



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# *The Bridge*

September 22, 2017

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**"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."**

Dear Parents,

As Principal I often get some questions from parents, parishioners, teachers, and students. Some are easy to answer, some I have to think about, others I don't know the answer and I try to find it. Questions are a very important part of communication in any relationship or situation that we are in. While the answers are often seen as the most important part of the tandem, the questions themselves are sometimes a better indicator to the direction the conversation is heading and tells a lot about the person asking the question.

As a college basketball coach, I would sometimes get questions from media after a game that were meant to lead into a deeper area. They may start off with "How do you think your team played tonight?" progress to "what could your team do to improve?", to finally "as a coach, what responsibility do you take for tonight's loss?". While all three questions are good with regards to the game that just concluded, the last one is actually what the reporter wanted to know, the others were just lead in questions. My thinking is just ask me the one you actually want to know.

As a parent, I often get questions from my children that I sometimes am not sure of where they are heading. The questions may start off with "Dad, what do you think of tattoos?" followed by: "if someone had a tattoo, would you still hire them for a teaching job?" and finally ends in the statement "just so you know, I am not considering getting a tattoo." Now, I have nothing against tattoos or adults that have them, but my children's questions sometime start in one place and end in another.

As the principal I get some interesting questions throughout the day. Just last week, when visiting Mrs. Bossingham's Pre-Kindergarten class, a pre-Kindergarten student saw me standing beside Mrs. Bossingham, 9 months pregnant, and ask me the following question: "Mr. Albertson, are you also going to have a baby?" I loved the question! Direct, to the point, not leading. I politely answered "No! But thank you for asking!"

I have had conversations with middle school students that start at point "A" and leads many points in between. Sometimes they start with "Mr. Albertson, did you get picked on as a kid?" or "Mr. Albertson have you ever told your daughter that she is ugly?" or "Mr. Albertson, what if one of your children did not want to go to church?" When I hear questions like this, my interchangeable "Principal/Parent Hat" goes on. My response, but more importantly the tone of my response, is what's important. Most of the time the question asked of you, contains part of the answer.

Often, when I get a question, the person may already know the answer. They are playing the "Let's Quiz the Principal!" game. It may be something like "Mr. Albertson, do you have any policy on Bullying?" or "can Junior (their son) wear socks with little Nike logo's on them?" or "When is that paper supposed to be

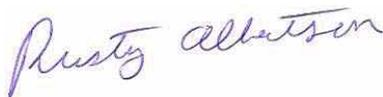
returned?" I feel sometimes people are just trying to keep me honest, to see if I am still implementing consistency.

But I do love questions. I love ones that make me think. The ones that I have to stop and say "Good question!" Questions, in the simplest form, have changed our world, our technology, has caused wars and have been instrumental in peace. But questions from Christ have molded our faith. Jesus said, "Who do you say I am?", "You of little faith, why do you doubt?" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The questions we ask, the tone we ask them in, the person we ask them to, all go a long way to the path we follow. The way we answer questions, how we listen without judging, the thought that goes into our answers goes a long way to the path that others will follow. Questions have been around since the beginning of time when God asked Adam "Where are you Adam?". Questions will continue as long as man is inquisitive. I love a good question. I love a good answer.

I hope you have a great weekend and I will see you at Mass with your family!

Thanks and God Bless,



Rusty Albertson  
Principal  
St. Mark Catholic School  
"Come Grow in Faith"

**1 Timothy 4:12** "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity"

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Events

<b>September</b>	27	Cookie Dough Pick Up, 2:00-6:00 PM, Monsignor Schafer Hall
	28-29	6th Grade Camp Tecumseh trip
<b>October</b>	4	End of First Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
	5	Second Quarter Begins
	5	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 pm
	6	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences, Students Dismissed at 12:30 (No After Care)</b>
	<b>9-13</b>	<b>Fall Break, No School</b>
	30-31	Book Fair Begins



**September 27, 2017**  
**One Day Only**

Thank you to all those who ordered cookie dough through the fundraiser. The cookie dough pick up will be Wednesday, **September 27th from 2:00 ~ 6:00 pm** in Monsignor Schafer Hall. As mentioned, there will be **only one pick day and time**.

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### **Title I Students and Parents**

Title I parents and students please stop in Room 8 (across from principal's office) before or after your parent teacher conference to meet with Mrs. Fry. She will have Title I information for you and be available to answer any questions you may have regarding Title I.

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### **8th Grade Fundraiser**



The 8th grade class will sell Texas Roadhouse rolls again this year ~ just in time for your Thanksgiving dinner! More information and order forms will be available next week!

## CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS



### **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com). You will need your Kroger Plus card number.



### **Box Tops**

Please place Box Tops in the collection boxes in the church narthex or school entrance.

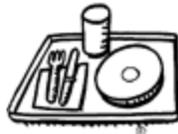


### **Coca-Cola Rewards Program is back this year!**

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! Here are some of the brands that can be redeemed for points:

Just turn your coke reward products into Mrs. Leszcynski in the office!

## FROM THE CAFETERIA



### **Lunch Menu - Week of September 25 thru 29**

<b>Monday</b>	Cheesy Ketchupy Beef Burger and Shoestring Fries
<b>Tuesday</b>	Golden or Hot & Spicy Chicken Tenders, Rotini Pasta and Broccoli Marinara Sauce
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pork Sausage, Pancakes, Sweet Cooked Carrots and Syrup
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Taco, Tortilla, Rice Pilaf and Pepper Medley
<b>Friday</b>	PK-1 Cheese Pizza; 2-8 Personal Pepperoni Pizza; All - Green Beans



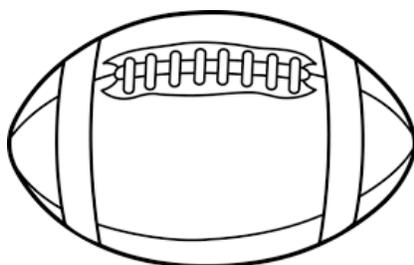
## CYO SPORTS

It's time to sign up for Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling and any other sports you wish to play

- Please sign up by going to the CYO website: [www.cyoarchindy.org](http://www.cyoarchindy.org)
- Boys Basketball deadline is September 22.
- If you are interested in coaching please register on the CYO website under coach, take or update the safe and sacred then send me a copy of your certificate.
- If you have any questions just send me an email at [kable@stmarkindy.org](mailto:kable@stmarkindy.org)

For CYO athletic questions, please contact one of the following on the St. Mark Athletic Commission Board:

- SMAC President ~ Andy Swiezy at the following email: [andyswiezy83@gmail.com](mailto:andyswiezy83@gmail.com)
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Kris Able at the following email: [kable@stmarkindy.org](mailto:kable@stmarkindy.org).



<b>Event</b>	<b>Day of Week</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Time, Location</b>
<b>September 22 – 29</b>			
34 Football	Saturday (9/23)	Notre Dame Acad.	10:00, Central Catholic
Flag Foot. (Colts)	Saturday (9/23)	St. Mark Steelers	11:00, Roncalli
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Cadet Football	Sunday (9/24)	St. Simon	1:00, St. Simon
6 Football	Sunday (9/24)	St. Michael Indy	2:30, Cardinal Ritter HS
5 Football	Sunday (9/24)	St. Michael Indy	3:45, Cardinal Ritter HS

# RONCALLI REBEL NEWS



## RONCALLI HOMECOMING

**Save the Date: Friday, September 22nd**

We're Bringing Homecoming Home! Roncalli High School is excited to announce that this year's Alumni Homecoming will take place on our campus on September 22nd!

5:30-7:00 p.m. Come to campus early for the pregame tailgate that includes free hamburgers, hotdogs and soft drinks in the north parking lot tent! All are invited.

7:00 p.m. Rebels vs Brebeuf Jesuit

Immediately following the game: Stay on campus in the north parking lot tent to enjoy the tunes of *Tastes Like Chicken* while enjoying food and drink catered by Big Daddy's Bar and Grill--all for just \$10 per person. Alumni, parents, past parents, and friends of Roncalli are all invited to this post-game event. Join us for all the fun at Roncalli and celebrate another Rebel WIN! Get your ticket by calling Gary Armbruster at 317-787-8277 ext. 242.

*Post game event is for guests ages 21 and over. \$10.00 includes entry, food and (1) beverage ticket.*

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## FREE RONCALLI WRESTLING CLINICS

The Roncalli High School wrestling staff will host FREE CYO Wrestling Clinics after school from 3:30pm-5:00pm during the month of October. South Deanery students are encouraged to attend as many of the dates throughout the week as they can! This clinic is designed for all levels of wrestlers. It is a great place for someone to come try our sport. If your child enjoys their time on the mat, then they can join their CYO school team and/or Rebel Wrestling Foundation (Roncalli's Wrestling Club).

**Monday, October 23rd @ St. Jude**

**Tuesday, October 24th @ St. Roch**

**Wednesday, October 25th @ SS Francis & Clare**

**Thursday, October 26th @ St. Barnabas**

Questions: Contact Coach McClurg [317-501-8306](tel:317-501-8306) or [wrestling@roncalli.org](mailto:wrestling@roncalli.org)