



Dear Parents,

I often get "random thoughts". Sometimes they come when I am driving, sometimes when I am eating, and sometimes when I am at an auction. The thoughts are random because they are not spurred by a typical question or a situation. They are thoughts that just pop into my head at anytime. These thoughts sometimes cultivate other thoughts, which are sometimes just as random, or have a more specific meaning to my life. These random thoughts can be humorous, to me, or they can be more serious in nature. Here are some of my "random thoughts".

Random Thought #1

When at a fast food drive up restaurant, why don't people, who have been sitting in the line for several minutes, have their mind made up. Too often I am in a long line, only to get a Diet Coke, and I have just about made it to the ultimate goal, "the ordering speaker", and the person in front of me can not decide between a number 1 or a number 2, and then when they do, they want only pickles, onions and mustard, no make that pickles, onions and ketchup! Why!!!! Please, person in the white mini-van, have your mind made up when you get to the speaker!!

Random Thought #2

Why does the "traffic light programmer" not understand that at 4:30am, all of the lights on US 31 north should turn green when I approach? OK, I understand that is probably not possible, but I sometimes think there is a person, who I may have upset at some point in their life, sitting in a room with a giant wall of traffic light monitors and that person is just waiting for me to get within 100 feet of the light, and they push the "CHANGE to RED" button so I am stuck waiting for an extra 2 minutes. And then to make matters worse, as I see the cross flow traffic light change to yellow, I am primed to race across the intersection, only to have the turn lane, going in the other direction, change to green WITHOUT ANYONE WAITING TO TURN! So frustrating.

Random Thought #3

Why do some people think the world revolves around them and their life? Frustration sets in when others seem to think that the entire world is based off of what they have to do, when they have to do it. People that want to get somewhere quickly so they break several traffic laws in doing so. Asking "special privileges" because they have such a busy schedule. Hey people, we all have busy schedules, and while you are important, it is a big world and we all have an equal part in it. In the future, before you go and ask a special favor that you really don't need, retract the word back into your mouth and just be like everyone else. We will still think of you as special!

Random Thought #4

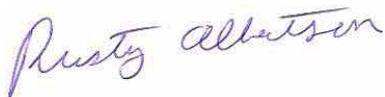
Why do people talk out of both sides of their mouth? When I was 6 years old and first heard that phrase "talking out of both sides of your mouth" I tried it. It wasn't easy. I sounded weird and my mom could not understand me. But as I have gotten older, I realize that people sometimes say one thing, but really feel or do another. The world is full of hypocrites. People that talk the talk, but do not walk the walk. The ones that go to church and hear the message, but does not follow God's words after they step out of the church. The ones that will describe how we should be accepting to all, but just not next door to them. The ones that say they go to church, but in reality only when it is convenient to them and their busy schedule (see Random Thought #3). Let's clean up the oration and speak from one part of our mouth!

Final Random Thought

Why do we have to grow up? When I find myself frustrated with today's world, I take a walk down to the Pre-Kindergarten room. The four year old children have such unbiased views of the world. Their minds have not been filled with adult propoganda that hits us at every corner. They have an unfiltered mind that is kind and pure. No hate. No bigotry. No envy. Just four year old children, ready to soak it all in. I sometimes think that children have the best answers.

If you made it to the end of my rambling "Random Thoughts", congratulations. I probably lost a few people after #2. We all have random thoughts in our head during our life. As I do, don't take yourself too seriously to answer them. 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

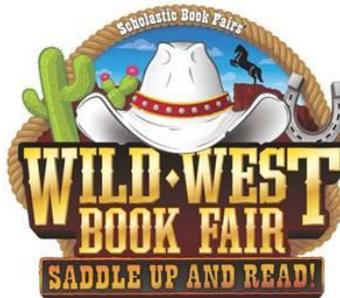
Upcoming Events

October	4	End of First Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
	5	Second Quarter Begins
	5	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 pm
	6	Parent/Teacher Conferences, Students Dismissed at 12:30 (No After Care)

October	9-13	Fall Break, No School
	16	School Resumes
	19	Dine Out Night at Firehouse Subs
	30-31	Book Fair Preview Days
November	1-3	Book Fair
	4	SMCS Holiday Craft Fair

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.



Giddy Up and Get Ready to partner up with some books for this year's Book Fair! The preview days will be October 30 and 31st. Students may begin making purchases on October 31st through November 3. The date for Family Night will be announced soon.



FALL CAMPS

Camp Rancho Framasa

Fall Weekend October 6 - 8
 Fall Break October 8 - 10 and October 19 - 21
 Father Daughter Day October 14

Fall Camps include hands on activities in God's creation. Join us for recreation, outdoor discovery and exploration! For more information, please go to www.campranchoframasa or call (888) 988-2839 ext 122

8th Grade Fundraiser

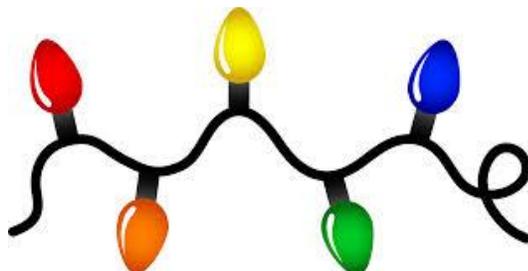


The 8th grade class will sell Texas Roadhouse rolls again this year ~ just in time for your Thanksgiving dinner!

Sale begins Monday, October 16 and runs through Sunday, October 29. Your order will be available for pickup Monday, November 20th from 3:00 ~ 6:00 pm.

Order forms will be available soon through the 8th grade students.

SMCS Holiday Craft Fair



Help support our 8th grade class by being a vendor in the Holiday Craft Fair or attending the Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 4th in Monsignor Schafer Hall from 8:00 ~ 3:00 pm.

If you would like to be a vendor in the St. Mark Catholic School Craft Fair, please register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/Smr565m6UfJovNvk2>

As in the past we will try to register one of each brand (Avon, Party Lite, etc) for our Holiday Craft Fair. You will get 1 - 8' table and two chairs for your \$40 registration fee. We only have spots for 25 booths and registrations will be taken in the order they are received (with fee). You can mail the vendor fee to SMCS, 541 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227 or bring to the school office.

Concessions will be provided by our 8th grade class.

If you have any questions please email this year's St. Mark Craft Fair Co-chairpersons: Kristia Cropper (kcorbin28@hotmail.com) or Lindsay Miller (millerl@centergrove.k12.in.us)

CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Register online at 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.

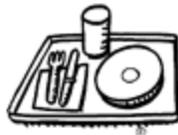


Coca-Cola Rewards Program is back this year!

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 October 2 thru 6

Monday	Sliced Hot Ham and Cheese on Ciabatta Bread, Green Beans and Goldfish Crackers
Tuesday	Turkey Meatballs in Marinara, Penne Pasta Twisted Breadstick, Caesar Salad and Shredded Mozzarella
Wednesday	Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Pepper Medley (and for 2-8, Pork and Veg Egg Roll)
Thursday	Macho Nachos ~ Beef Chili, Yellow Corn Chips, Corn and Queso Blanco
Friday	Turkey Corn Dog and Baked 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
- 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

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
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Kris Able at the following email: kable@stmarkindy.org.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
Sept. 29 – Oct. 6			
Cross Country	Saturday (9/30)	St. Malachy Inv.	9:30, St. Malachy
Flag Foot. (Steel.)	Saturday (9/30)	St. Barnabas Giants	10:00, St. Mark
Flag Foot. (Colts)	Saturday (9/30)	St. Roch Vikings	11:00, St. Mark
34 Football	Sunday (10/1)	St. Simon	1:00, St. Simon
6 Football	Sunday (10/1)	St. Simon	1:00, BG Middle
5 Football	Sunday (10/1)	St. Malachy	2:15, BG Middle
Cadet Football	Sunday (10/1)	Johnson County	4:00, SSFC

RONCALLI REBEL NEWS

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