personal note, the last few weeks have been very hard for me. Not seeing our students, parents, and teachers has made it difficult to walk into school each day, to an empty building. But the hardest has been not being able to spend the last nine weeks of school with the 8th graders. I miss talking with them, giving them high-fives, seeing them be true leaders of our school. I am sad that they did not get to perform the Living Stations and the dramatic reading of the Passion. How some did not get to play their last CYO sport this spring. How several did not get to be in their last Spring Musical with Mrs. Bruner and Mrs. Koesters. Not getting to walk into church with their parents on May Crowning and missing out on their picnic and 8th grade trip have all been difficult for them.

But one of the qualities that they possess is their resiliency, their ability to bounce back. They will be examples for us all, now and in the future, on how we move on from major events. From Coronavirus, from natural disasters, from life changing experiences, and from great losses in our lives. This class of 2020 will go down as a class that made our school better, much better, because they were here. Every single one of them.

So I want to thank Zia, Riley, Julian and Christian for adding positively to our school in many ways. I want to say thank you to Ben, Onyn, Awi, Luis, and Emma for each day showing leadership for other students. I want to share my gratitude to Lillian, Charley, Cing, Dyan, and Chisom for working hard and helping others. I am grateful to JJ, Edison, Law Myu, and Minna for their ability to show their faith by their kindness to others. A group of 18 very different students, that have grown together to be a class that is unified, hardworking, loving, and faith filled.

While their time at St. Mark Catholic School is coming to an end, they will always be welcomed back as St. Mark Lions. While their year may not have ended as planned, they have grown closer as a class even while distancing. While we will miss them now, we will always have them in our prayers that they keep the loving, welcoming heart that they have grown while at St. Mark Catholic School. I love each member of this class of 2020 and I know that they will do great things, that they will follow God's plan for them, and that they will make a difference in our world. So as I raise my hand to give them each a high five, I will keep them in my prayers for God to watch over them. Thank you class of 2020! You are awesome!

Thanks and God Bless

Rusty Albertson  
Principal  
St. Mark Catholic School



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please see the last page of the Bridge for each teacher and staff member's email and phone extension.

## 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 get more information by emailing Mr. Albertson at [ralbertson@stmarkindy.org](mailto: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



# St. Mark Catholic School & Parish Staff List 2019-2020

Please Contact Your Child's Teacher with any eLearning Questions!

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