



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."

November 12, 2021

Parents,

We honored our Military Veterans this Thursday on Veterans day. Some history of Veterans day: Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. Every Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service. The cemetery is home to the graves of over 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military. The historical aspect of Veterans Day is significant as it gives us a better understanding of why we have Veterans Day and the people that it represents.

No one wants war. The first armed conflict in history recorded by eyewitnesses was the Battle of Megiddo in 1479 BCE between Thutmose III (r. 1458-1425 BCE) of Egypt and an alliance of former Egyptian territories under the leadership of the King of Kadesh.(History.com). Wars have become a part of our history as a country and as a civilization. There are many reasons for wars to occur. According to owlcation.com the eight reasons for war are: Economic gain, Territorial gain, Religion, Nationalism, Revenge, Civil War, Revolutionary War, and Defensive War.

Wars have changed over the centuries and so have the soldiers in those wars. From stones and wooden weapons, to spears, bows, and arrows, to mortar and exploding devices, to guns and ammunition, to atomic bombs, to chemical weapons, and everything in between. While the weapons have changed and become more complex, the soldiers have some of the same characteristics. They are brave men and women who have dedicated their life to protecting their country and other countries around the world. They are well trained, and willing to risk their lives for our freedom.

Every man and woman that enlist in the armed forces understands that their lives may be lost during battle. They understand that they may have to take someone else's life during combat. They know that if they return home, their lives will be changed forever. Yet they give of themselves so we can be protected. They risk life and limb so our freedom is preserved. War has been glamorized in books and movies, but war is not glamorous. It is violent, it is horrific, and it takes the lives of our loved ones.

So as we honor our veterans that have served our country, we do so with a heavy heart as many families will not have their loved one return home. We do so praying that the leaders of our world will do everything possible to avoid wars and solve problems so peace will reign. We honor our veterans as brave heroes that they are, risking their lives every day so we can live in freedom.

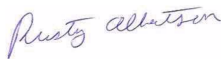
Let us pray. Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their country. Protect them from physical and moral dangers of military life.

Keep them close to You and help them live the Commandments. Lord Jesus, give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger, strengthen them when they face hardships.

Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished they may return to us, sound in mind, body, and soul. Amen

Have a good weekend, and please keep all of our Veterans in your prayers.

Thanks and God Bless



Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov 15	Mon		Early Bird Pre-K Registration Begins
Nov 18	Thurs		City Bar-B-Que Dine Out Night
Nov 24	Wed		1:00 Dismissal - NO AFTERCARE
Nov 25-26			No school - Thanksgiving Break

LUNCH MENU

November 15 thru 19

<u>Monday</u>	Daily Choice or Lion Burger and Potato Smiles
<u>Tuesday</u>	Daily Choice or Mashed Potato Bowl and Hawaiian Roll
<u>Wednesday</u>	Daily Choice or Pancakes, Sausage and Roasted Butternut Squash
<u>Thursday</u>	Daily Choice or Chicken Quesadilla and Mexican Rice
<u>Friday</u>	Daily Choice or (4) Calzone (PK-3) Cheese Pizza and Spinach Sunshine Salad

Pre-Kindergarten Class 2022/2023

Early Bird Enrollment Begins *Monday, November 15, 2021*



Registration forms are available on our web site www.school.stmarkindy.org. For an additional questions, please contact Beth Leszcynski in the SMCS school office (317) 786-4013

Other Important Information

- \$200 Registration Fee
- Tuition Cost: \$4500 - \$200 Reg Fee = \$4,300
- Tuition Scholarships are available
- Full-Day, Five Days per Week
- Before care and Aftercare available at additional cost

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 CatholicSchool". Our organization number is: XM409. The web site is:

<https://www.kroger.com/topic/school-programs>



Coca-Cola Rewards Program

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)





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: SMAC@stmarkindy.org

Volleyball registration is now open for the 2022 season

Volleyball is available to boys and girls in grades 4 through 8. Registration will be open until December 6 and the fee is \$75.00. Practices will start in mid- December with games starting January 29. You can register your child through the CYO Website <https://cyoarchindy.org/> If there are questions please contact Frank Litz flitz@roncalli.org

Event	Day of Week	Opponent	Time, Location
November 12 – November 19			
4th Boys Basketball	Sunday 11/14	Holy Spirit	6:30pm, St. Mark
4th Boys Basketball	Sunday 11/14	St Francis & Claire	7:45pm, St. Mark



Roncalli High School Application for Admission

Roncalli is excited to welcome the Class of 2026 next fall! As a reminder, the Application for Admission is now available online at <https://apps.roncalli.org/application>. You CAN fill out the application before your student takes the High School Placement Test.

Once the application is complete and the \$100 registration fee is received, you may continue the registration process. For those who have not been in a South Deanery Catholic grade school for grades seven and eight, those next steps will include scheduling an admissions interview for January 11, 12 or 13 (limited space available). For all others, it will be scheduling your appointment to meet with your student's counselor to create their freshman year schedule. Please contact Director of Admissions Allie Ross at aross@roncalli.org or (317) 787-8277, ext. 243 with any questions.

Roncalli Make it, Take It Night

Interested in taking Drafting at Roncalli High School? If so, sign up for the Roncalli High School Drafting Program's **FREE** "Make It, Take It" night scheduled for Thursday, November 18 from 5:30-7:00 PM in Room 018! Drop-off/Pick-up will be outside Door #8.

Students in grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to use the actual drafting tools used by RHS drafting students to create a drawing to take home! Space is limited, so be sure to **RSVP by Monday, November 15** to Don Elbreg at delbreg@roncalli.org.