



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 8, 2019

Parents,

We begin a new phase of our school's history. Fr. Tim has approved the process of conducting a feasibility study for our parish and school to determine our current condition and state of facilities and to see what our church and school needs moving forward to provide for our growth. This process will take into consideration several factors including what we already have, the condition it is in, and what we need in the future. This process is a precursor to a possible capital campaign that could lead to expansion of our church and school facilities. A firm will be hired to assess current facilities and also to survey parishioners, school parents, staff and others to see what our needs are.

As we look to the future we do so with a vision of all of the stakeholders in our church and school. To allow all voices to be heard Fr. Tim will facilitate an appropriate time and place for everyone's thoughts and ideas to be taken into account. So this is a great time to think ahead and see what you think our school and church can use as we continue to grow. No idea is a bad one!

Obviously with a possibility of construction comes cost and with cost comes a capital campaign to raise money to pay for the construction. If a capital campaign is warranted, a separate company will be hired to run the campaign as is required by the Archdiocese. This company will survey groups and see what their ideas are for growth. They will also help run the Capital Campaign and help determine the funds needed for possible construction.

We look forward to seeing what your and our other stakeholders see as our needs for the future. I know firsthand the need for extra classroom space is vital to our continued growth. The need for additional meeting space is evident with all of the current church ministries that do such great work in our church and our community. Parking space is also needed as evident each morning at drop off and each evening at pick up.

Much like your own family when it grows, you survey your current situation and see what you need for the future. The infrastructure of our school is for the most part up to date and in good shape. With our "Roadmap to Success" campaign 9 years ago, we added HVAC, flooring, windows, lighting and much more. We have renovated our bathrooms, the art room, the main entrance, and added a new main office over the last few years. But we need additional space for our ESL students and Special Needs students to be pulled out for extra assistance during the school day. The addition of another classroom could lead to the expansion of our Early Childhood program.

So as the process begins, put on your "visionary cap" and see what you think we can use in the way of expansion and addition to our school and church. This will be an exciting time and we need your ideas and your financial assistance to make it happen!

Have a great weekend and we will see you at Mass with your child!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson

Principal

St. Mark Catholic School

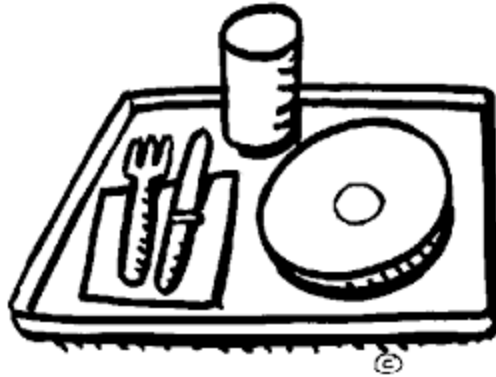
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov	10		School Commission Pancake Breakfast, Monsignor Schafer Hall
	14		City BBQ Dine Out Night
	15		2nd Quarter Progress Reports
	15		St. Mark Food Drive Concludes
	15		Texas Roadhouse Rolls Pick Up Day
	21		1:00 pm Student Dismissal - (Teacher Professional Dvlp) No After Care
	27	8:00 am	Thanksgiving All School Mass, Church
	28-29		Thanksgiving Break - No School
Dec	1		Advent Begins
	2		Early Bird Pre-K Registration
	4	7:00 pm	2nd-5th grade Christmas Program, Church
	11		Spirit Wear Delivered
	12		Jaggers Dine Out Night
	16-17		Santa Shop, Parish Center
	20		End of 2nd Quarter
	20	11:00 am	PK - 1st Christmas Program, Church
	20	1:00 pm	1:00 pm Student Dismissal - (Teacher Professional Dvlp) No After Care
Dec	23		Christmas Break Begins - No School thru January 3rd.
Jan	6		Classes Resume



FROM THE CAFETERIA

Lunch Menu - November 11 thru 15



- Monday** (PK-1) Popcorn Chicken; (2-8) Hot & Spicy or Golden Chicken Patty on Bun;
(All) Broccoli and Cheese Sauce
- Tuesday** Eggo Chocolate Chip French Toast, Pork Sausage and Glazed Carrots
- Wednesday** (PK-1) Chicken Nuggets; (2-8) Country Fried Steak Beef Patty; (All) Biscuit Stick
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Thursday** Macho Nachos, Nacho Cheese Doritos, Fiesta Rice, Cowboy Corn & Queso Blanco
- Friday** (PK-1) Cheese Pizza Slice; (2-8) Pepperoni Calzone; (All) Roasted Zucchini
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St Mark Give Back Pancake Breakfast!



Please let SMCS show their appreciation for all the parish does for the school. Parishioners are invited to a Pancake Breakfast on November 10 following 7:30 and 9:30 Mass.

St. Mark Food Drive November 4th- 15th



St. Mark Catholic School Families are helping the Little Sisters of the Poor, David S. Moore Food Pantry, Hunger Inc., and Cathedral Soup Kitchen. Students should bring in non-perishable food items such as canned food, soup, boxed pasta, etc. Students can also bring in monetary donations. Students should bring their non-perishable food items as well as any monetary donations to their homeroom teacher. Monetary donations should be placed in a sealed envelope and labeled. The pantries have requested no bottled water.

Thank you in advance for your help to end hunger in our community

Spirit Wear Sale Going On Now!

The sale **ends on Monday, November 11 at day's end**. Delivery will be Wednesday, December 11 ~ just in time for Christmas! Below is the link for the SW sale

<http://www.eliteprintingindy.com/stmarkspiritwear>

- If you choose the pay later option, please make note of the total amount of the order. You can then send in to the office in cash (please submit exact amount as we are not able to make change in the office) or check (payable to Elite Printing).
- There are only ***two options that are uniform approved***. They are the crew neck black or grey sweatshirts for \$17.00. All other items can be worn to and from school and on designated Spirit Wear days.
- Please mark your child's name on the sweatshirt label. We have many sweatshirts that end up in the Lost and Found and are not picked up - even when the Lost and Found table is the entryway.
- If you would like to schedule an appointment with an interpreter to assist in placing your spirit wear order, please contact me in the school office to schedule.

CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS



Kroger Community Rewards

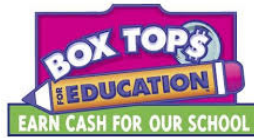
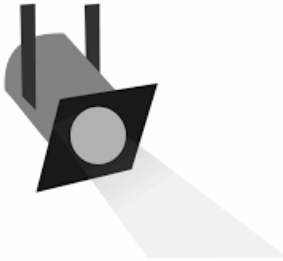
Do you shop at Kroger? Sign up your Kroger's Plus Shopper's Card in the Kroger Community Rewards Program and choose "St. Mark Catholic School". Our organization number is: XM409. The web site is:

<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



Spotlight on Box Tops for Education

New and Improved Mobile App. Here is how it works...

- 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!

Current Box Top Clips

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but many continue to be found on many products.

- Buy Box Top Products
- Cut out the Box Top from each Package
- Send your box tops to our school

See products and learn more about the Box Tops App at <https://www.btfе.com/>



Thursday, 11/14 St. Mark Catholic School



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>
56 Girls BB	Tuesday (11/12)	St. Monica	7:00, St. Roch

Sign up for CYO Volleyball is underway!



- Who: Girls Volleyball Grades 4th - 8th and Boys Volleyball Grades 5th - 8th.
- When: Sign up by November 19th!
- Cost: The fee is \$85. www.cyoarchindy.org

Boys and Girls Volleyball Open Gyms

Does your child have an interest in volleyball or just want to work on basic skills? **St. Mark** will have open gym times available to any child grades **4th-8th, free of charge**. Whether they've played for years or just want to see what volleyball is about, all are welcome! Each session will be led by our volleyball coordinator Brianna Kurasz with the help of our coaches in the St. Mark gym. Each day will focus on a specific skill to help your child improve and become more comfortable with the game.

The last day is as follows:

- November 26th: serving

Every day the sessions will be divided by age group as follows:

- 3pm-4:30pm Cadet girls and boys
- 4:30pm-6pm 4th grade girls and boys
- 6pm-7:30pm 56 girls and boys



Roncalli Spirit Wear - Annual Holiday Sale (Same time as Placement Test)

The Roncalli Spirit Store will hold its annual Holiday Sale on Saturday, November 9, 2019, in the Roncalli cafeteria from 9 AM to 1 PM. We will have fantastic new merchandise updated with the latest trends and styles for everyone on your Christmas shopping list: Moms and Dads, Grandparents, students, future students, little siblings and even your pets. We have non-apparel gift ideas you won't want to miss. ***If you're a parent of an eighth grader, shop with us while your student takes the Roncalli placement exam.***

For more information, please contact Wendy Lawrie, Director of the Roncalli Spirit Store at wlawrie@roncalli.org or 787-8277 ext. 279. See you at the sale!

Roncalli High School Placement Test

Roncalli is excited to host the Class of 2024 for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) on Saturday, November 9! Additional details are below:

- Test begins at 8:00 AM; students should arrive by 7:45 and enter through Door #5 (Auditorium).
- There is no pre-registration for this test.
- There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of the test; the student should bring this with them to the test (Cash or check payable to Roncalli High School).
- Calculators are not allowed (Unless stated on an IEP/ISP).
- Student should bring two #2 pencils.
- Results will be mailed home by the end of November.

Parents are also strongly encouraged to attend an Admissions Information meeting on the morning of the HSPT from 10:00 – 11:15 AM in the Roncalli Auditorium.

If you have questions, contact Allie Ross, Dir. of Admissions at aross@roncalli.org or 317-787-8277 ext. 243.

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Roncalli presents "Singin' In the Rain." Show dates and times are

- November 14th at 7 PM
- November 15th at 6 PM
- November 16th at 2 PM and 7 PM.

Tickets for the upcoming musical are now available. They can be purchased at roncalli.booktix.com. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for Roncalli students and children 14 years old and younger. Remember to print off your tickets and bring them with you to the show. Tickets will be scanned at the entrance to the auditorium. VIP cardholders will need to contact Miki Lewinski at mlewinski@roncalli.org or 317-787-8277 Ext. 249 for your promo code to access your free tickets.

2019-20 Winter Jr. Lady Rebels Information

Registration for winter Jr. Rebels will be on **Saturday, November 23rd** from **1:00-2:30 PM for 4th and 5th Grades** and from **2:45-4:15 for 6th, 7th and 8th** players (who did not play in fall league) will need to be there to be evaluated. The participation for the Winter Indy Hoops League will cost \$60.00 if you need a jersey and \$50.00 if you do not need a jersey.

At least one parent will need to attend the sign-ups in order to make the payment, fill out paperwork and sign the IGHL release of liability form. Players will be evaluated on November 23rd and at the first two practices and then teams will be formed. Each team will practice once during the week and once on Saturday afternoon. Players get 2 games every other Sunday throughout the winter. Below is the Dates of Sunday Games by age group:

Game Dates for **7th & 8th Grade Only** will be **Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22nd**

Game Dates for **4th Grade** will be **Dec. 1, 15th Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 9 and 16th for Tournament**

Game Dates for **5th & 6th Grade** will be **Dec. 8, 22, Jan. 19, Feb. 2, 9 and 16th Tournament**

All individuals interested in coaching should contact Denise McClanahan at 317-371-4010 or email her at dmccclanahan@perryschool.org.