



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 19, 2021

Parents,

Building a positive culture whether in a business, a family, or a school is not always easy, maintaining that positive culture can be very difficult. When I began as your principal in the summer of 2009, I inherited a culture that needed to be changed for many reasons. One of the first things that needed to be put into place was creating an environment that was discipline and faith filled.

A school that is disciplined does not mean that the rules are so stringent that it resembles a prison, it means that the rules are basic, the rules are followed, the implementation and assessment of the rules are consistent and fair, no matter if you are a student, a parent, a teacher, or the principal. This was a challenge for the first few years, but with the support of the teachers and staff, the transition was made and has grown over the last 12 years. The culture and climate of the school, while not perfect, is one where students can learn in a positive, Christ-centered classroom, and teachers can teach students that are respectful. While partnering with parents that are active and supportive of our school and our mission, in a place that is welcoming students from all walks of life.

There are many reasons that our staff has grown from 15 teachers, 1 instructional assistant, and 1 administrator in the fall of 2009 to presently having 26 teachers and 4 administrators, and 18 instructional assistants. The positive, faith filled culture that we have created and maintained has allowed our student population to grow from 165 students, with very little diversity, in the fall of 2009 to a current enrollment of 487 students in one of the most diverse, and fastest growing schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the last 10 years.

With strong support of our St. Mark parish, in the last 12 years we have practically totally renovated our 74 year old building to where it is ready for another 74 years. With support of parishioners and school families, we are about to embark on one of the largest facility expansions that our school and church has ever undertaken. This renovation and the growth of our campus could not have happened without a school that was strong in academics, consistent in discipline, welcoming to all, and a school that made faith growth the most important thing we do.

Fr. Tim has allowed me to take a three week spiritual sabbatical for the three weeks following Thanksgiving. I haven't taken very many days off from school in my 12 years as principal, but I will use this time to grow in my faith, to fill my heart with the love of God, and to come back on Monday, January 3, 2021, super charged to finish my career and the school year with energy, hard work, and love for your children. Please keep me in your prayers as I will you and your family. Have a great weekend and blessed Thanksgiving!

Thanks and God Bless

Rusty Albertson  
Principal  
St. Mark Catholic School

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov 24	Wed	1:00 Dismissal - <b><i>NO AFTERCARE</i></b>
Nov 25-26		No school - Thanksgiving Break



## LUNCH MENU

**November 22 thru 24**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Pork Tenderloin, Corn and Slaw
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Turkey & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll and Baked Apple
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Pizza Surprise

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### Pre-Kindergarten Class 2022/2023



Registration forms are available on our web site [www.school.stmarkindy.org](http://www.school.stmarkindy.org). For any 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](mailto:gossteach@yahoo.com)
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Frank Litz at the following email: [SMAC@stmarkindy.org](mailto: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](mailto:flitz@roncalli.org)

Event	Day of Week	Opponent	Time, Location
<b>November 19 – November 26</b>			
4th Boys Basketball	Saturday 11/20	Nativity	10:30am, 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](mailto:aross@roncalli.org) or (317) 787-8277, ext. 243 with any questions.

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### **Roncalli Report Card**

We are very proud of the academic excellence found at all levels in our school's curriculum. We are diligent and intentional in our efforts to provide course offerings that allow all students, regardless of their academic ability, to be successful while also being challenged.

Please review the Roncalli High School Report Card to see how we measure up:  
<https://www.roncalli.org/pdf/2021-rc.pdf>

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### **An Evening with Kathy Troccoli**

Join us on Thursday, December 2 at 7 PM for an evening with award-winning performer, Kathy Troccoli! The Roncalli choir will be performing Go Light Your World with Kathy, and Roncalli's Jazz Band will also be featured on a piece with her.

Pick up your FREE tickets in the Main Office at Roncalli. They will go quickly, so get yours TODAY! Questions can be directed to Miki Lewinski at [mlewinski@roncalli.org](mailto:mlewinski@roncalli.org).